

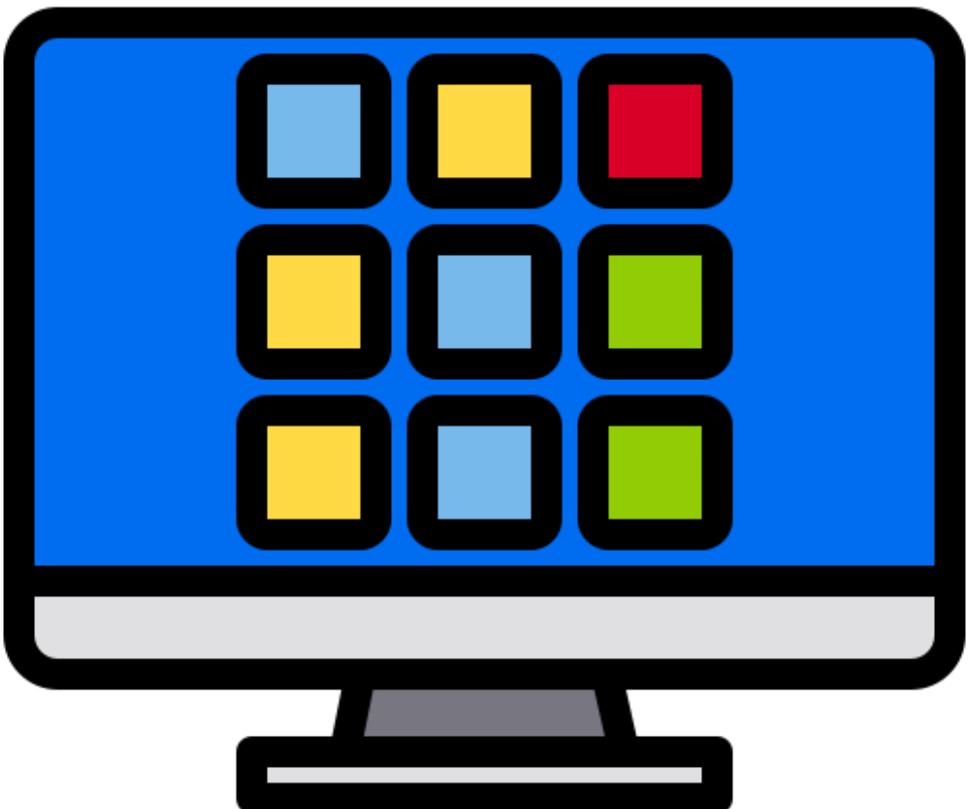
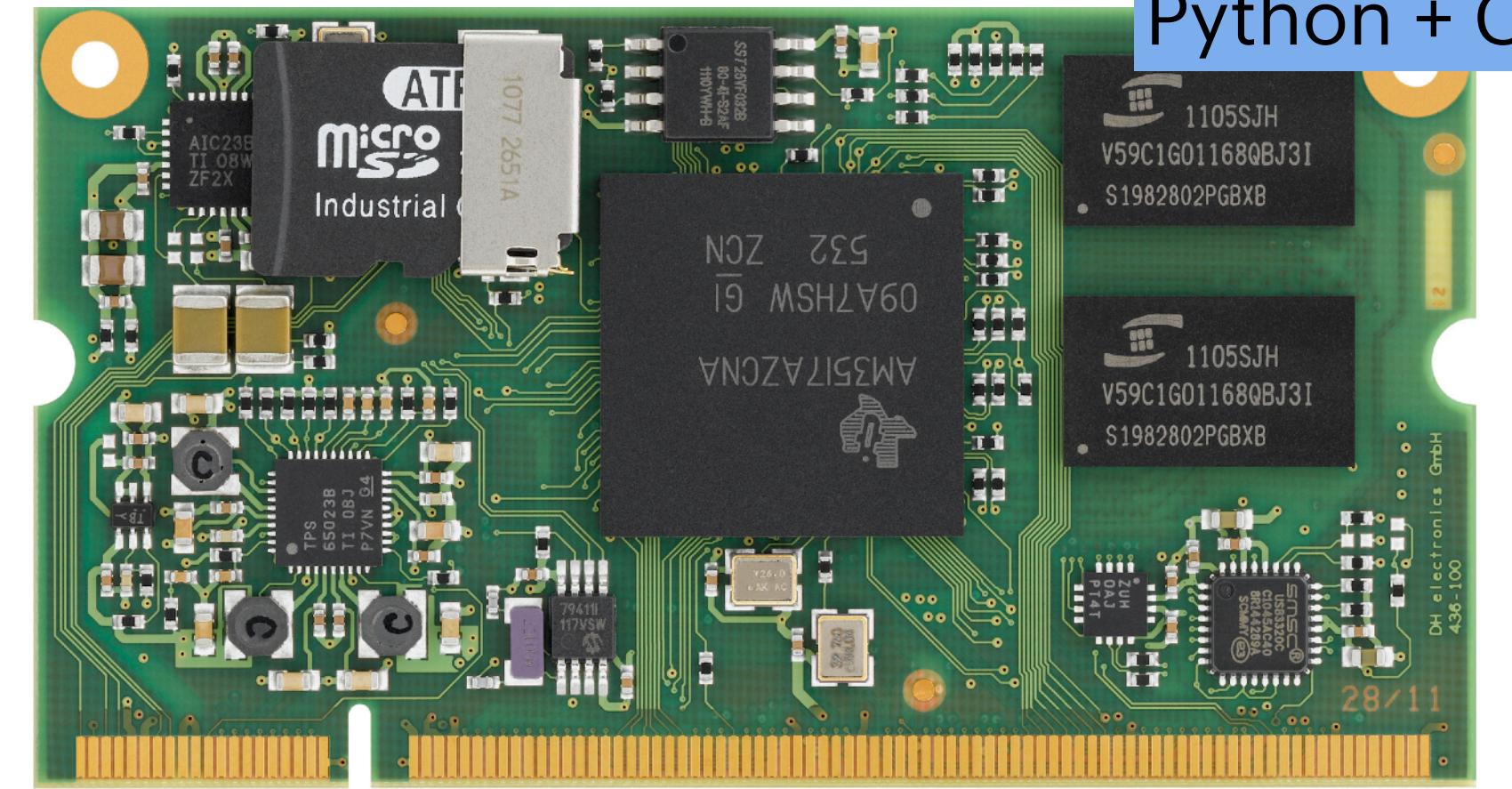
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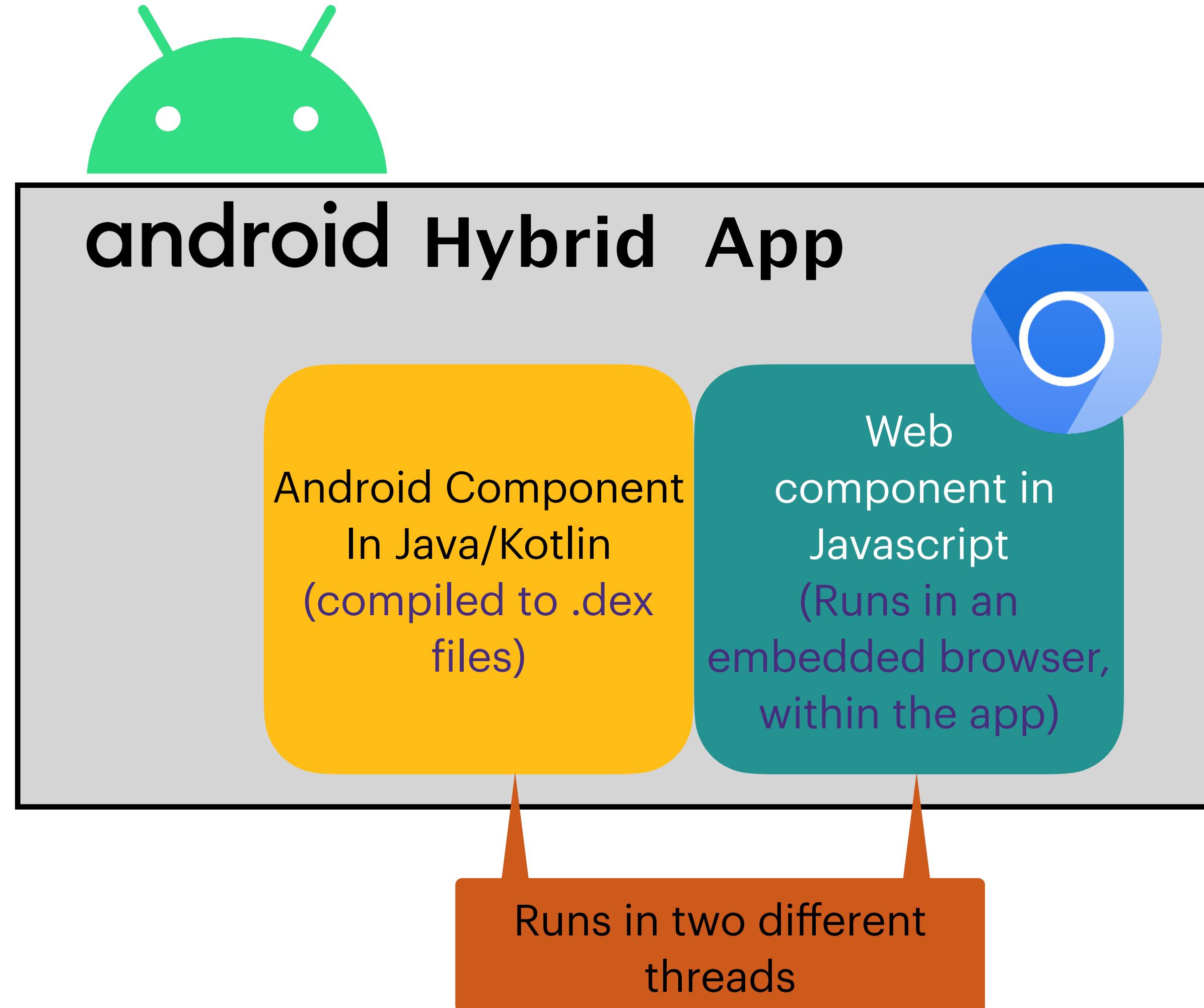
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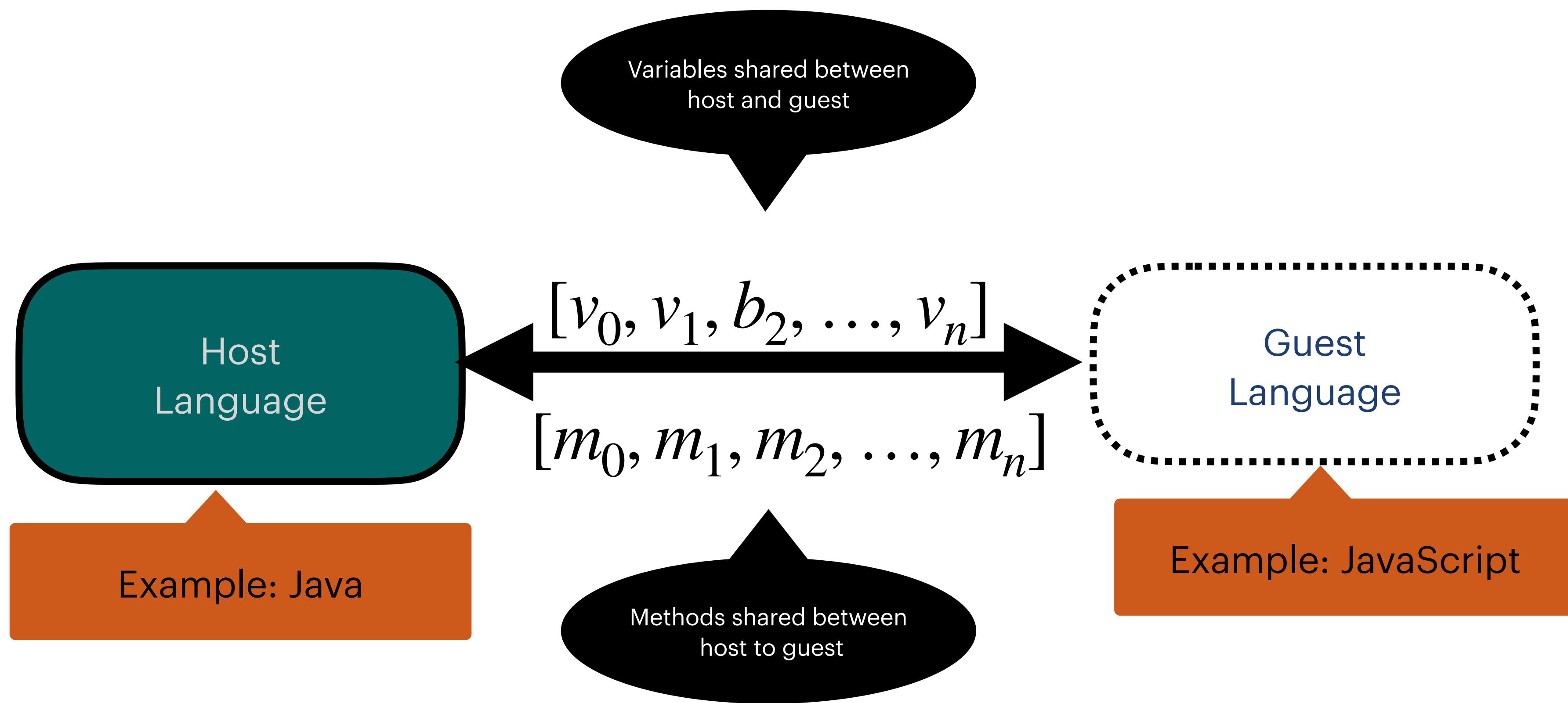
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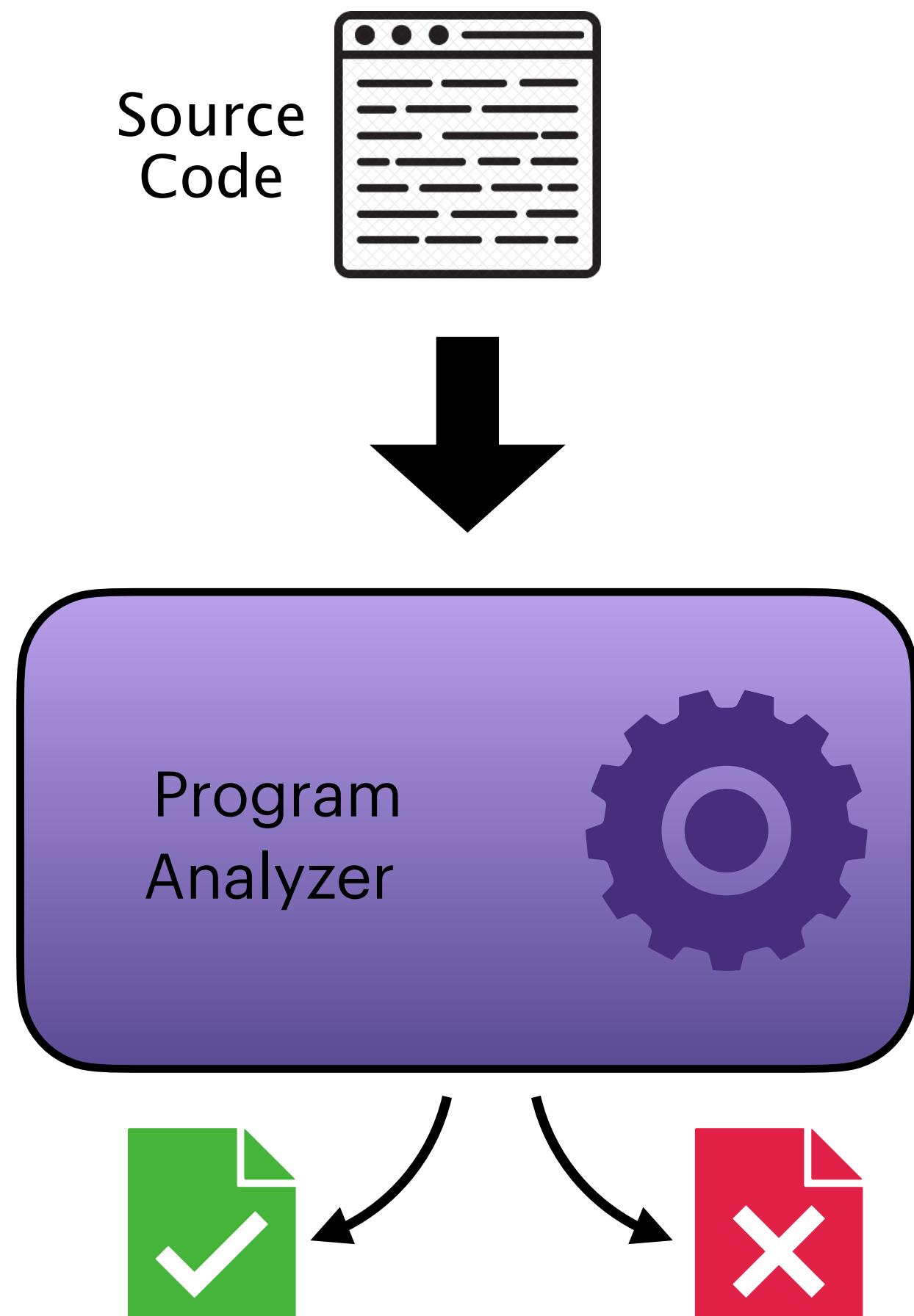
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Multilingual Programming Model



Static Program Analysis



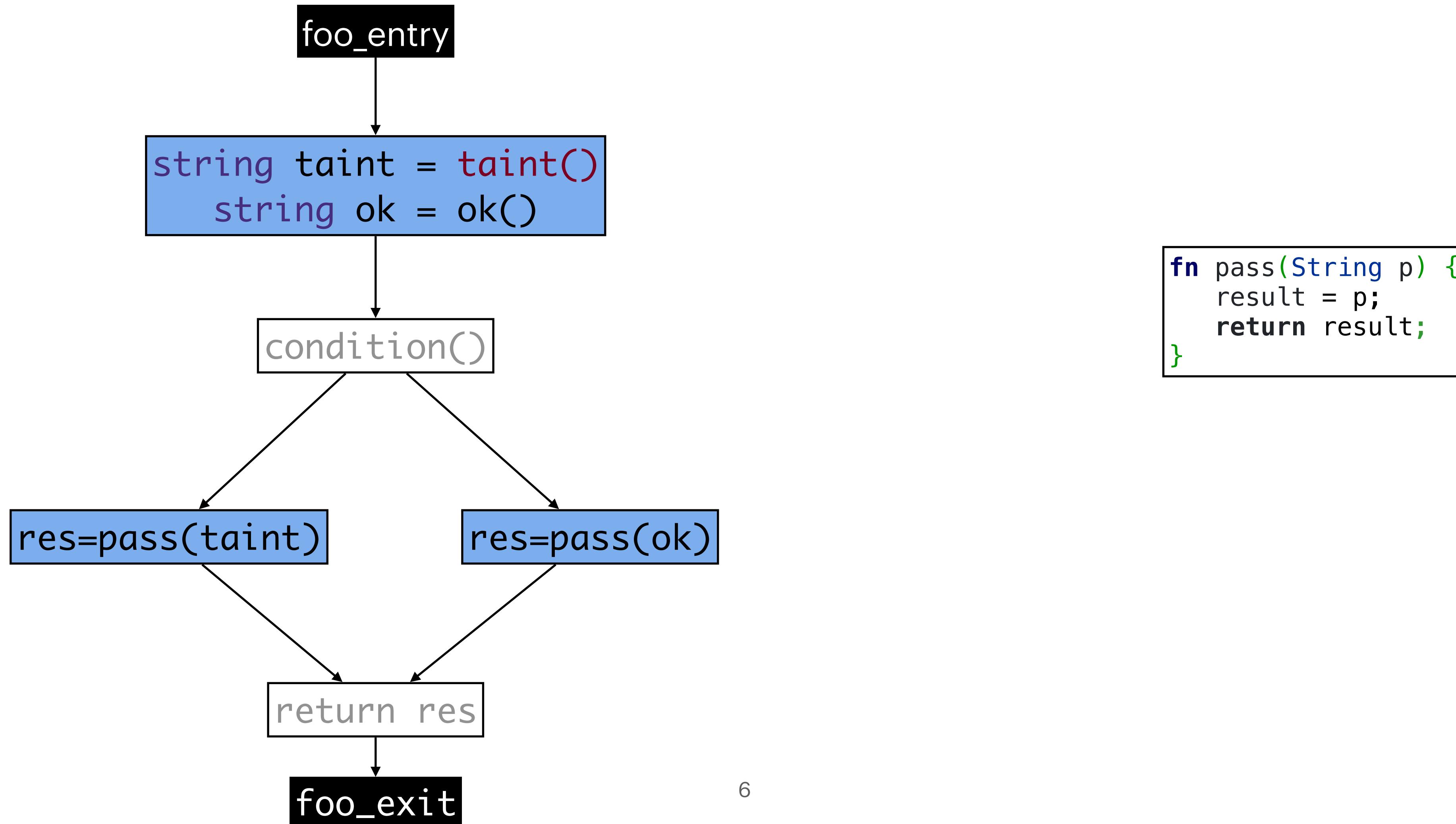
A property holds for all inputs to the program

A property does not hold for some inputs to the programs

- Analyse source-code without running it
- Balance between soundness, completeness, and scalability
 - **Soundness:** don't miss any errors
 - **Completeness:** no false positives
 - **Scalability:** report errors within limited time budgets

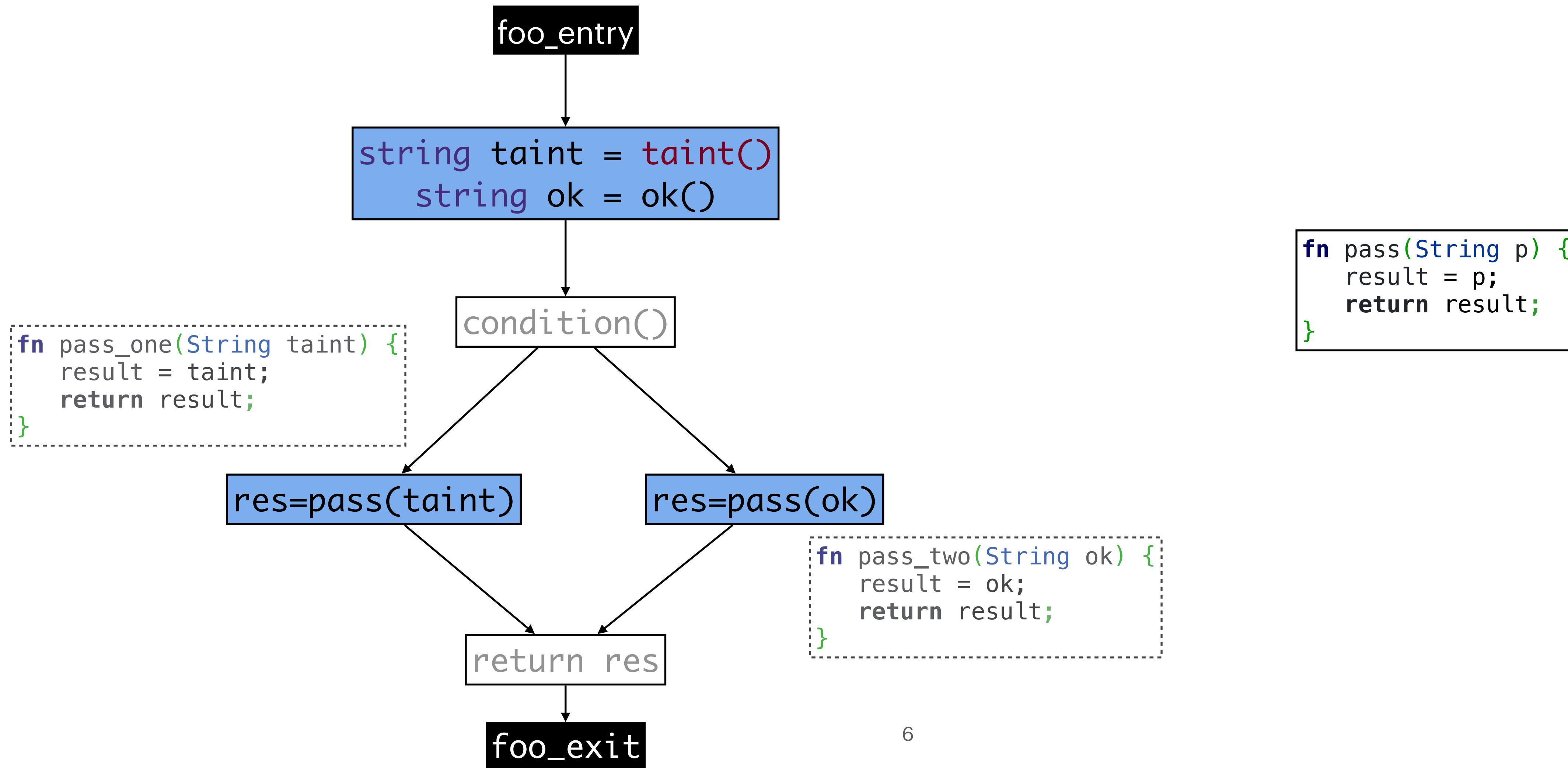
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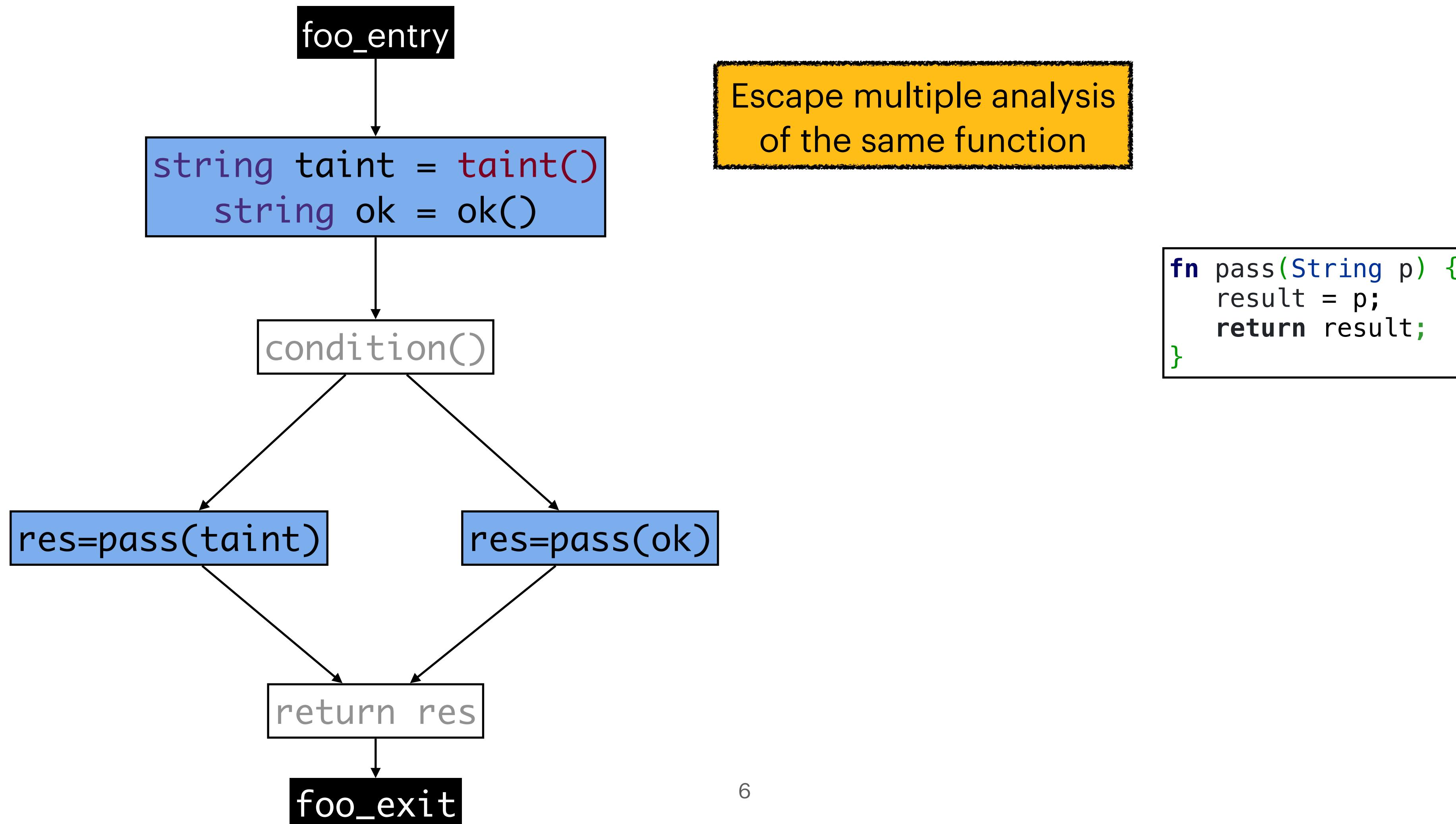
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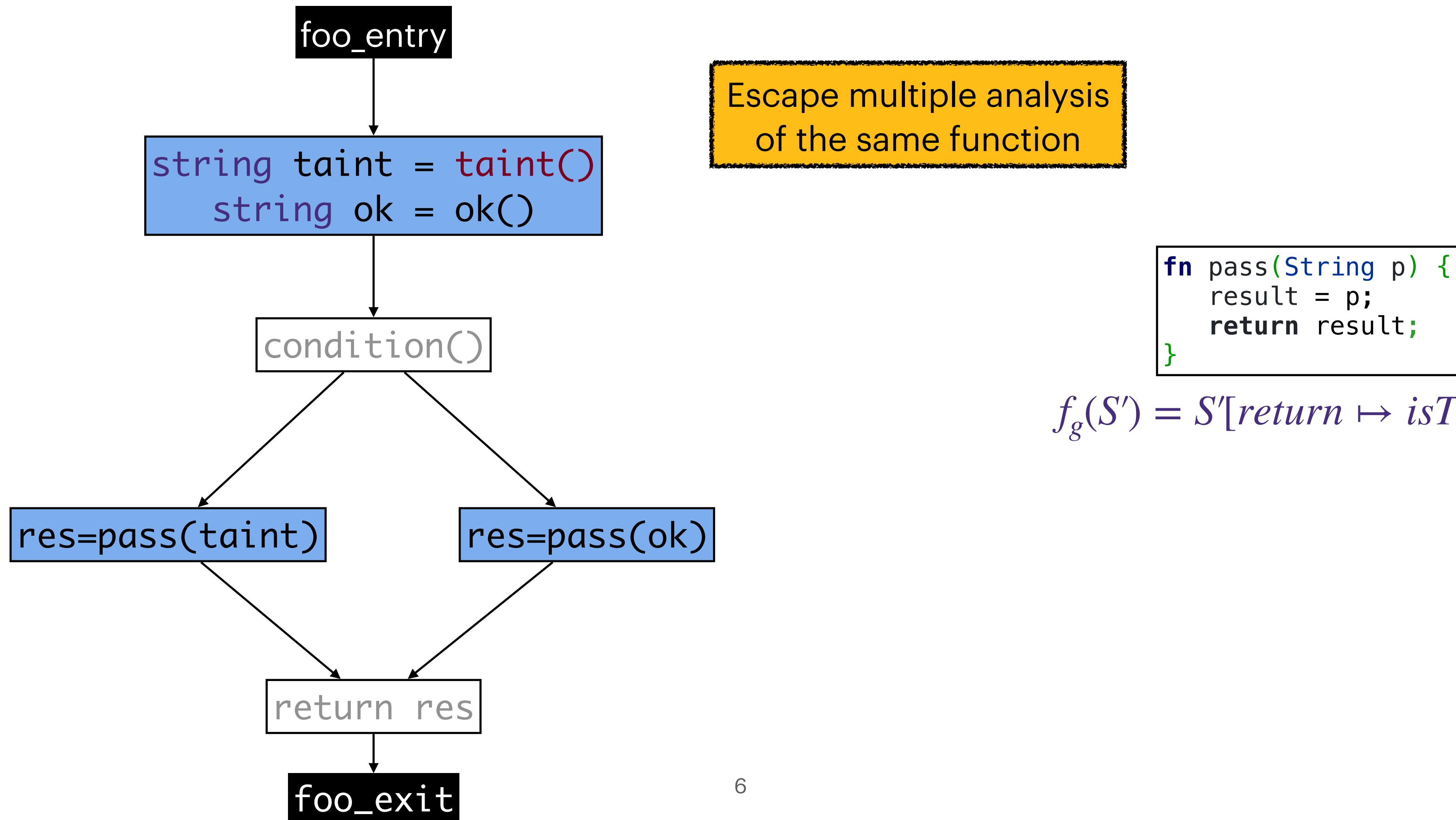
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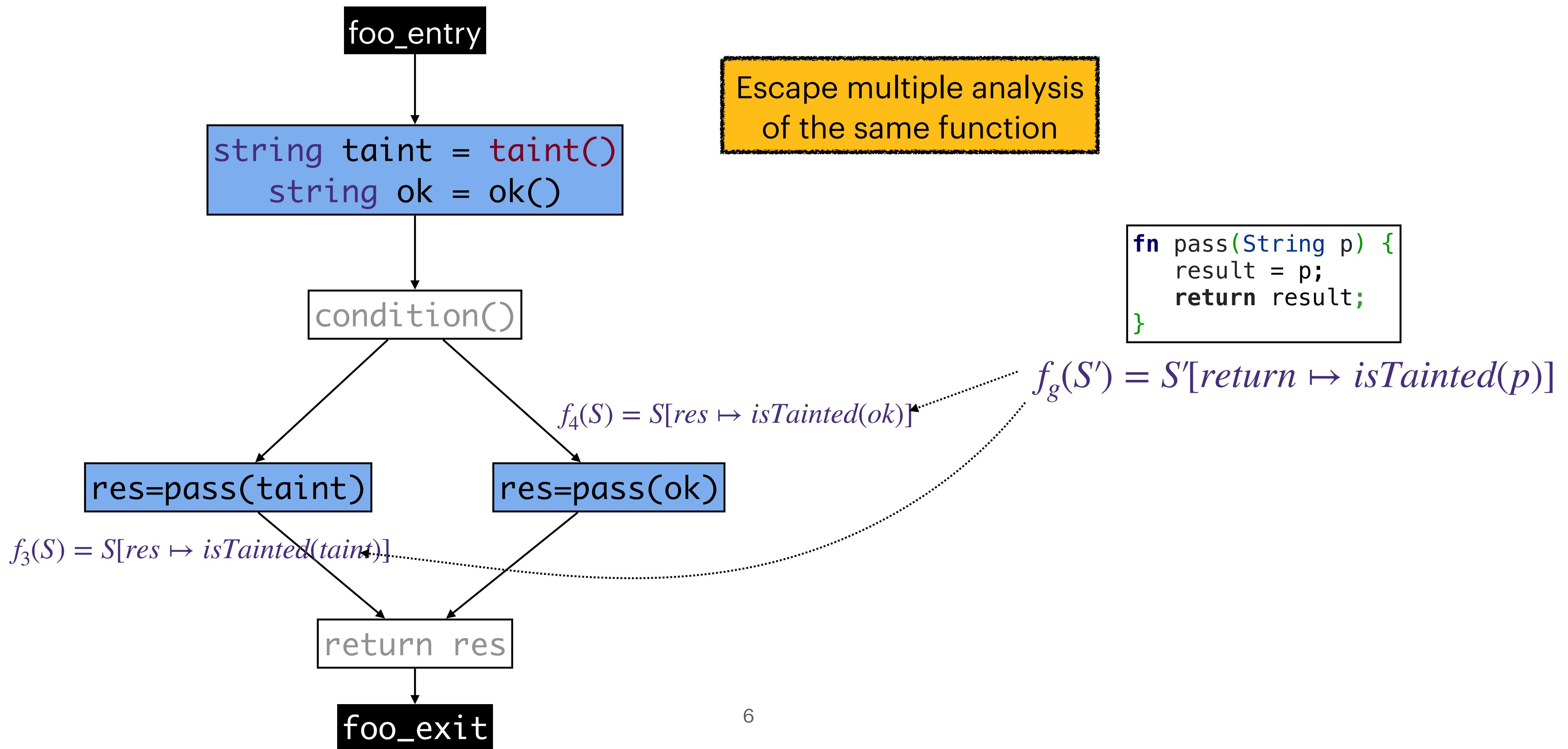
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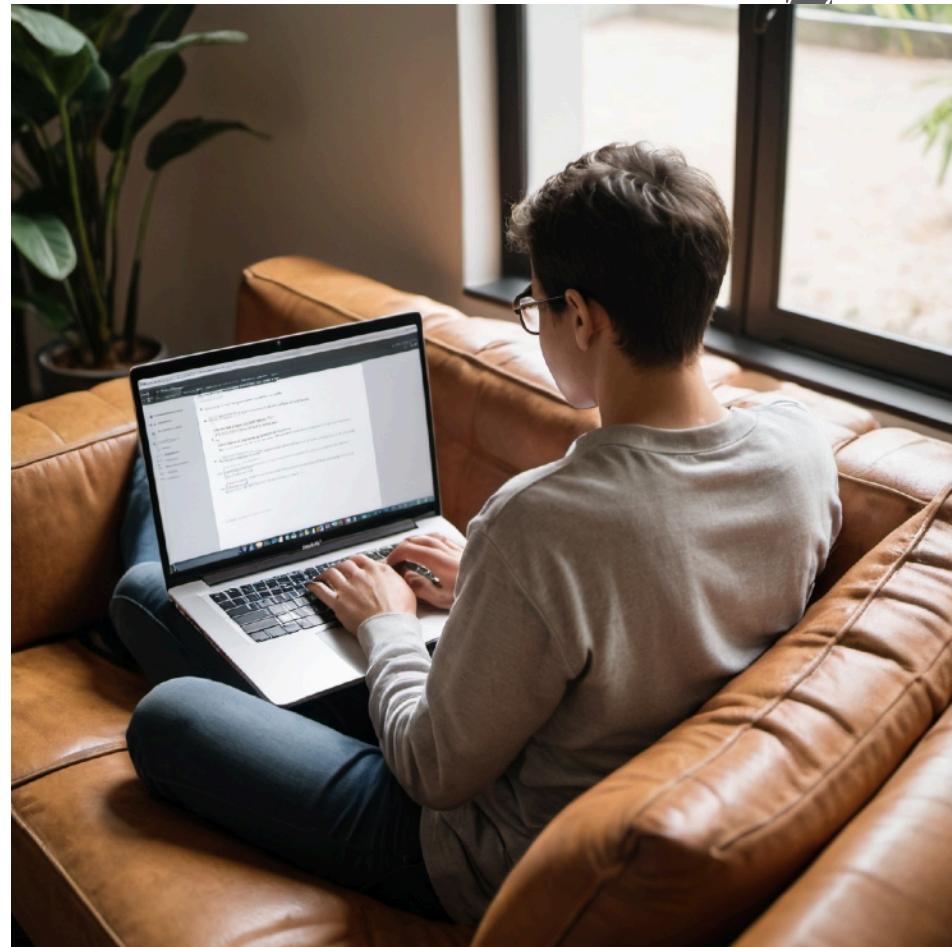
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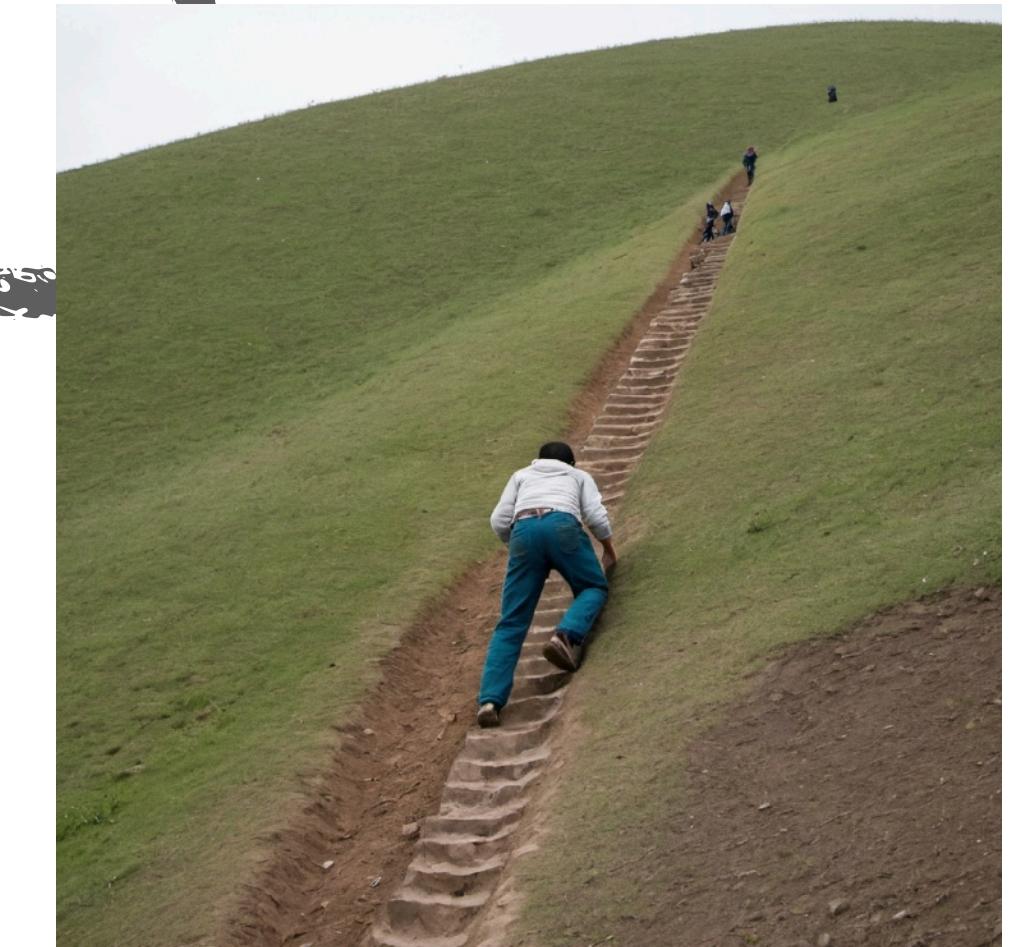
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**Interoperability and reusability of
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written in different languages**

Convenient for developers



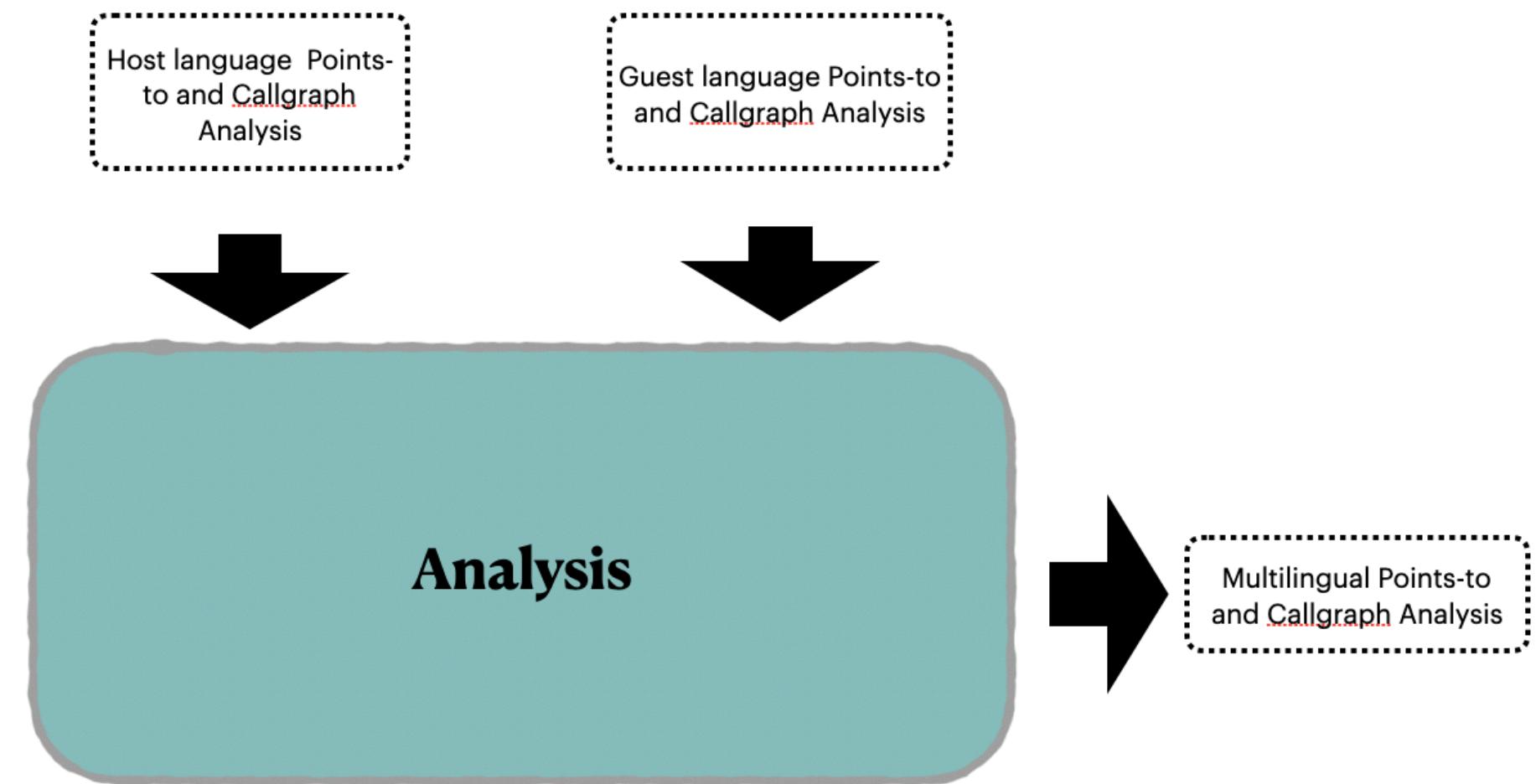
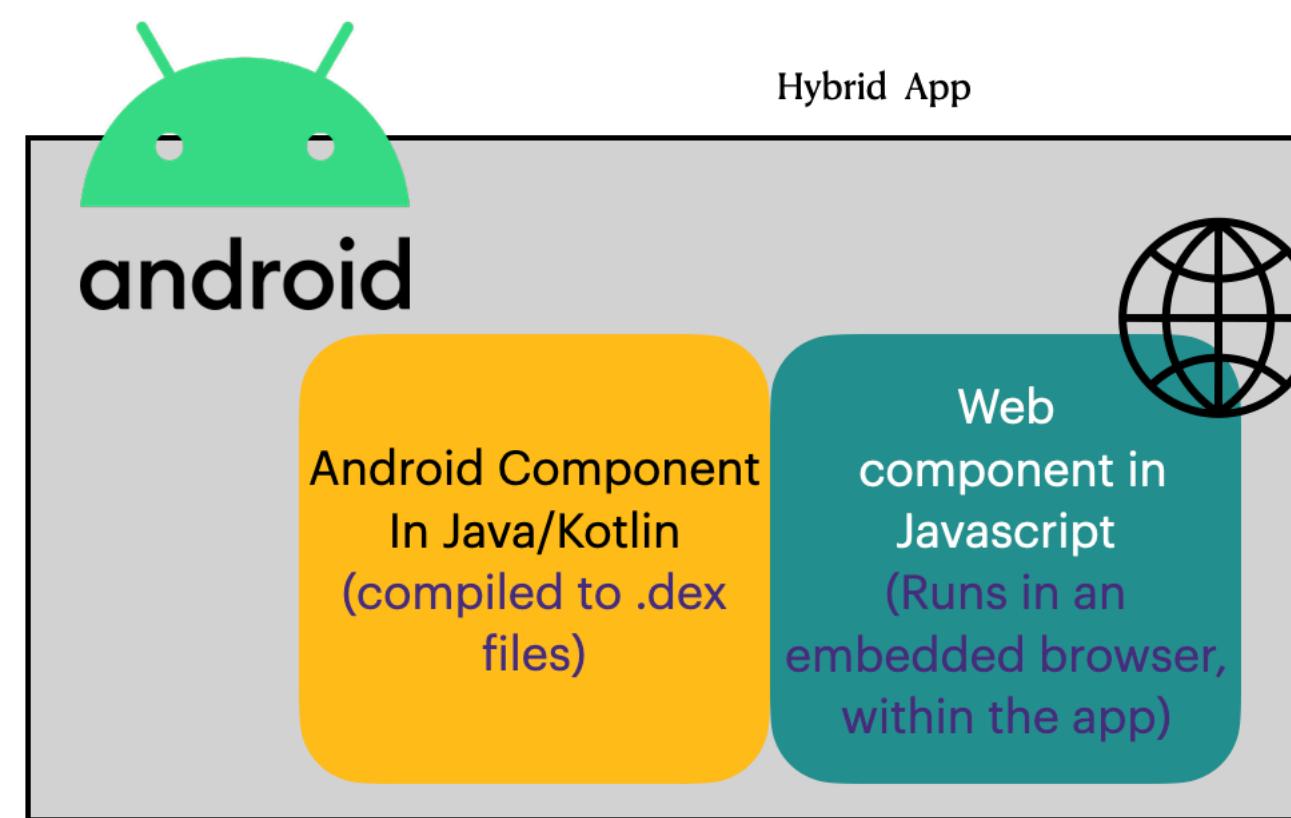
Challenging for static analysis



Thesis Objective

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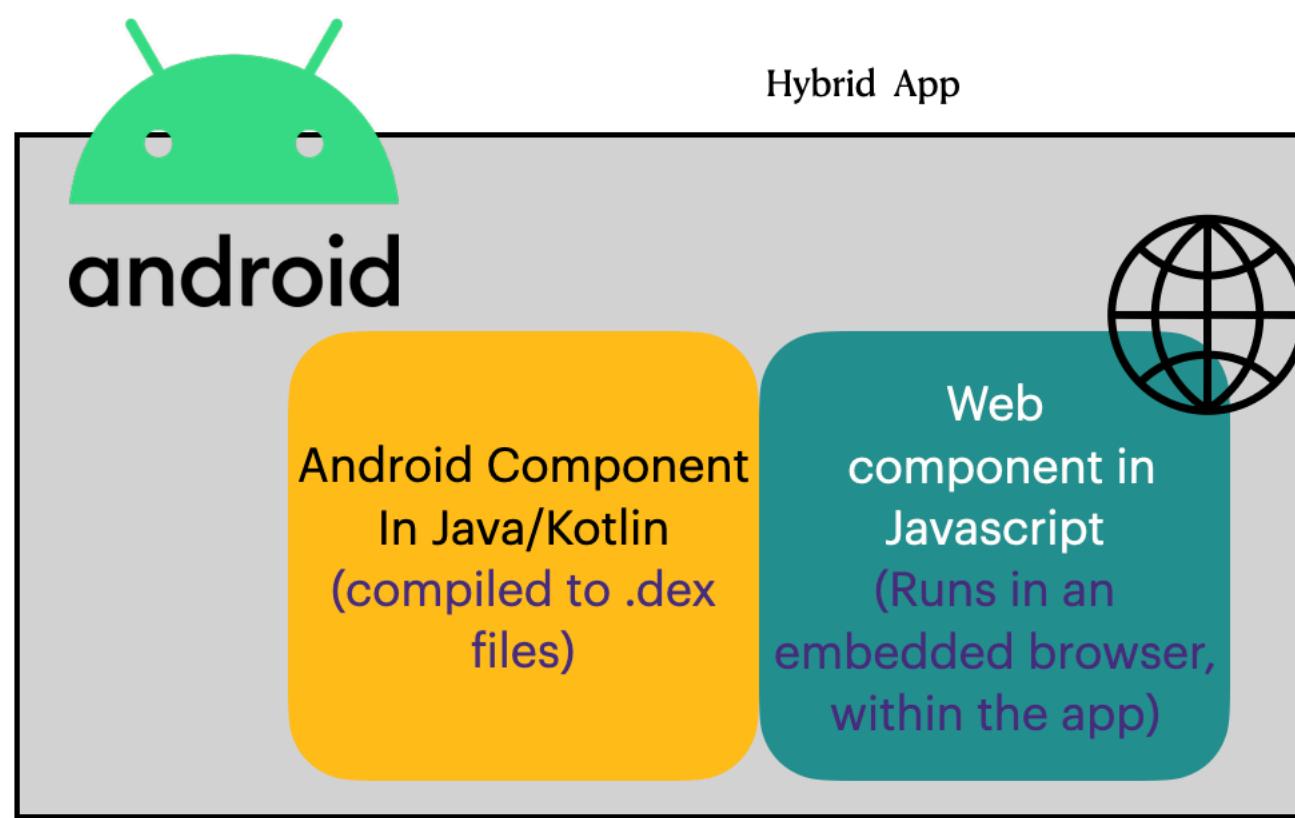
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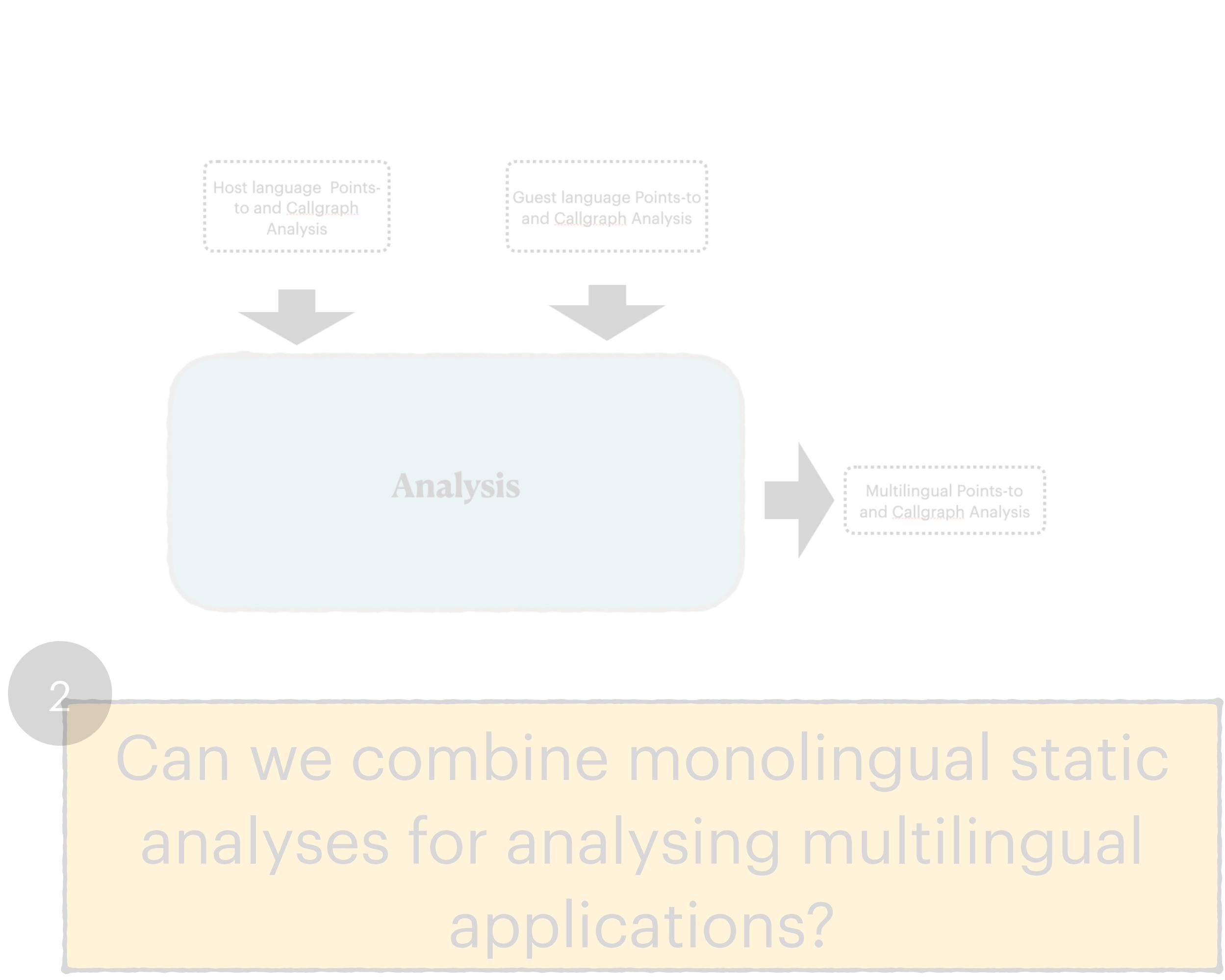
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Multilingual Programming in Hybrid Apps



android

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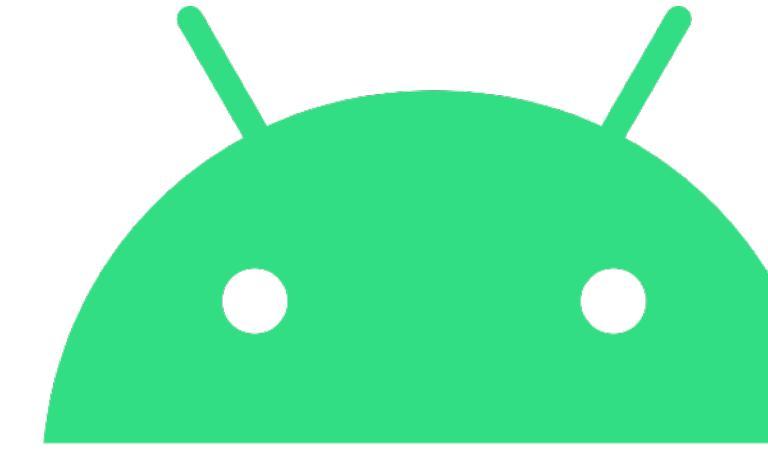
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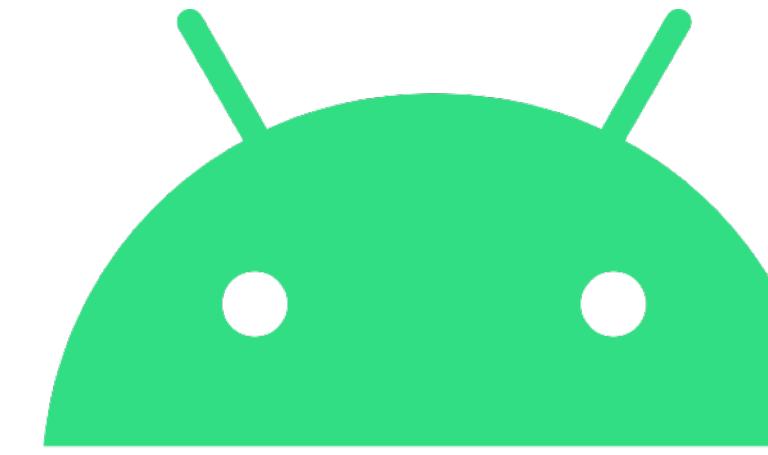
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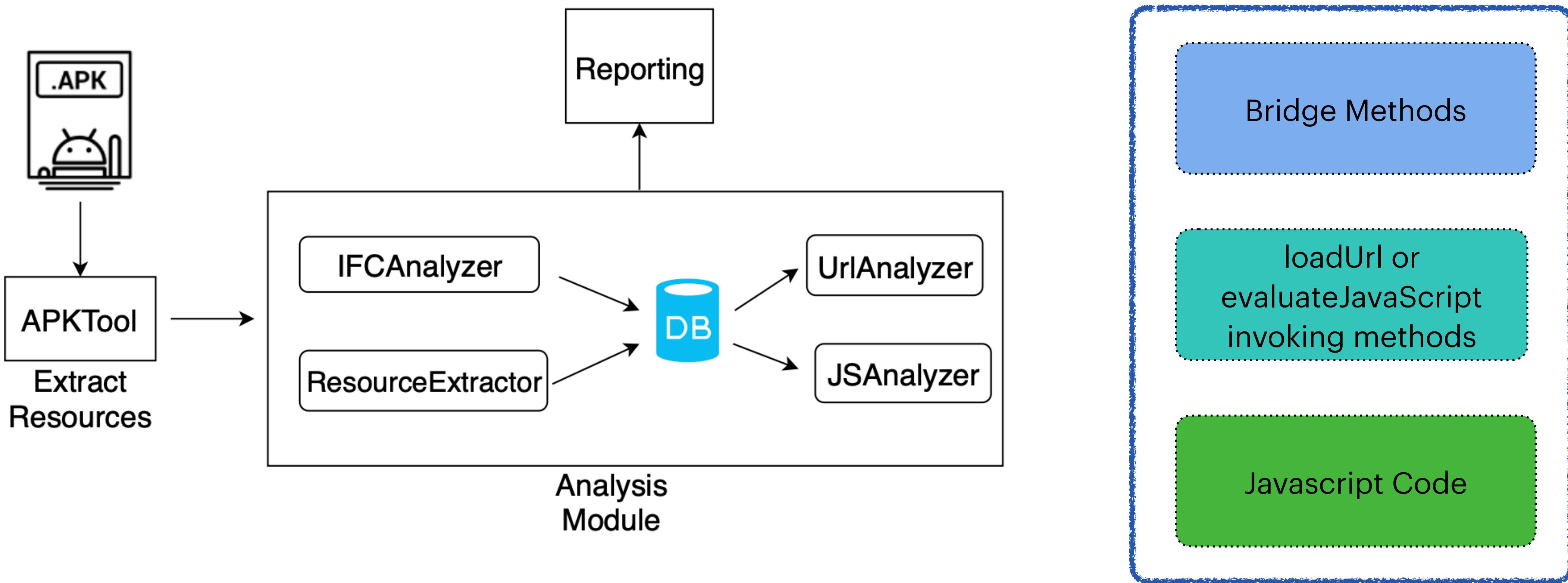
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21. set() {
22.     x = new Object(); // obj@x
23.     x.f = JSON.parse(api.getResult());
24.     v = x.f;
25.     jsobj.setValue(v)
26. }
```

Javascript

LuDroid: Tool to understand Multilingual programs in Hybrid Apps



Common Patterns

LuDroid – A Large Scale Analysis of Android - Web Hybridization
Abhishek Tiwari, Jyoti Prakash, Sascha Groß, and Christian Hammer
19th International Working Conference on Source Code Analysis and Manipulation (SCAM'2019)

Shared “setter” methods

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window.HTMLOUT.processHTML(  
    document.getElementById('SearchResults')  
    .innerHTML  
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Pattern observed in 30% of benign apps (N=7500)
and 60% of malware apps (N=1000)

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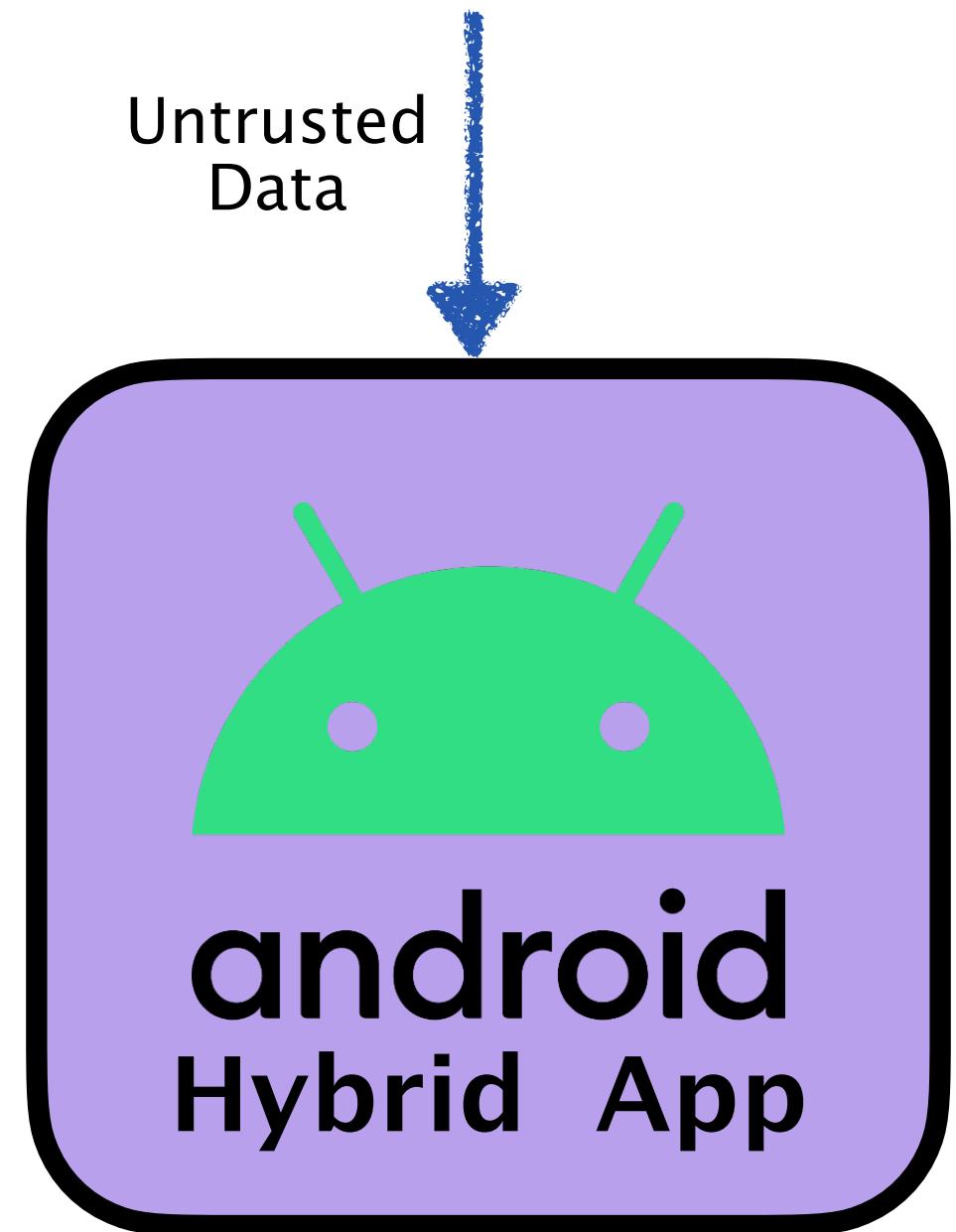
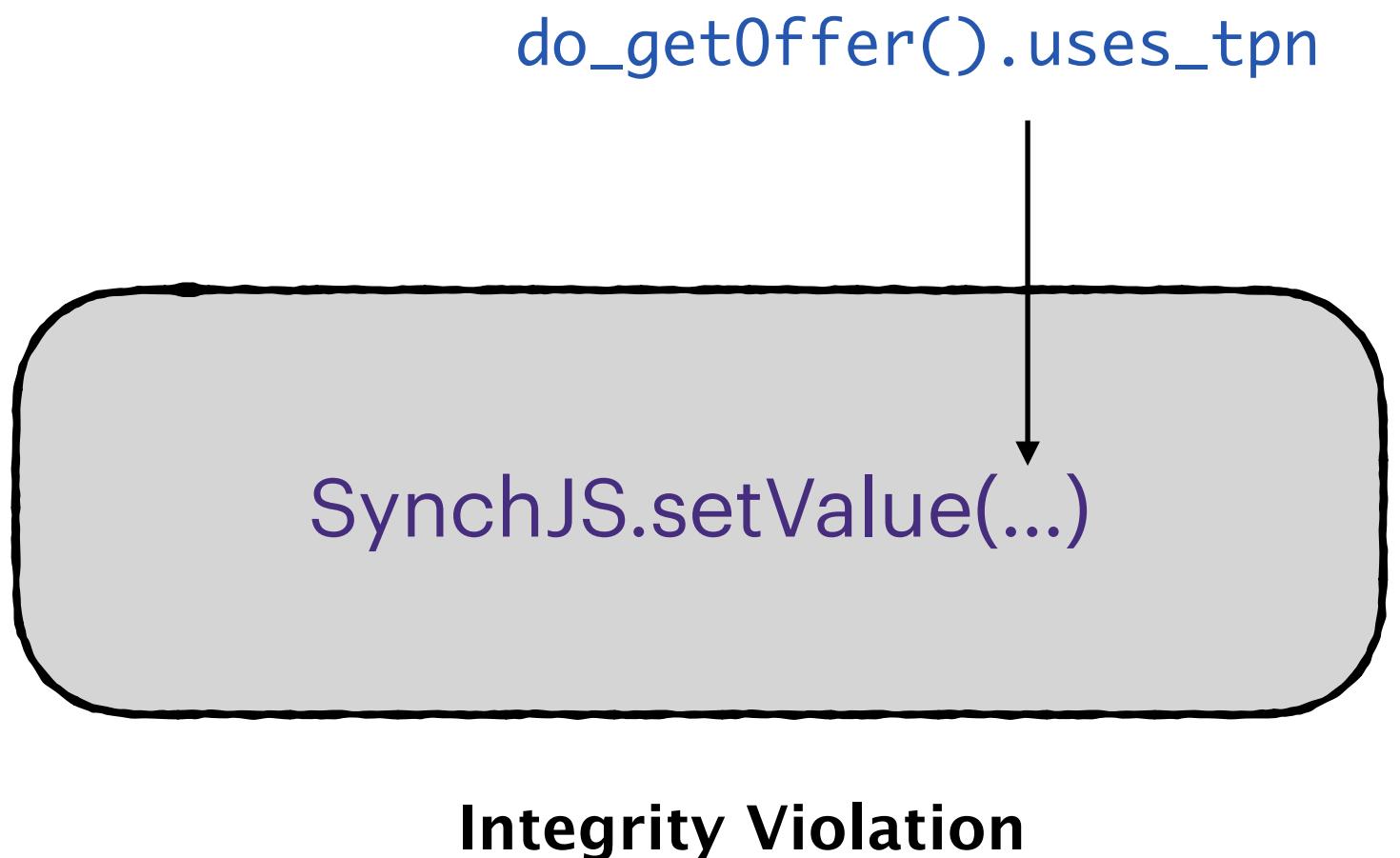
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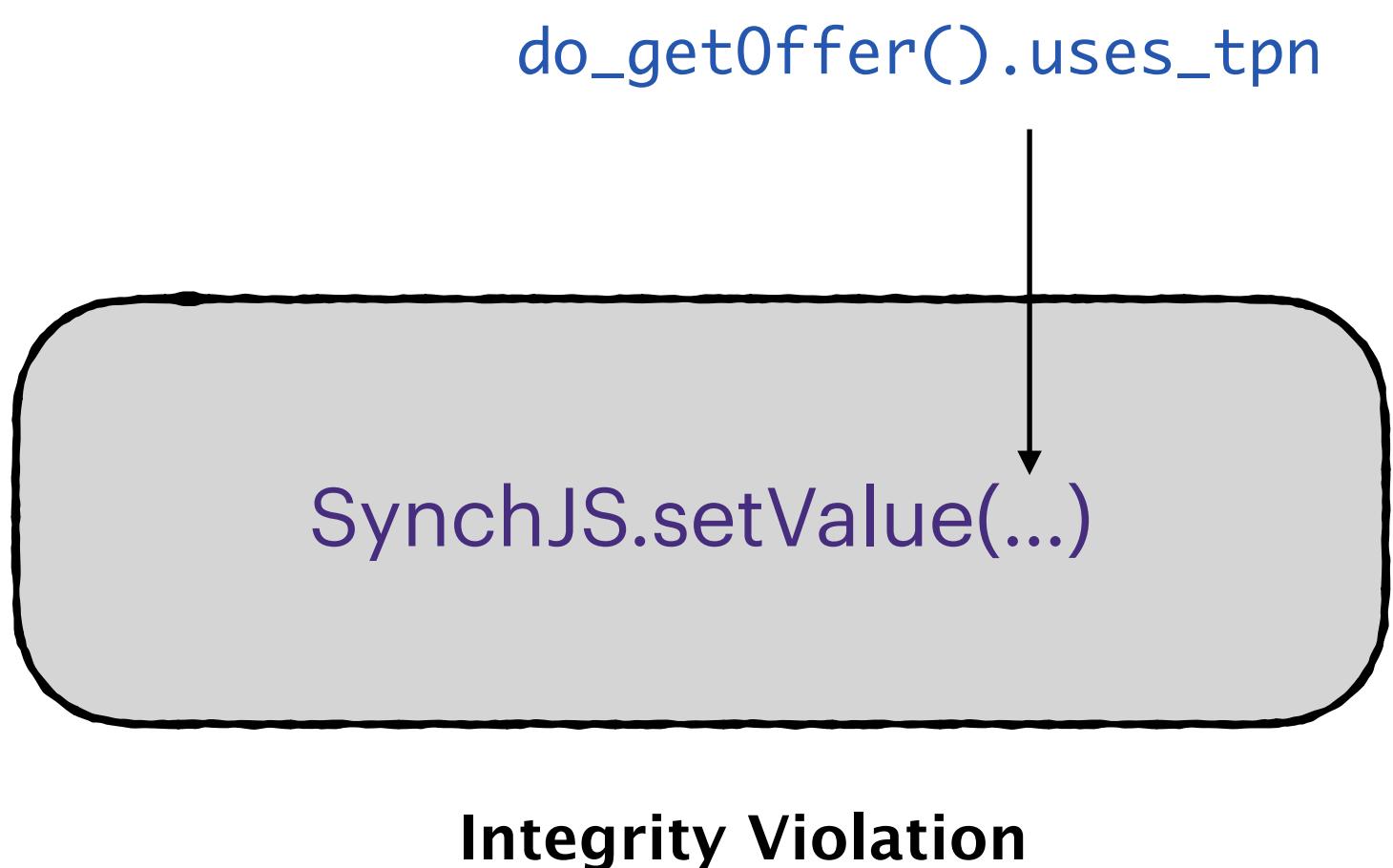
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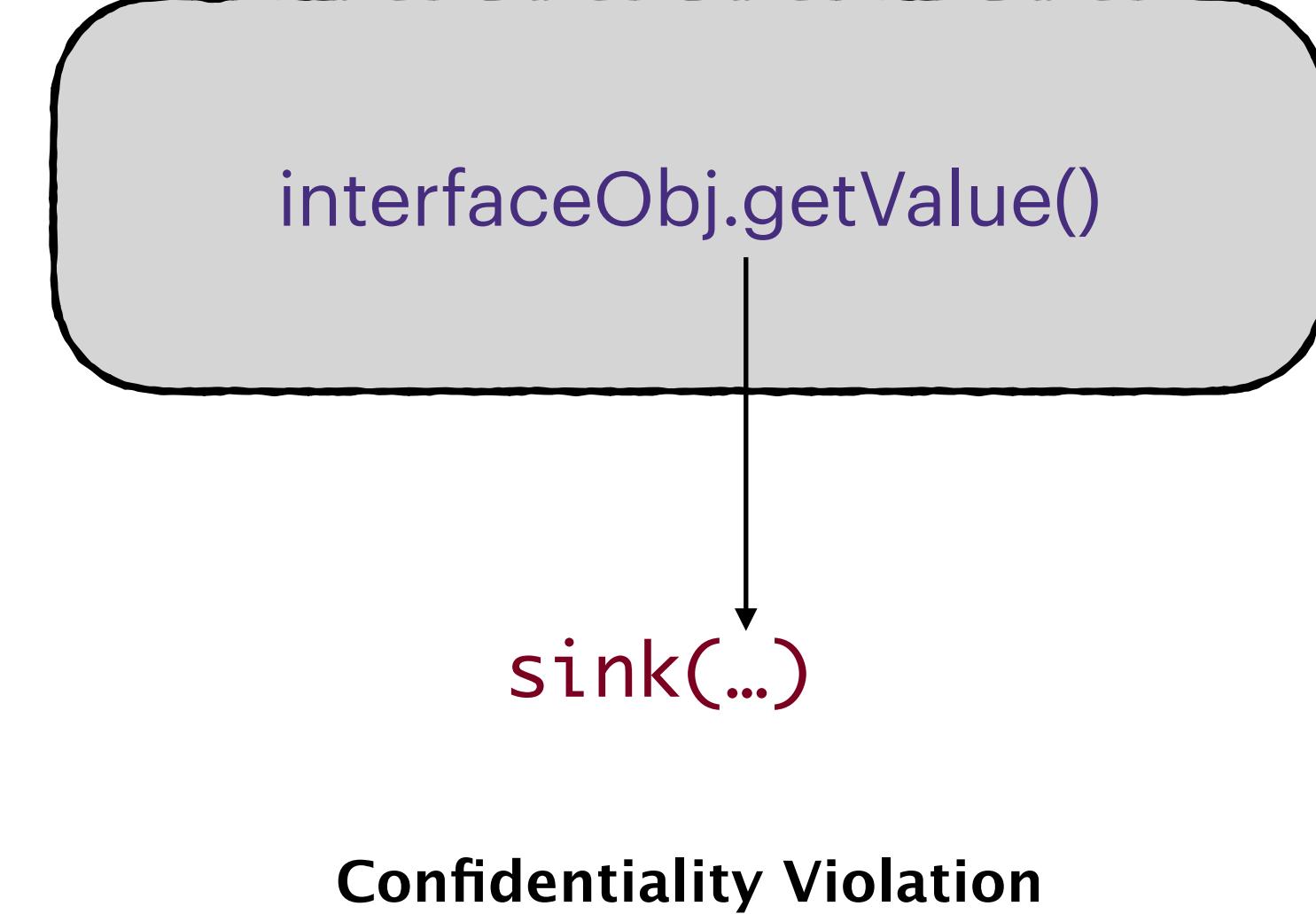
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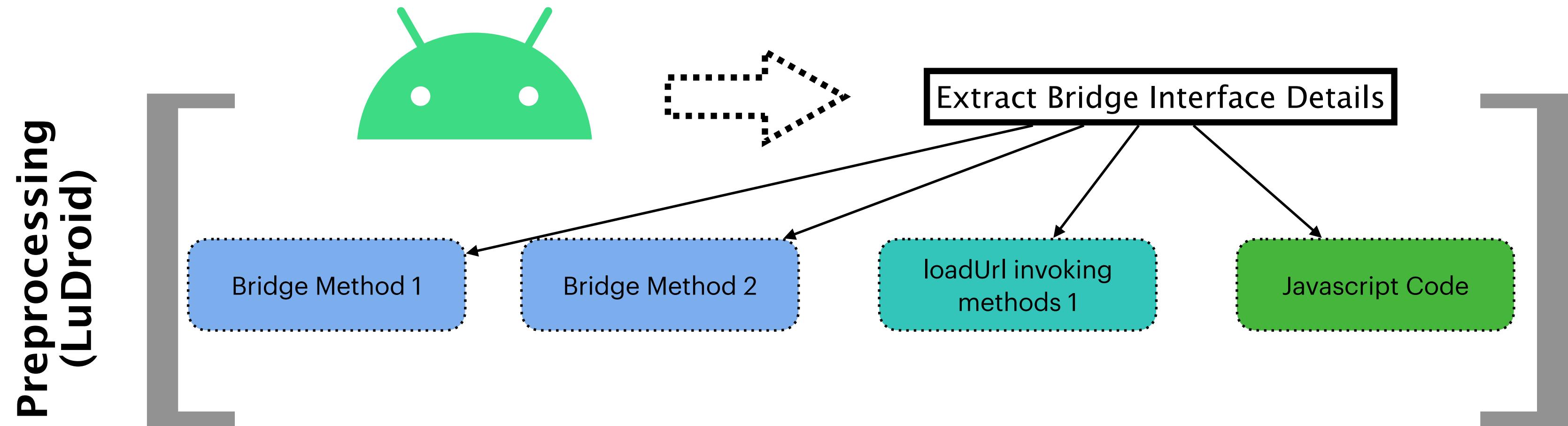
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1 function set() {  
2     var x = interfaceObj.getValue();  
3     Sink(x); //New code to Sink secret x  
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IWanDroid: Information Flow Analysis on WebView



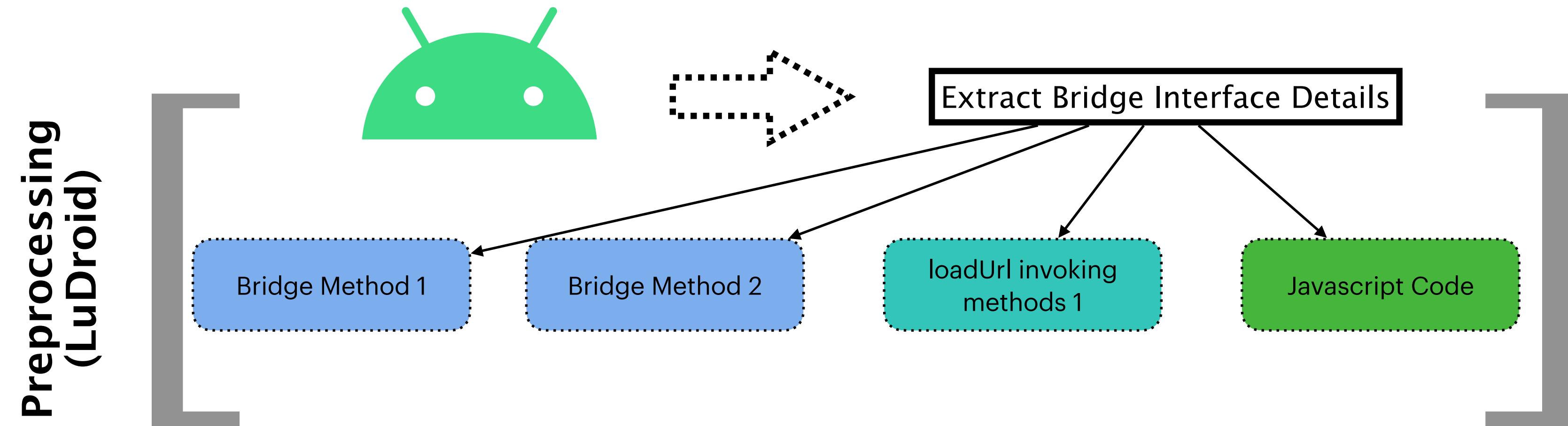
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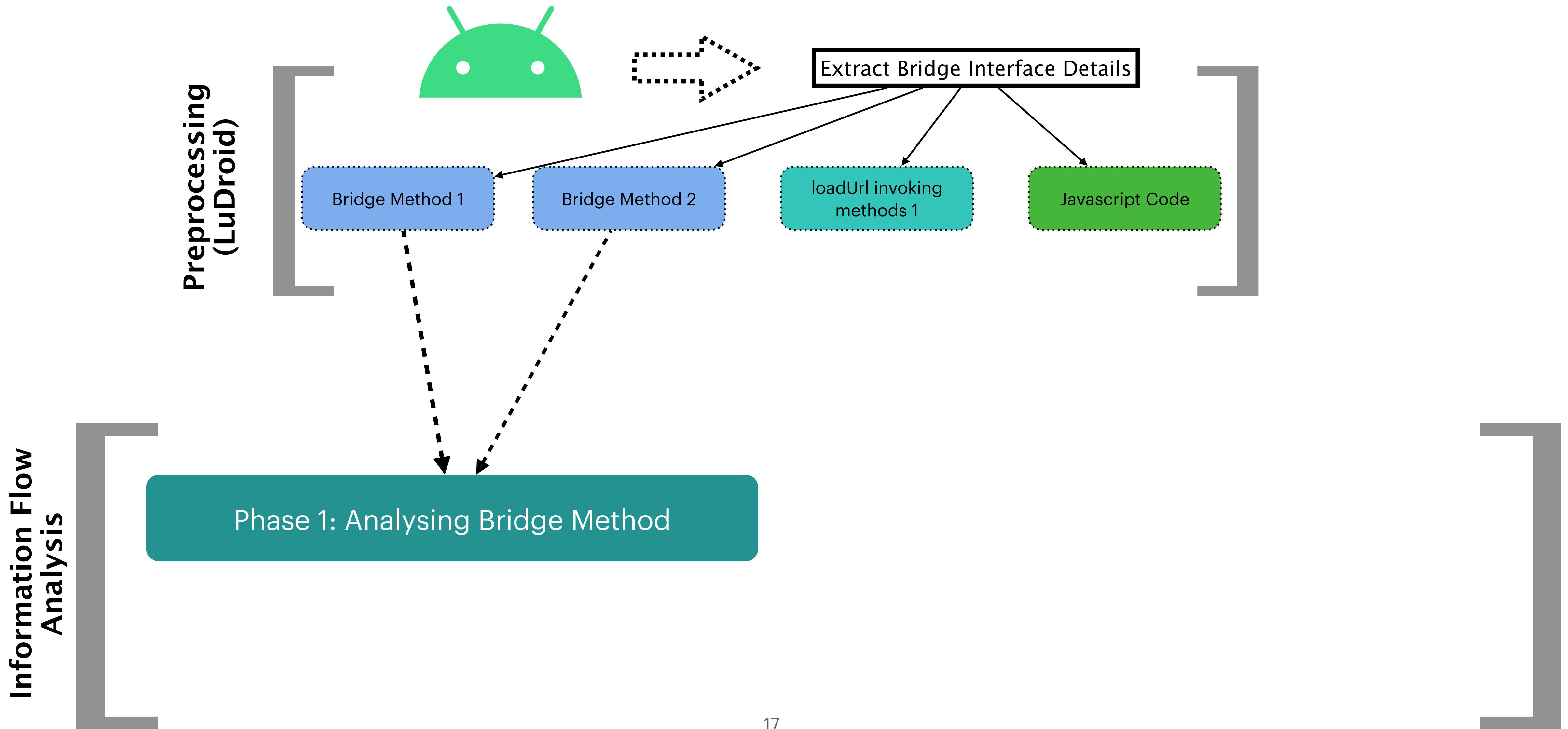
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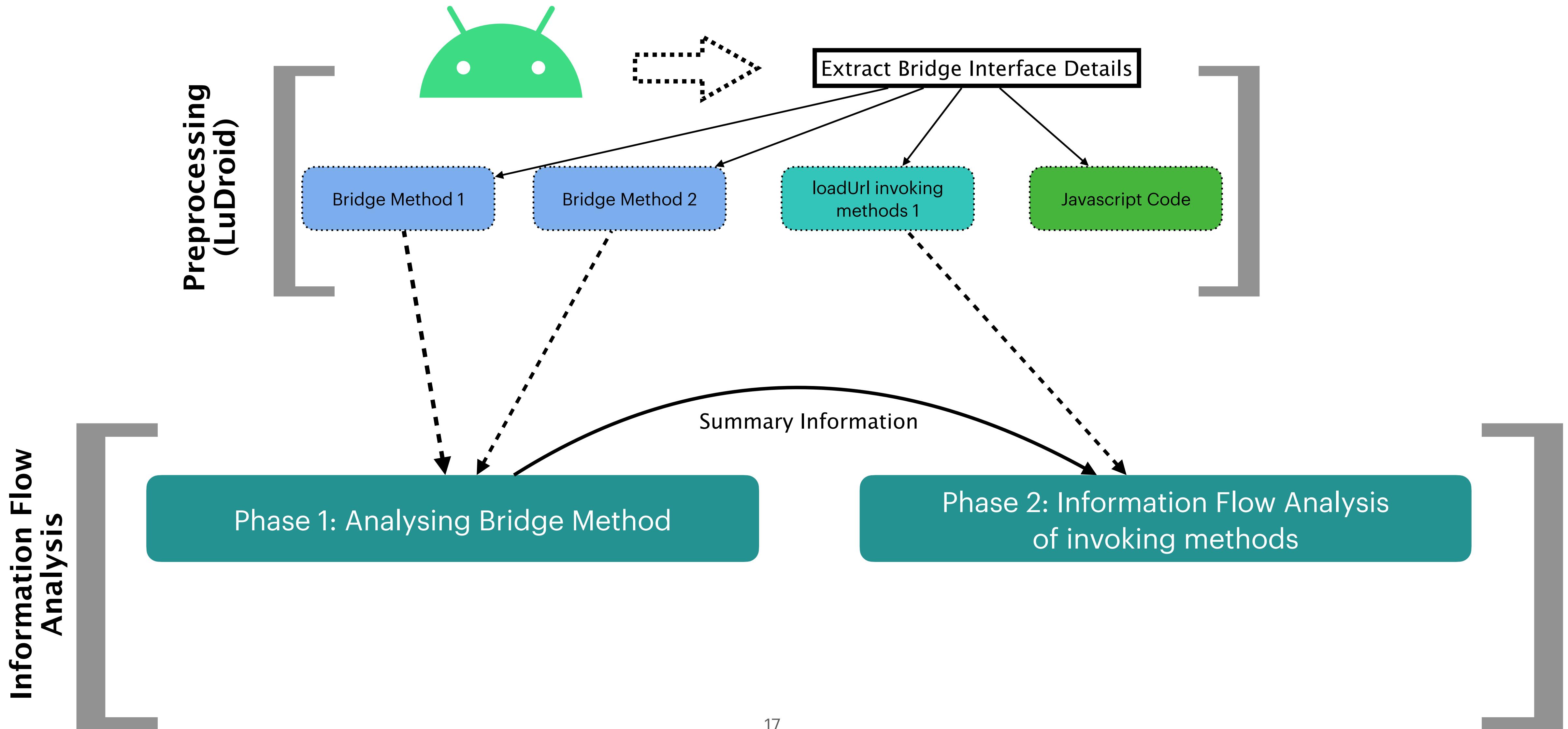
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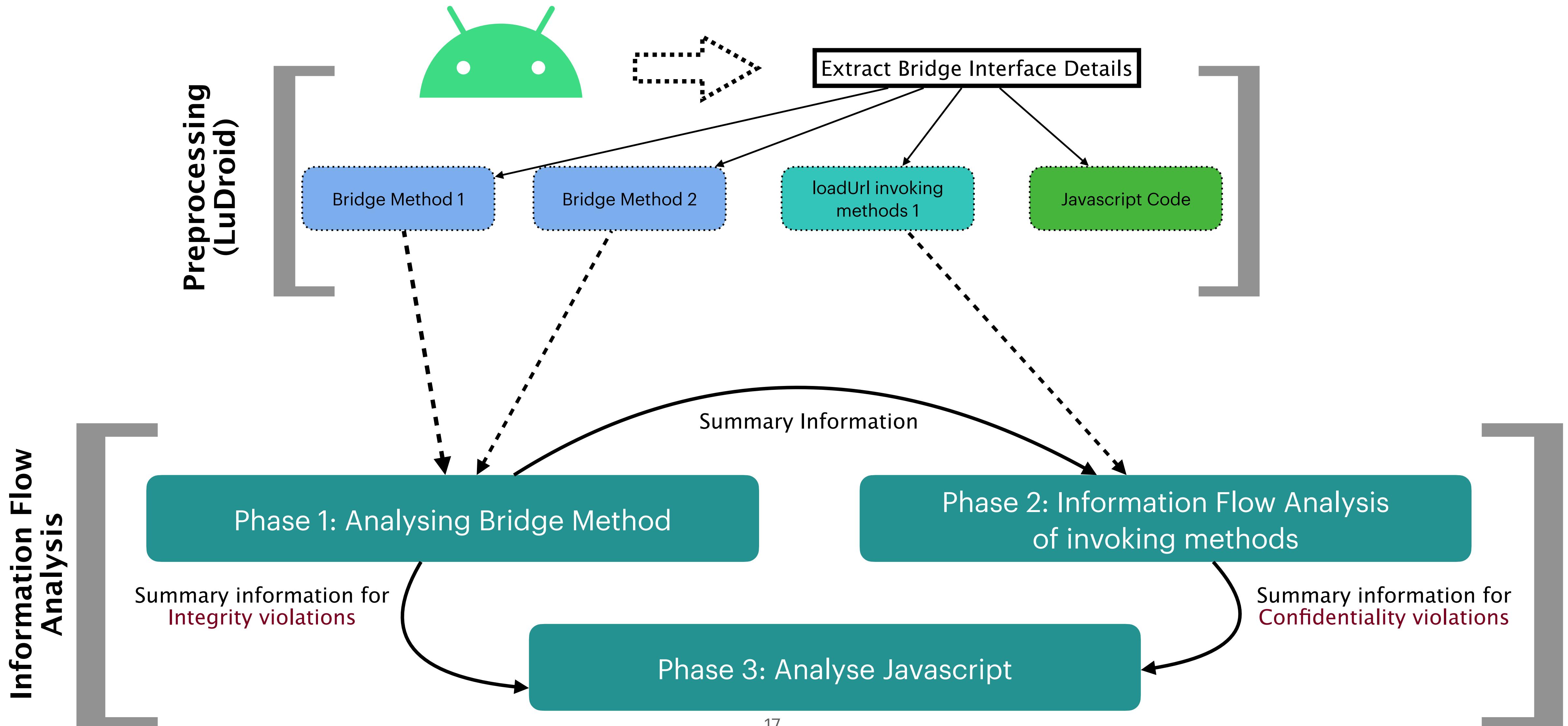
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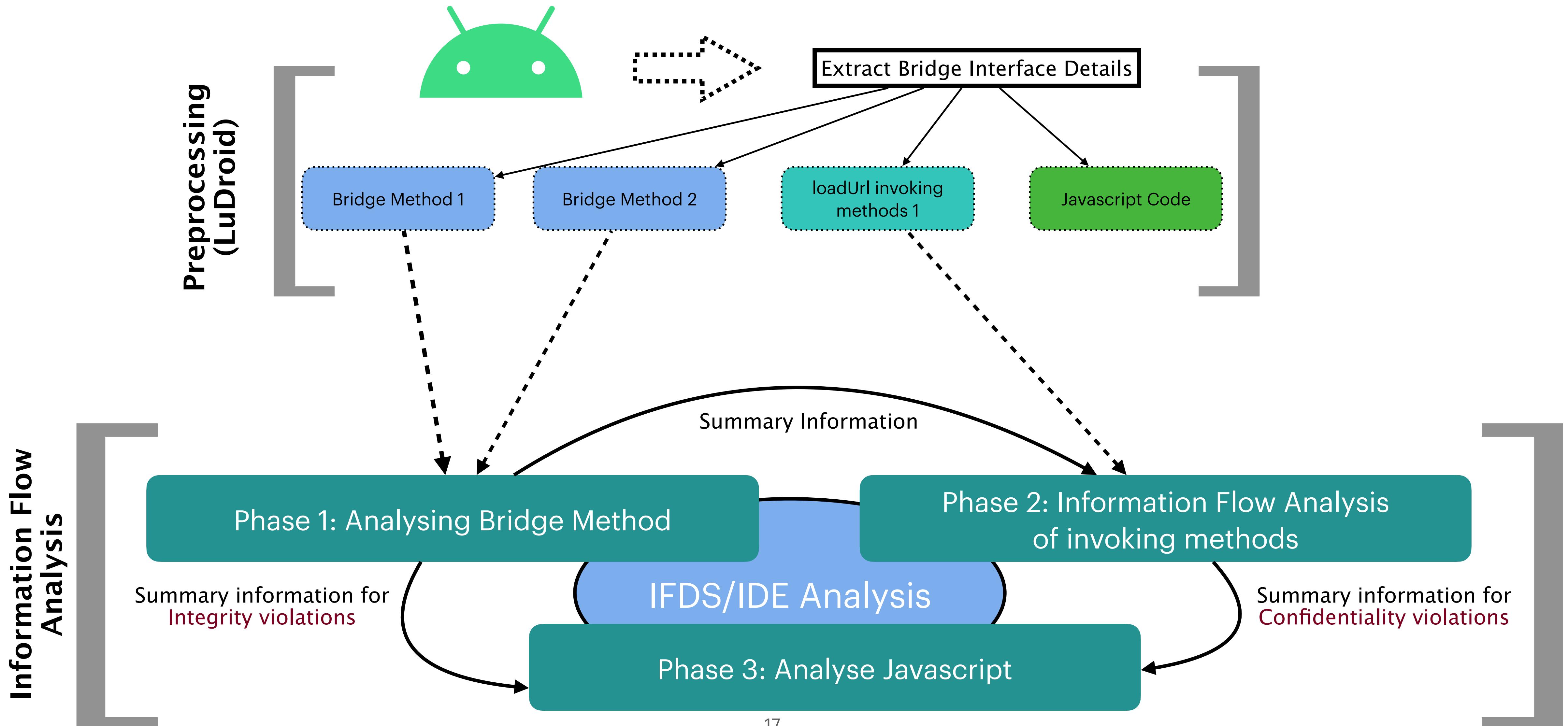
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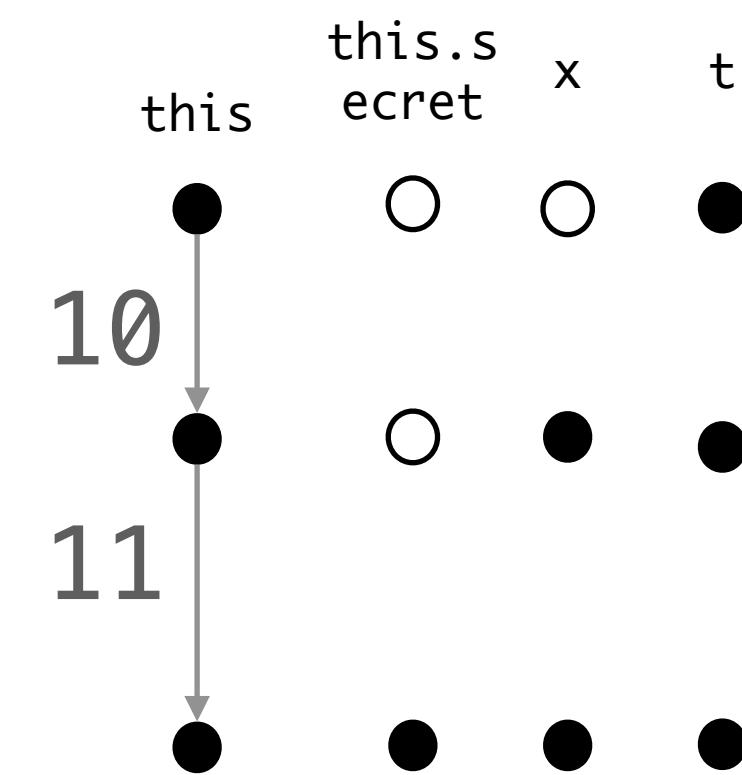
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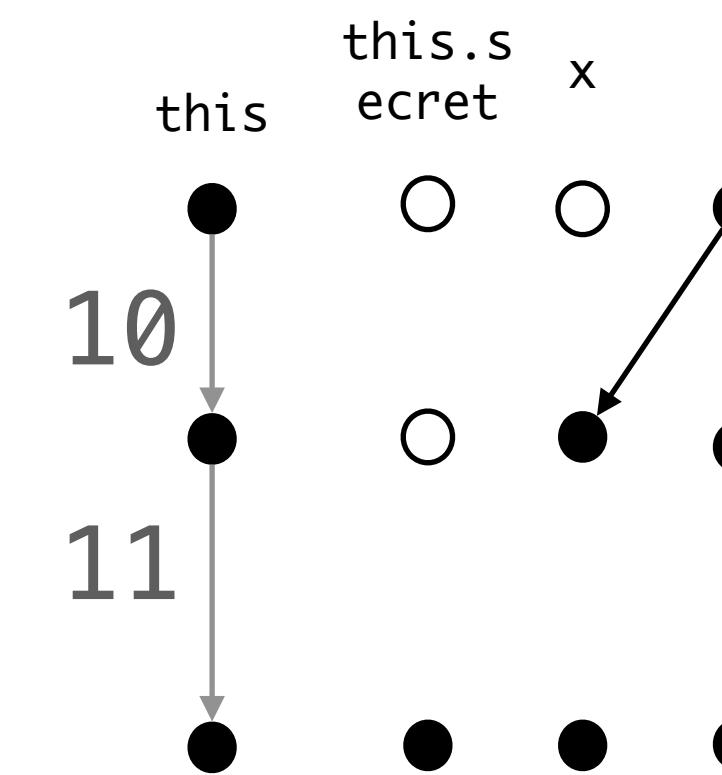


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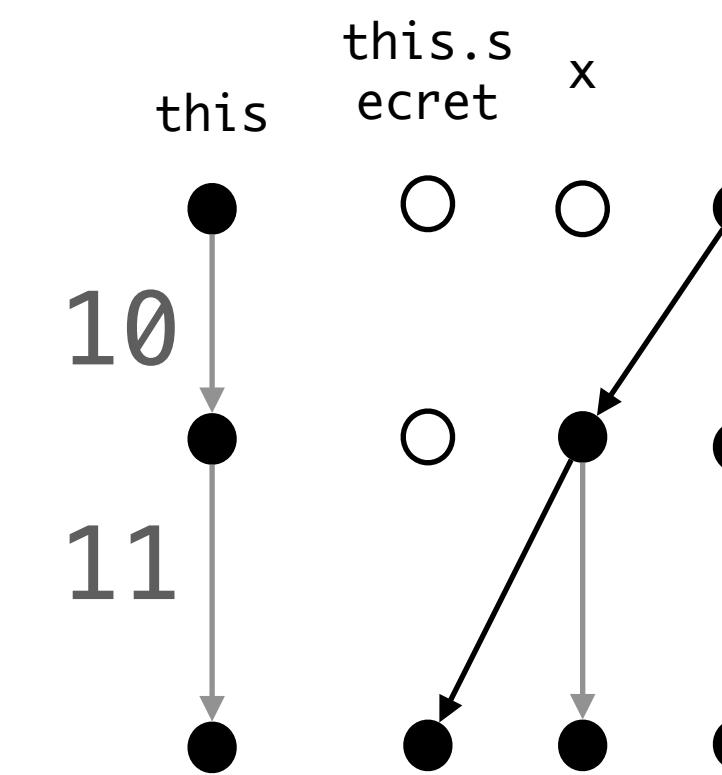


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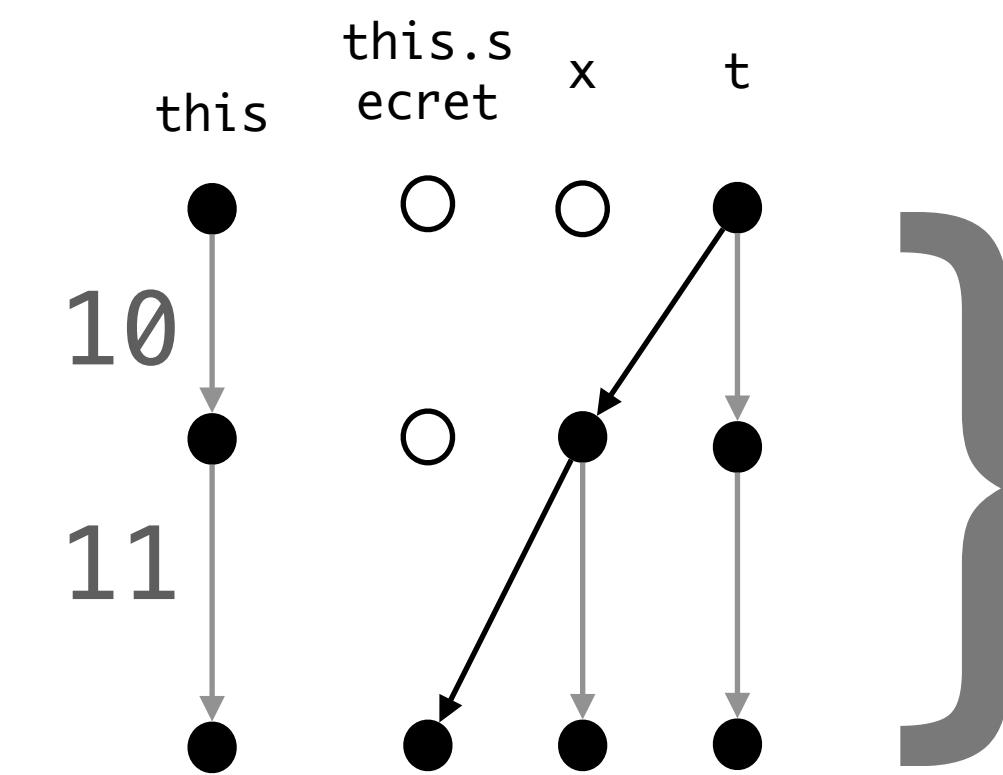


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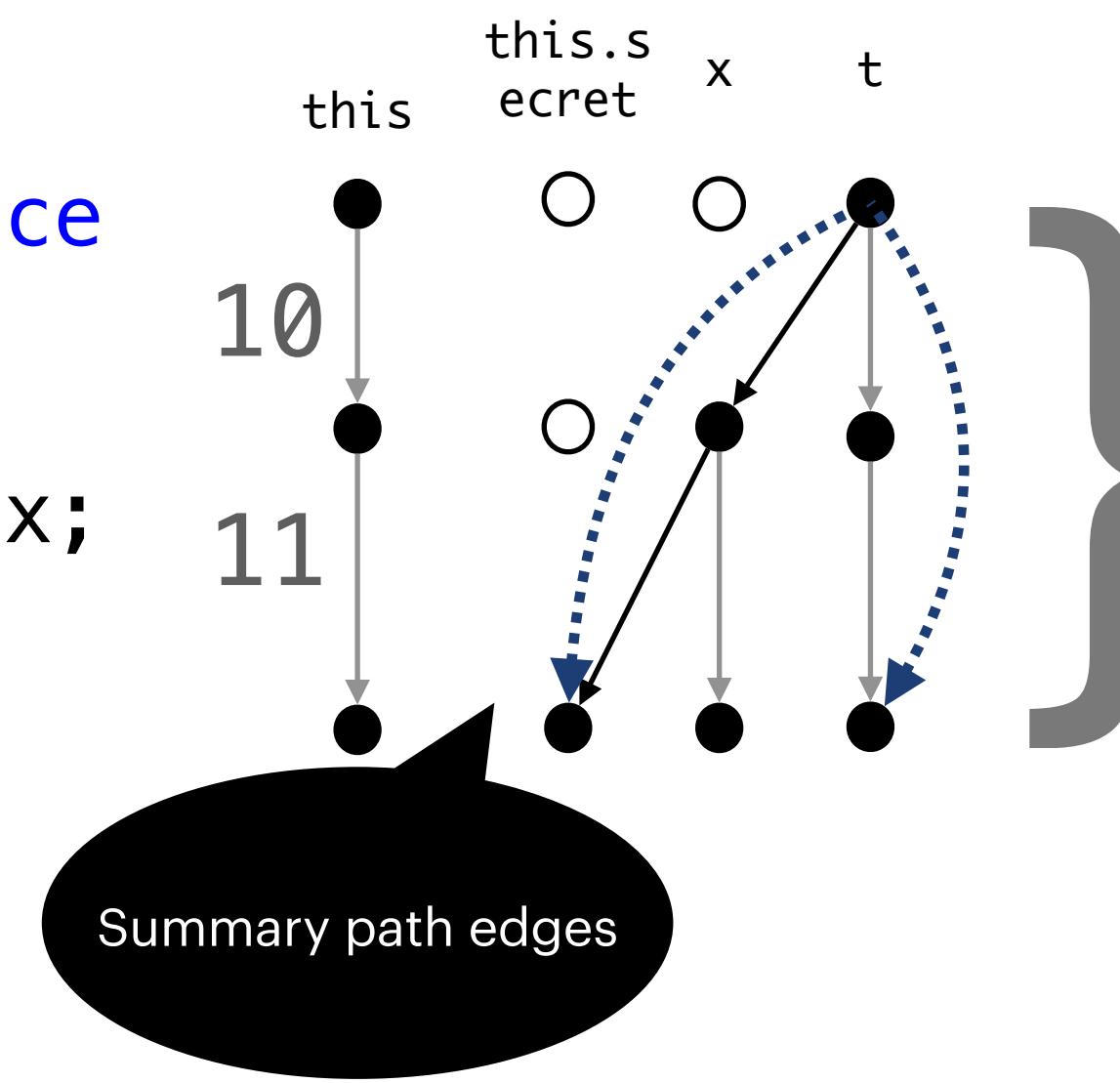
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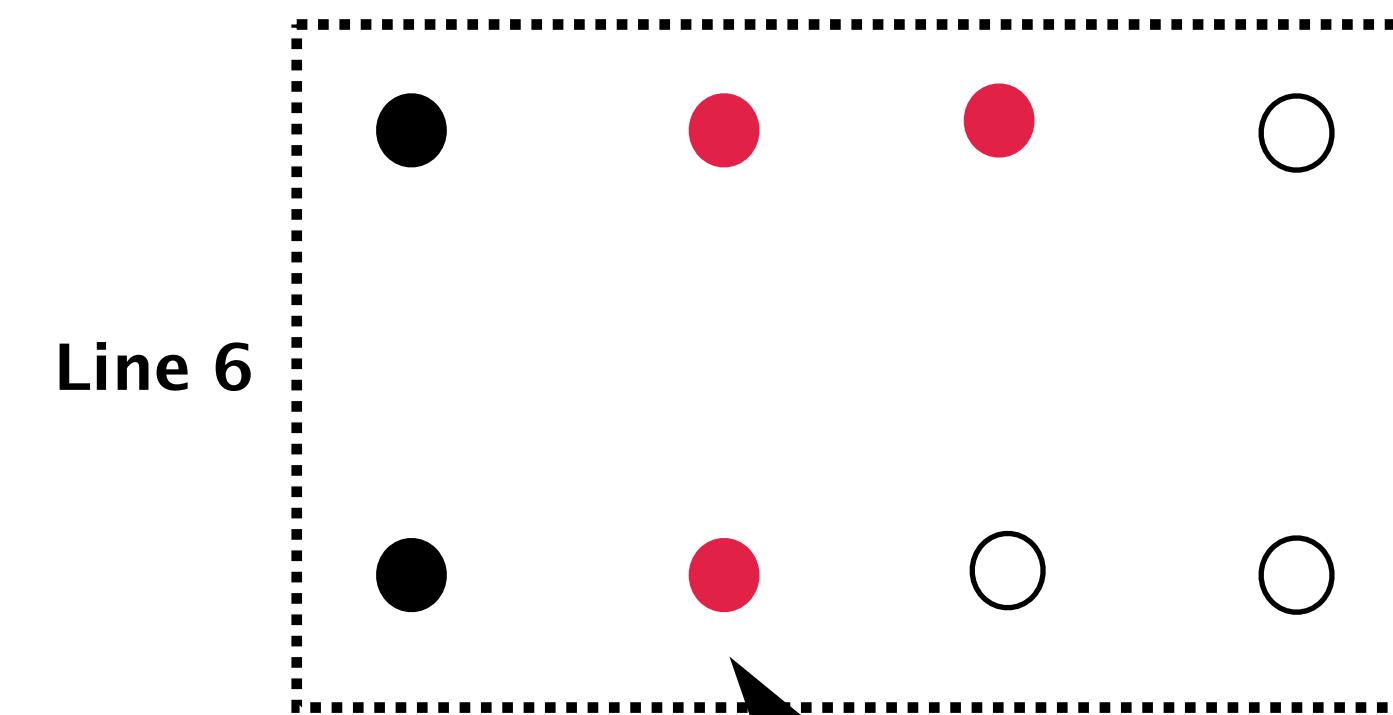
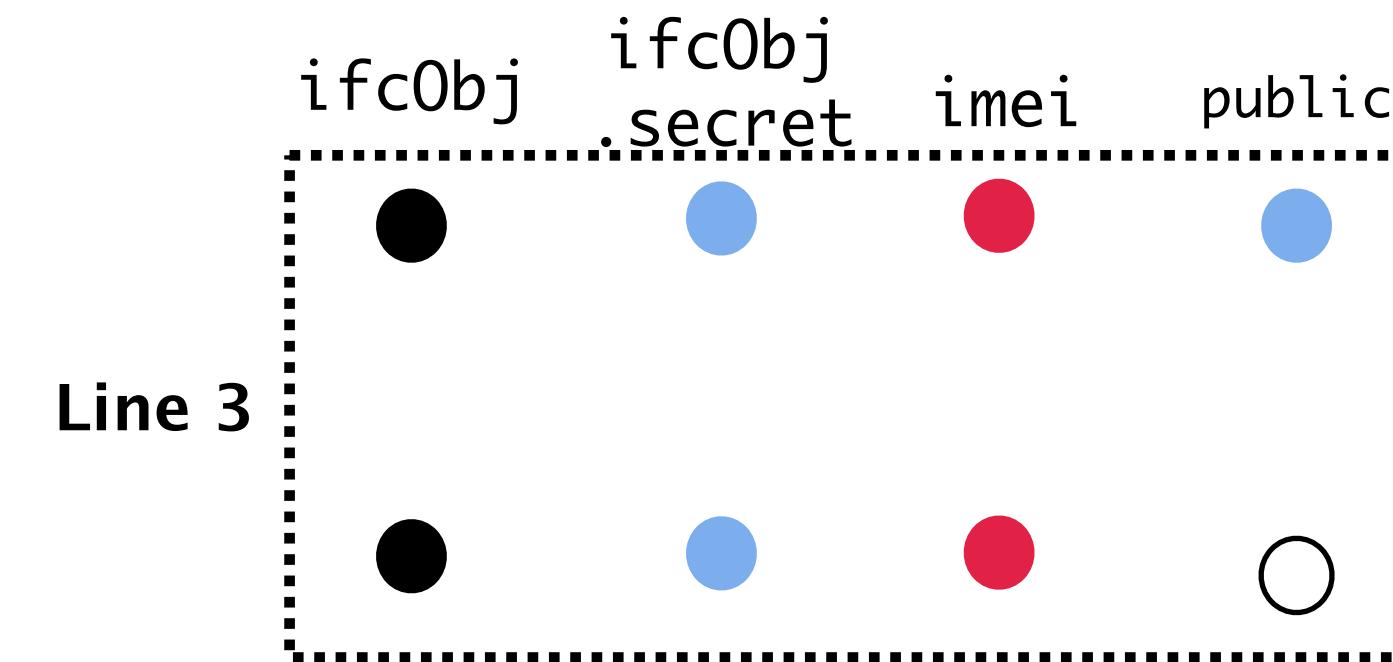
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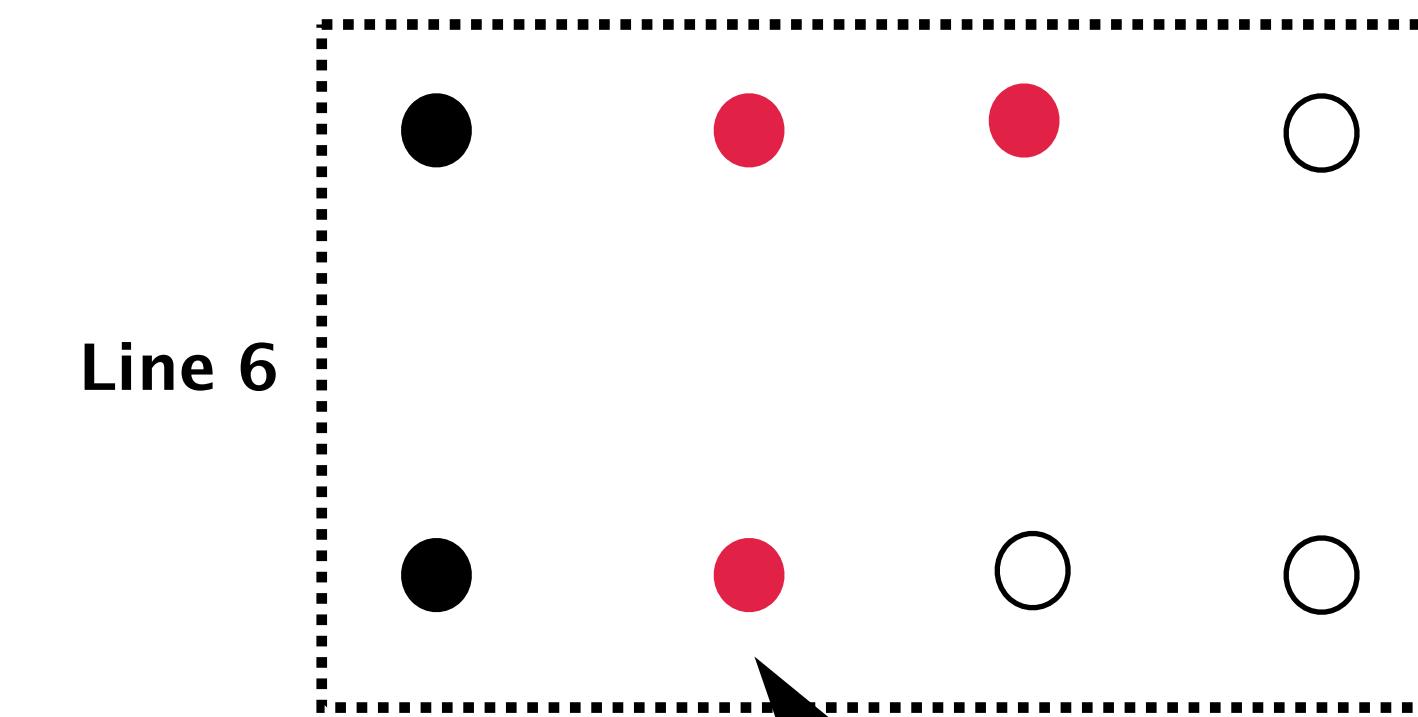
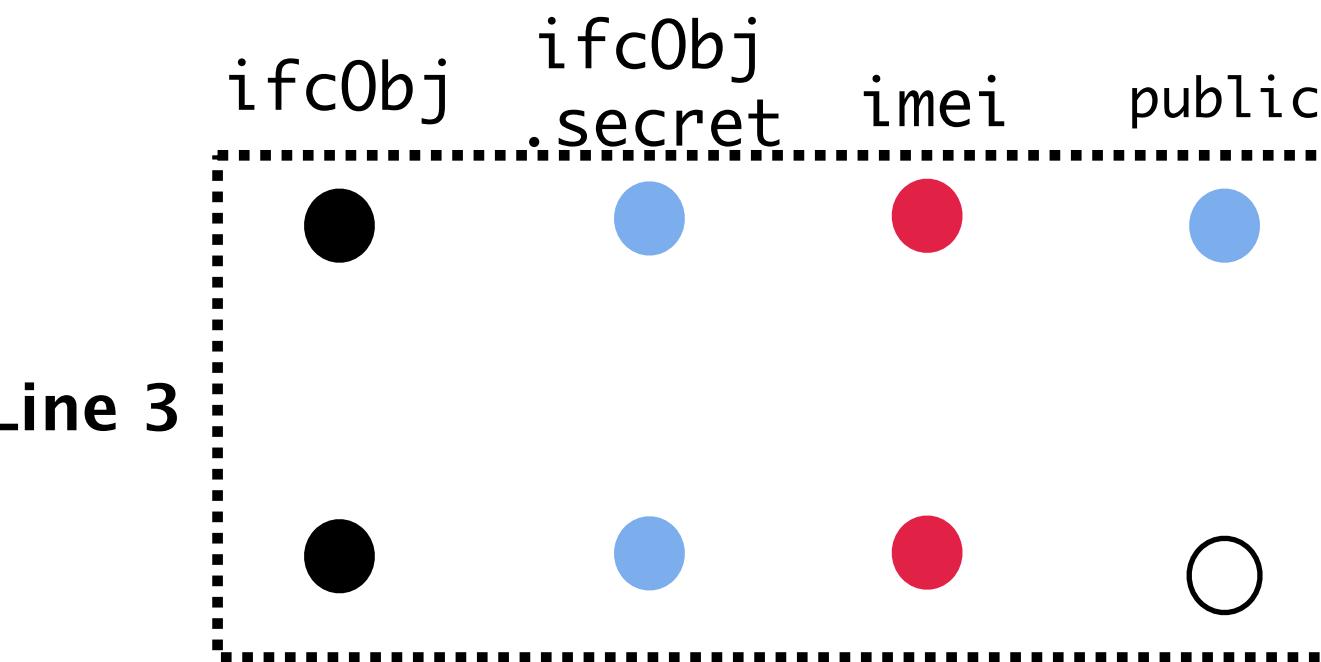
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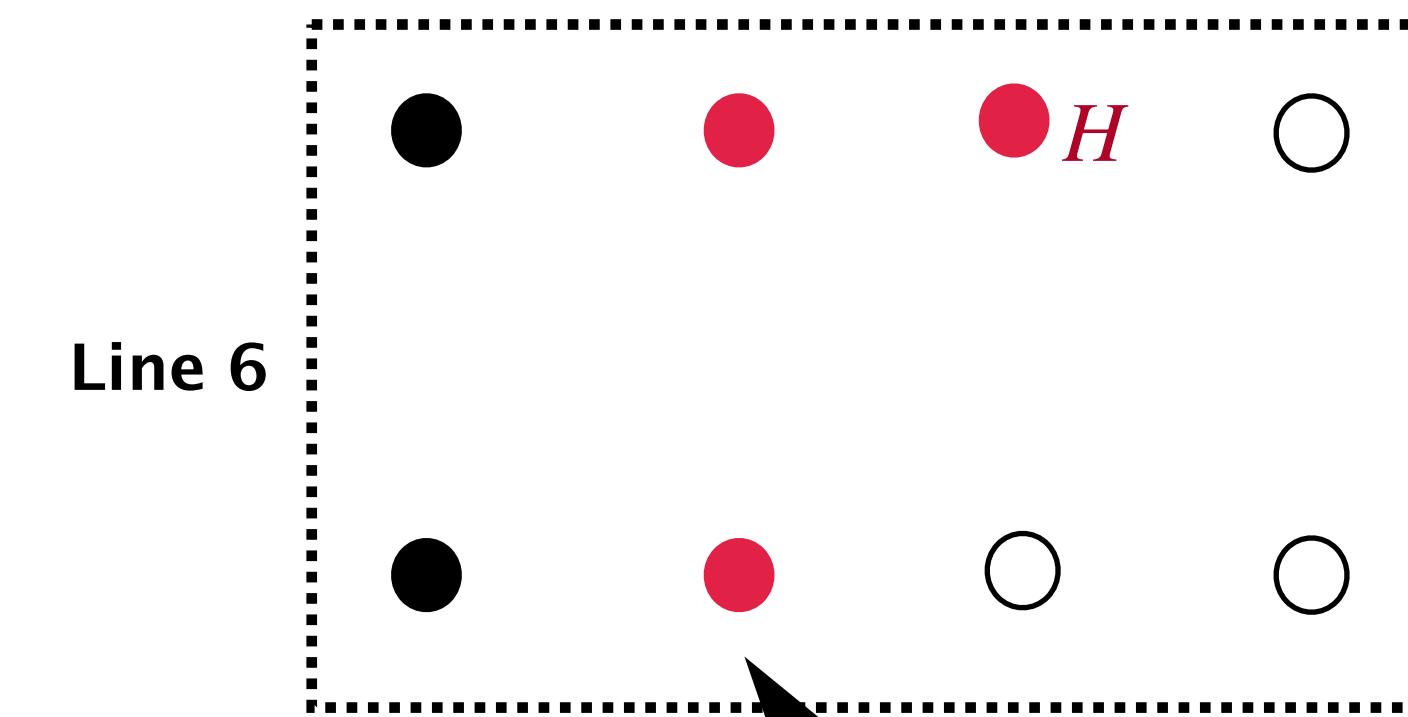
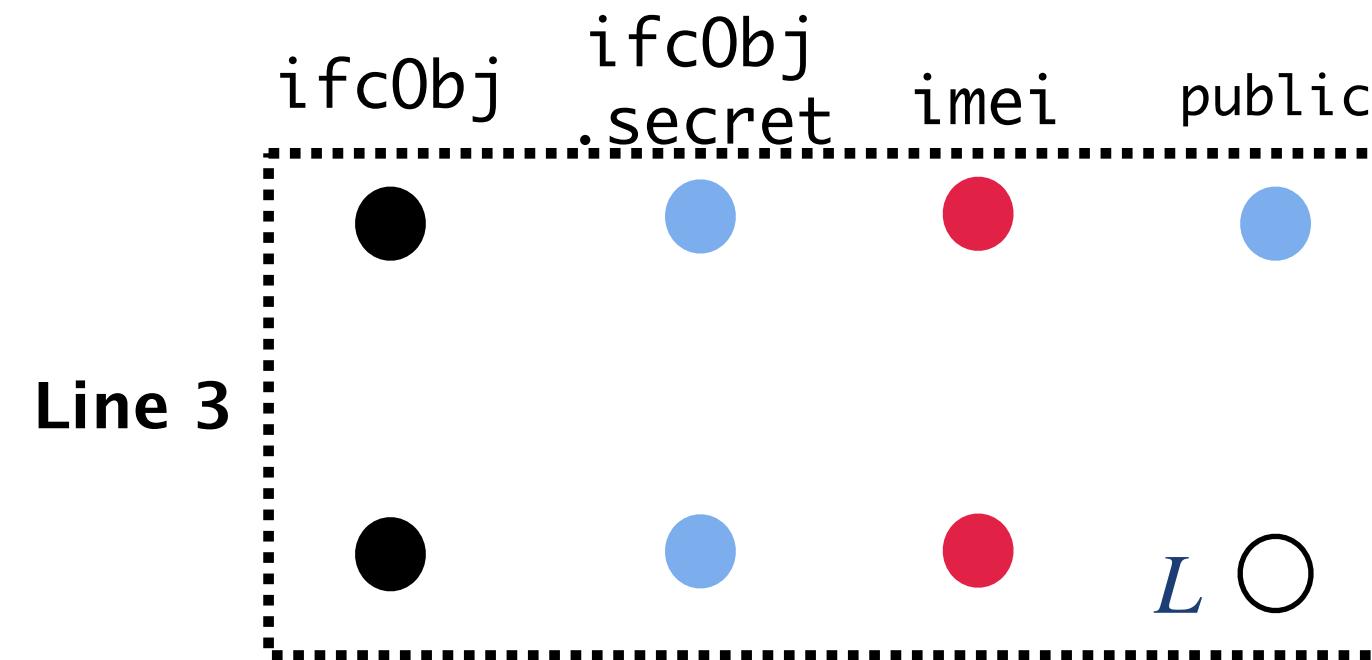
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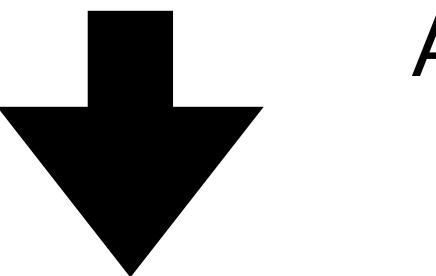


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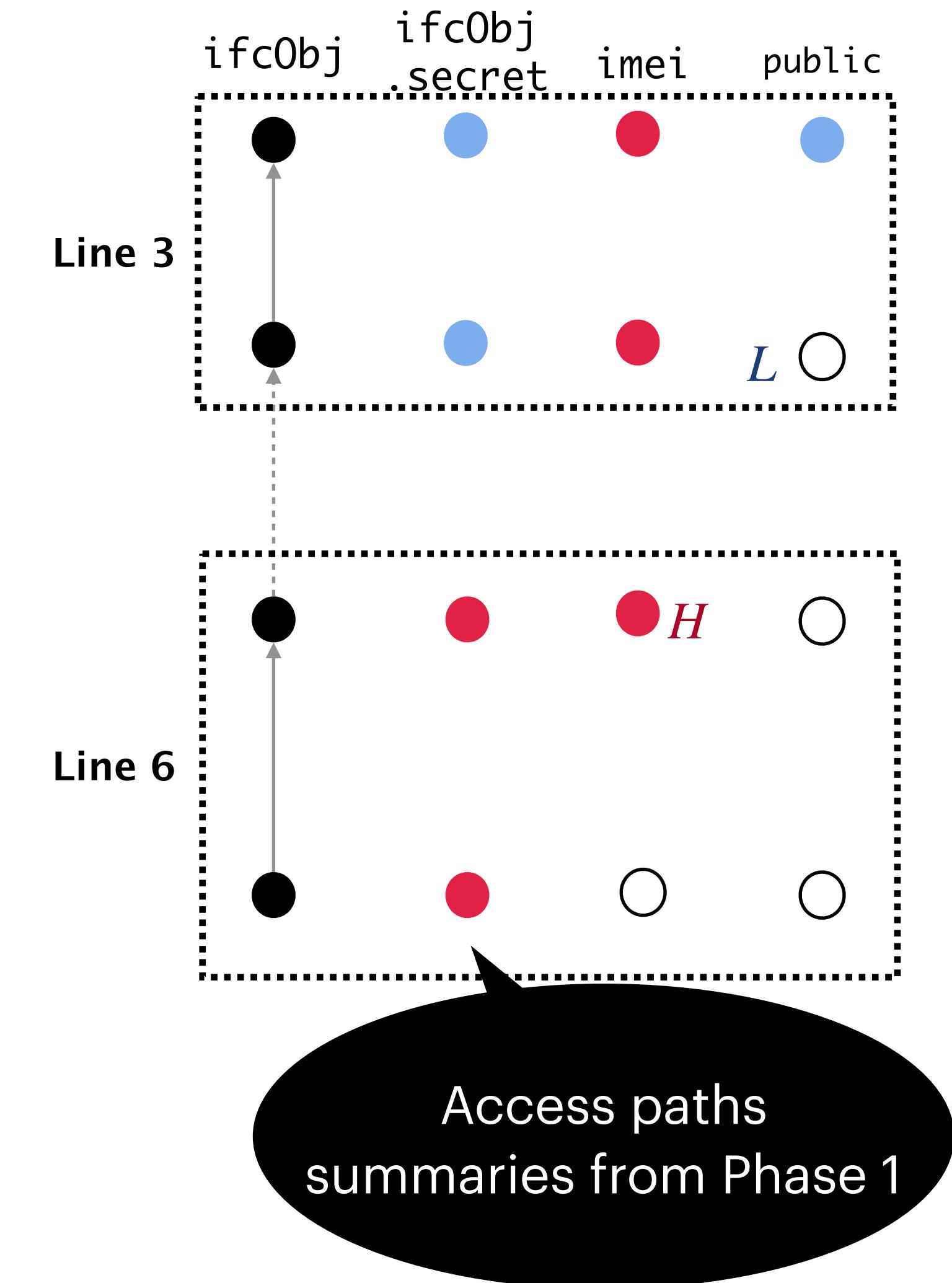
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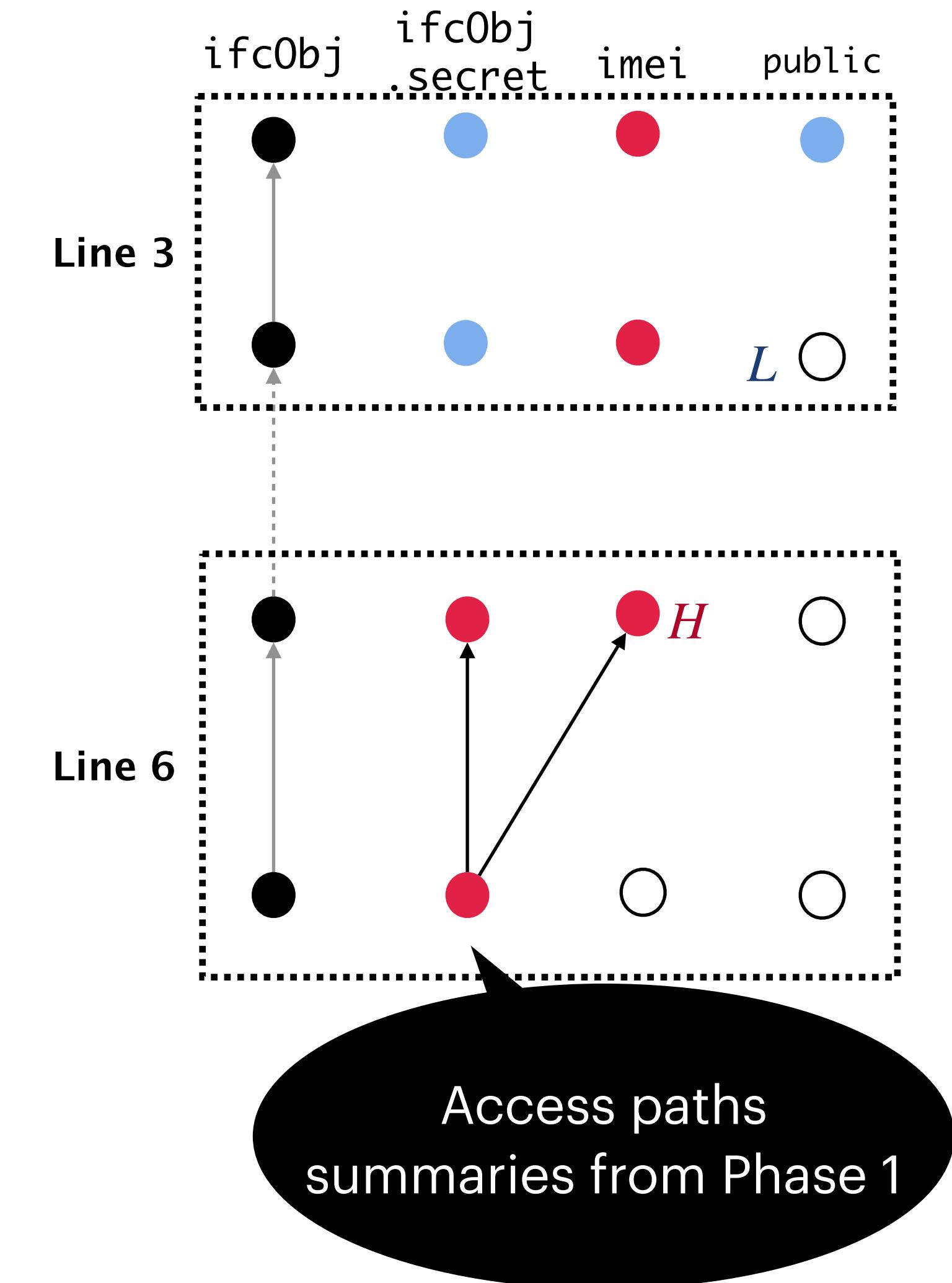
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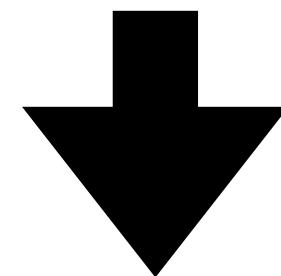
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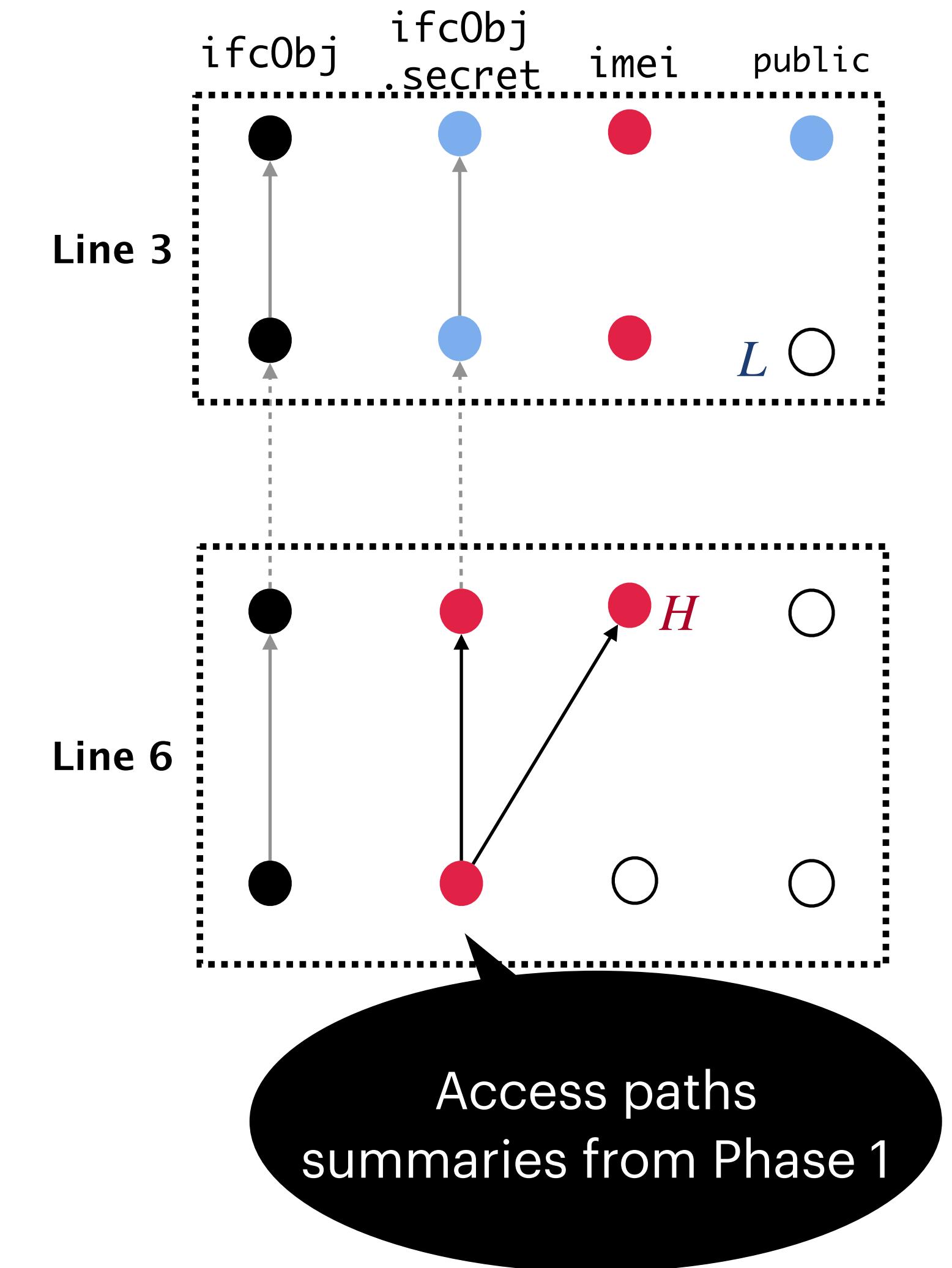
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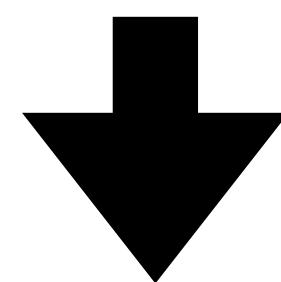
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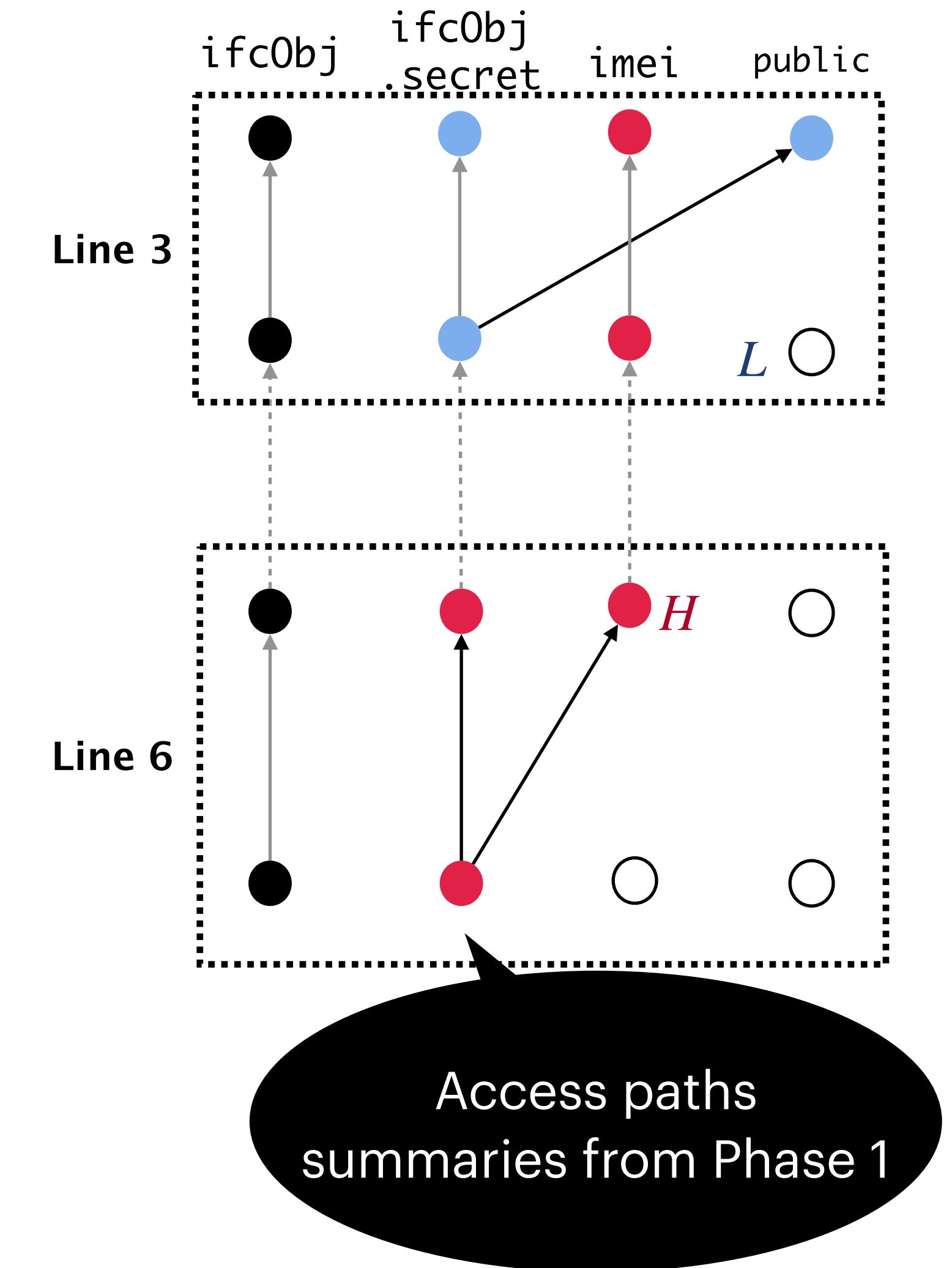
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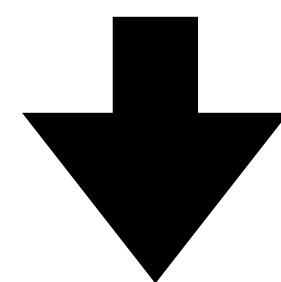
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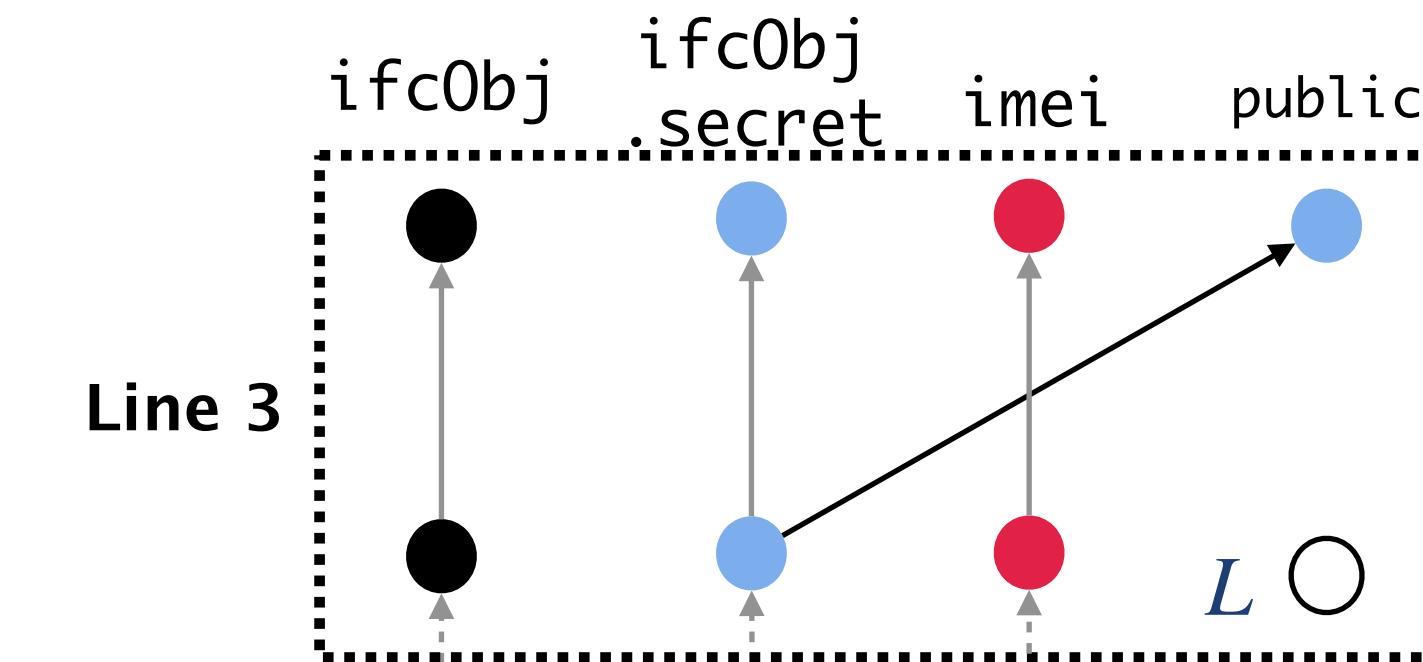
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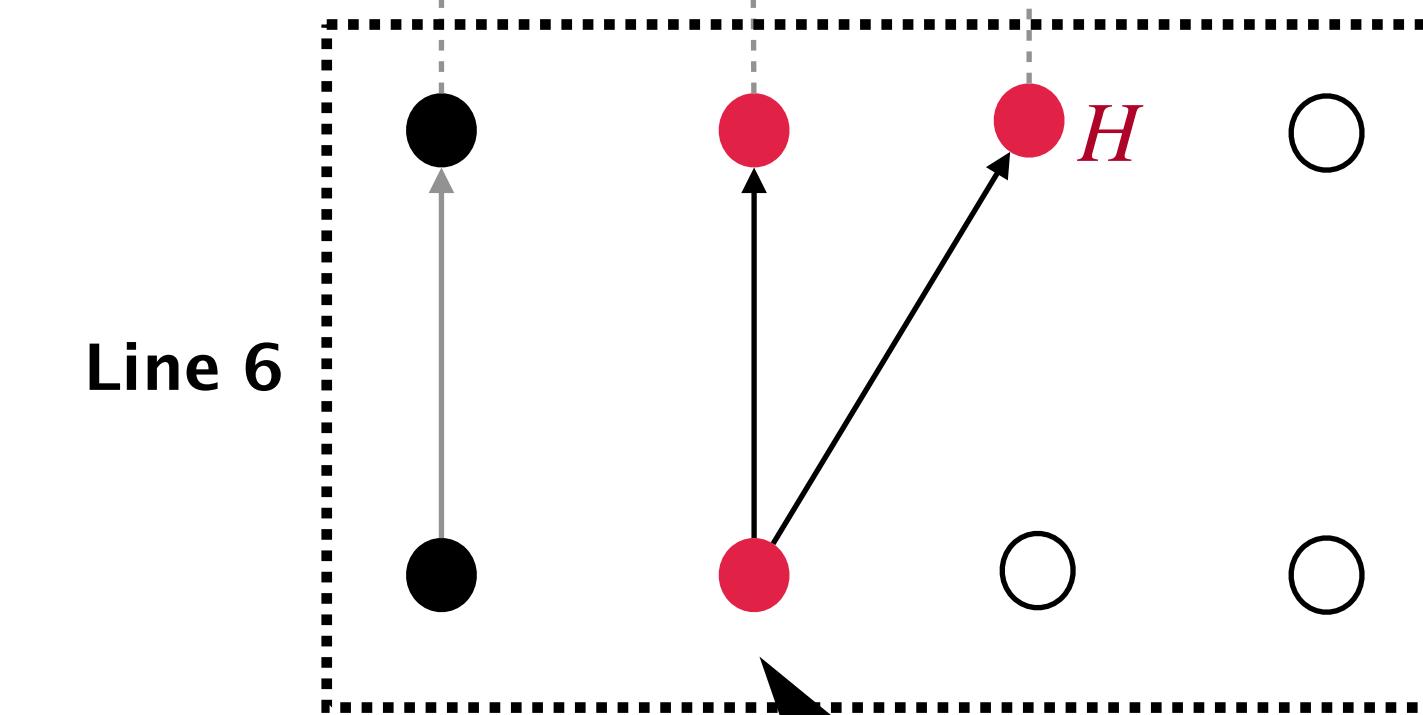
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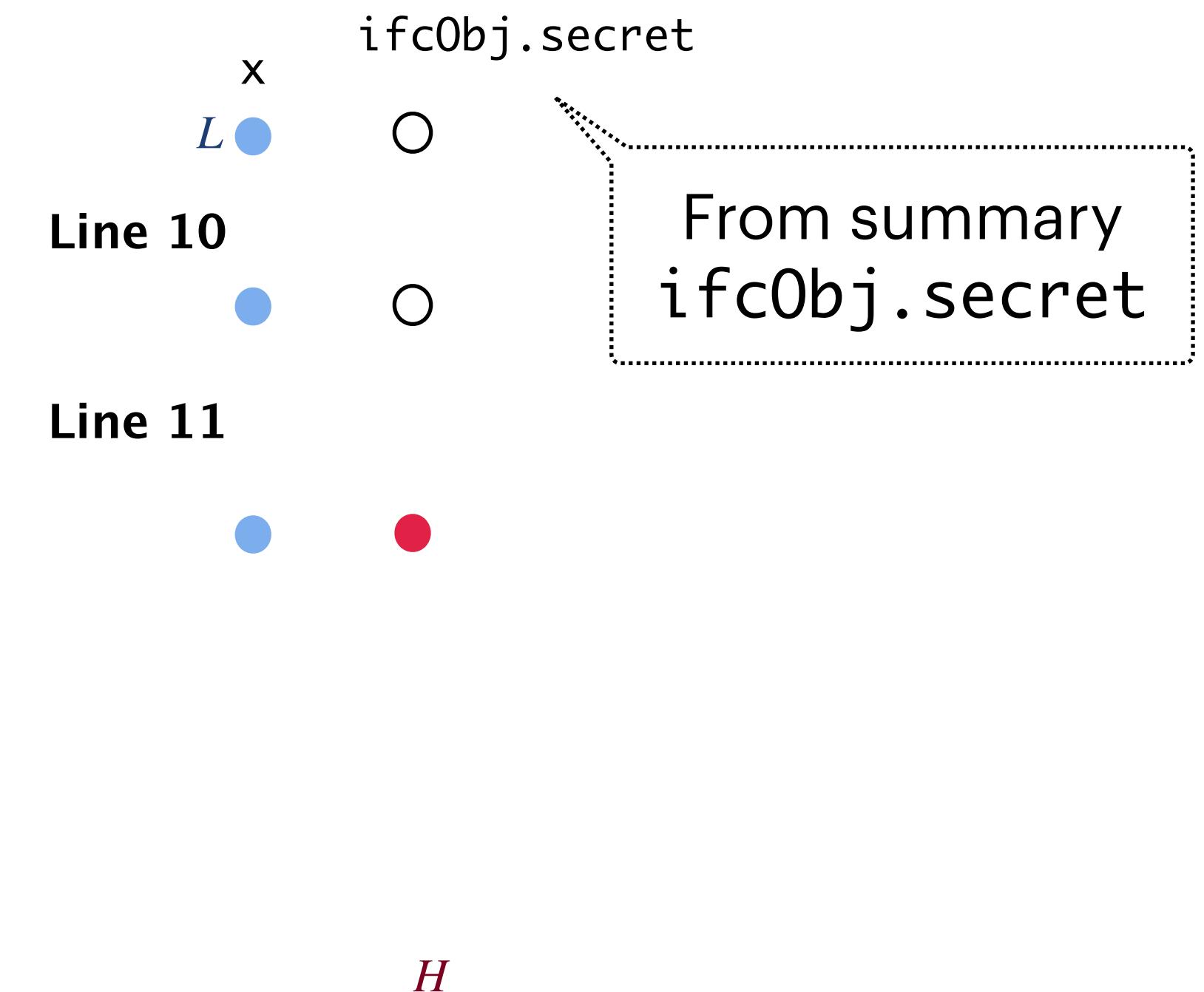
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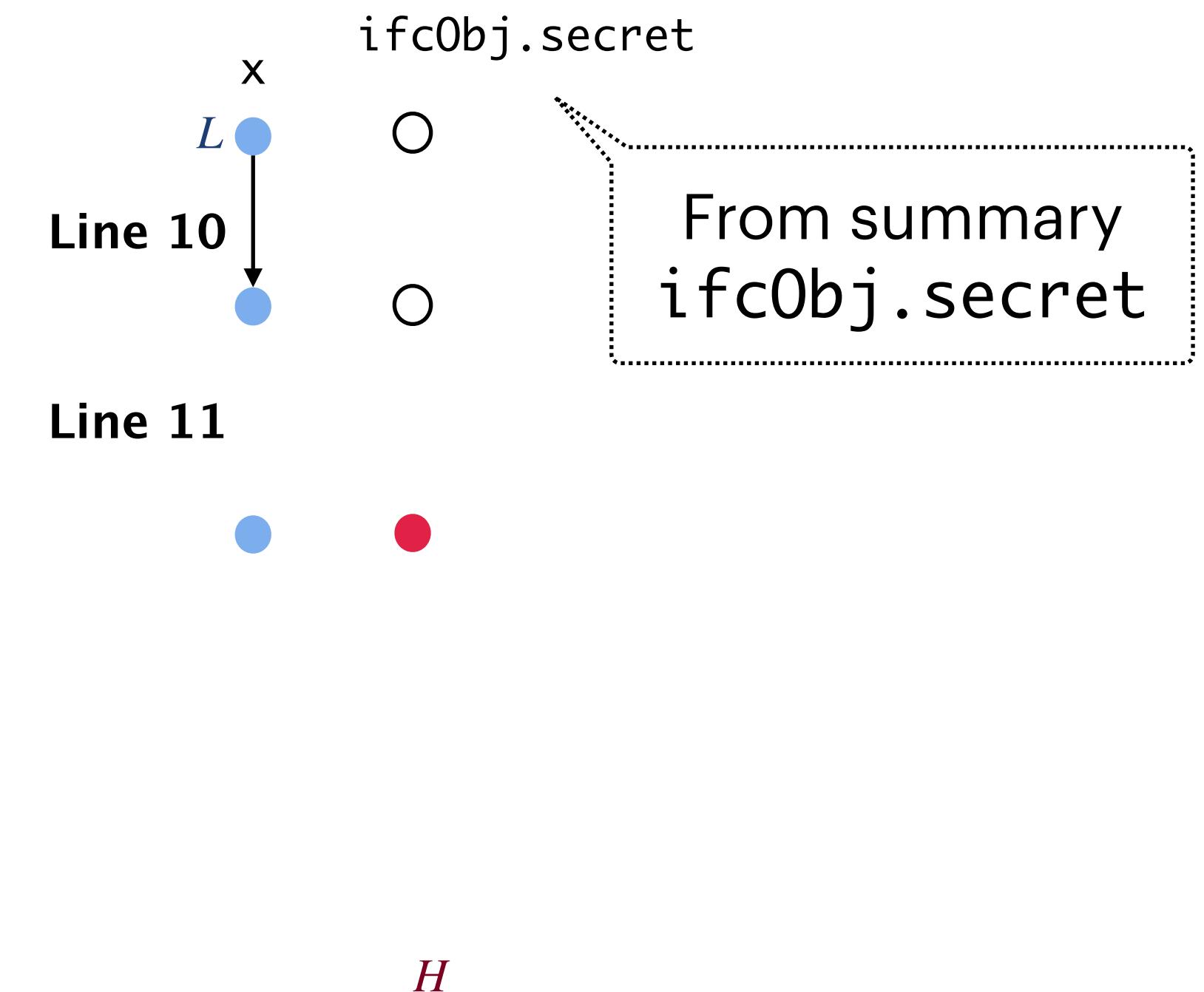
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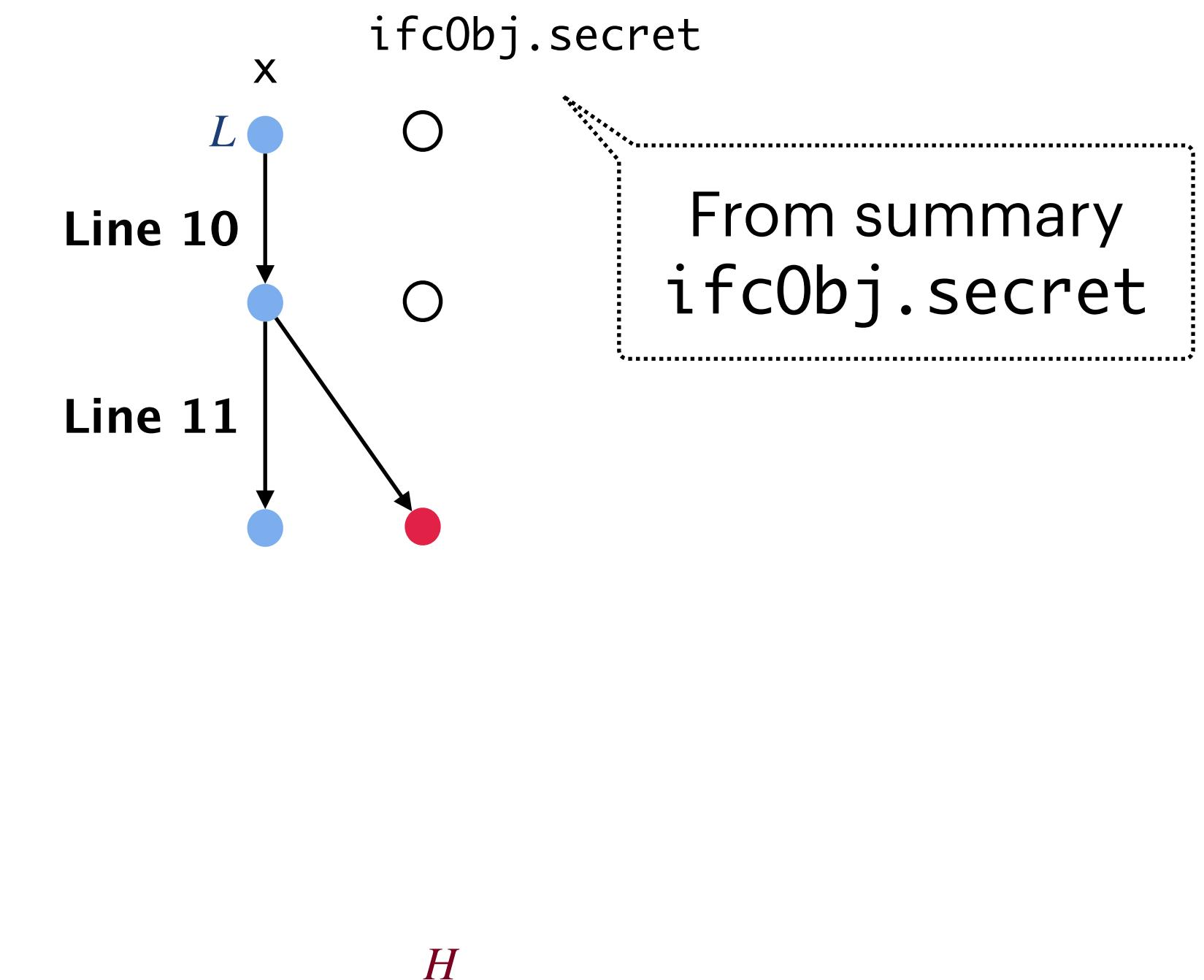
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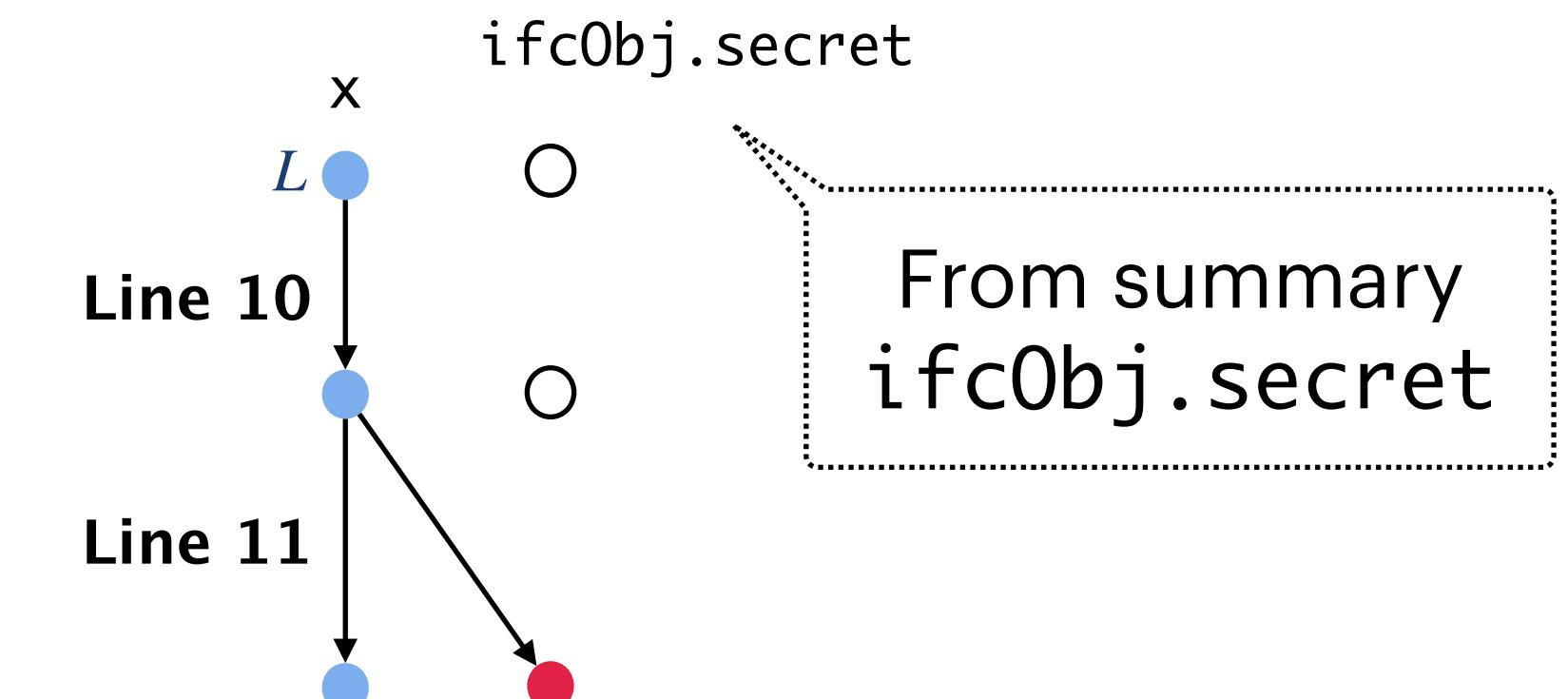
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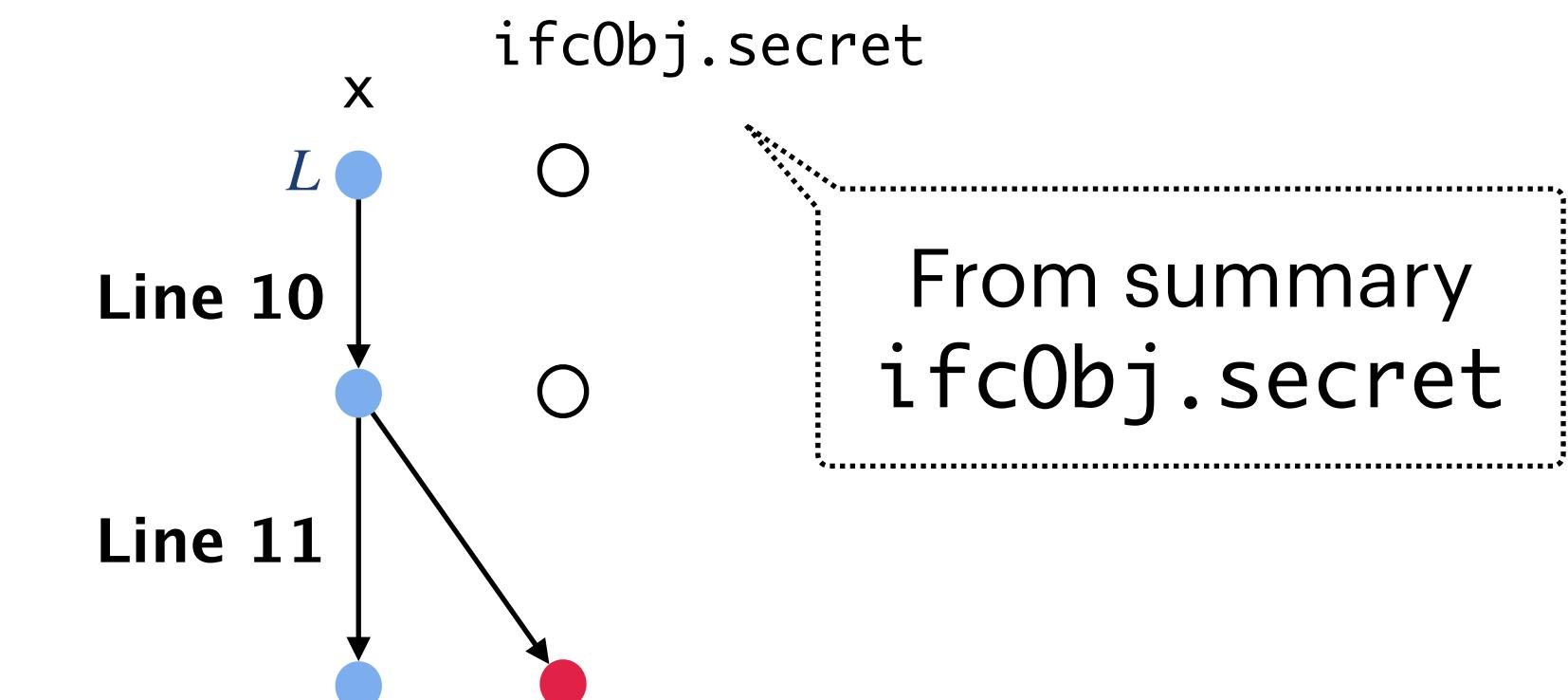
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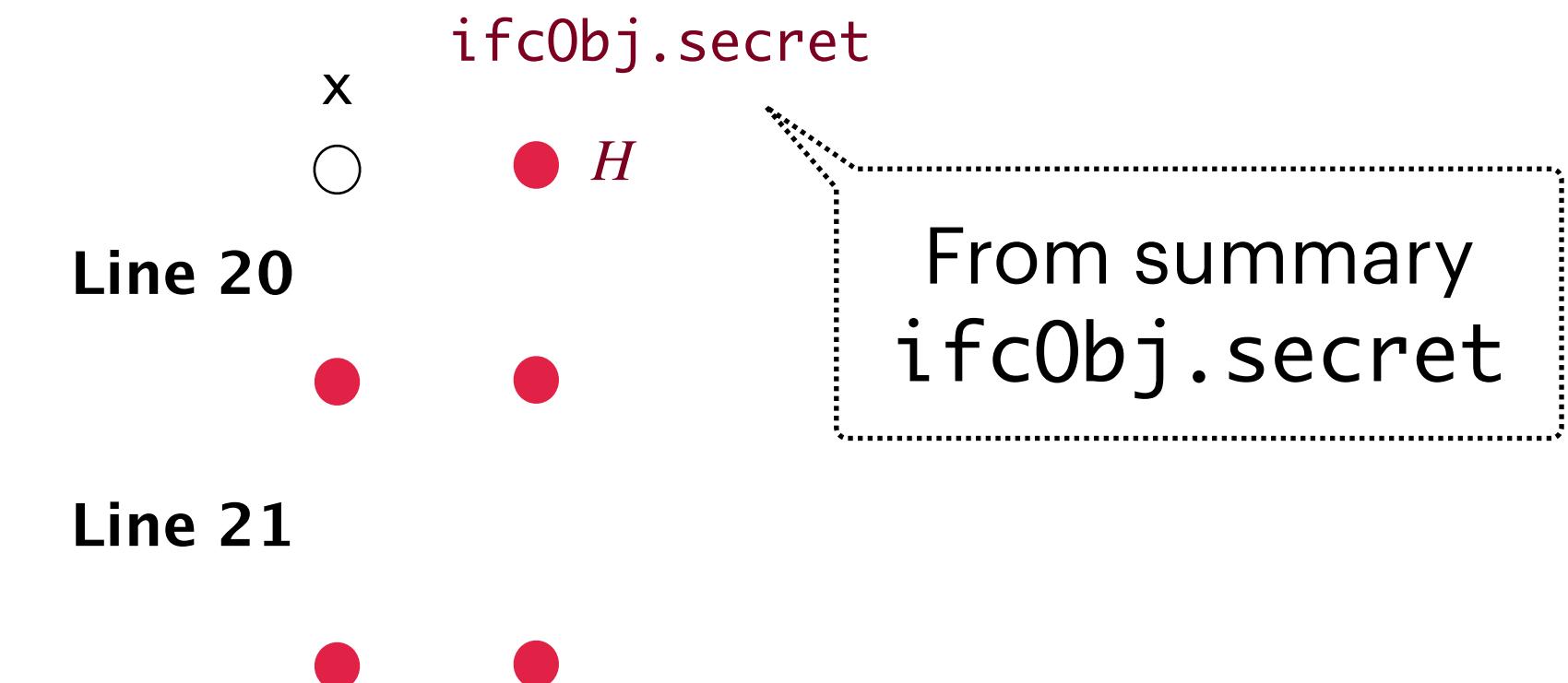
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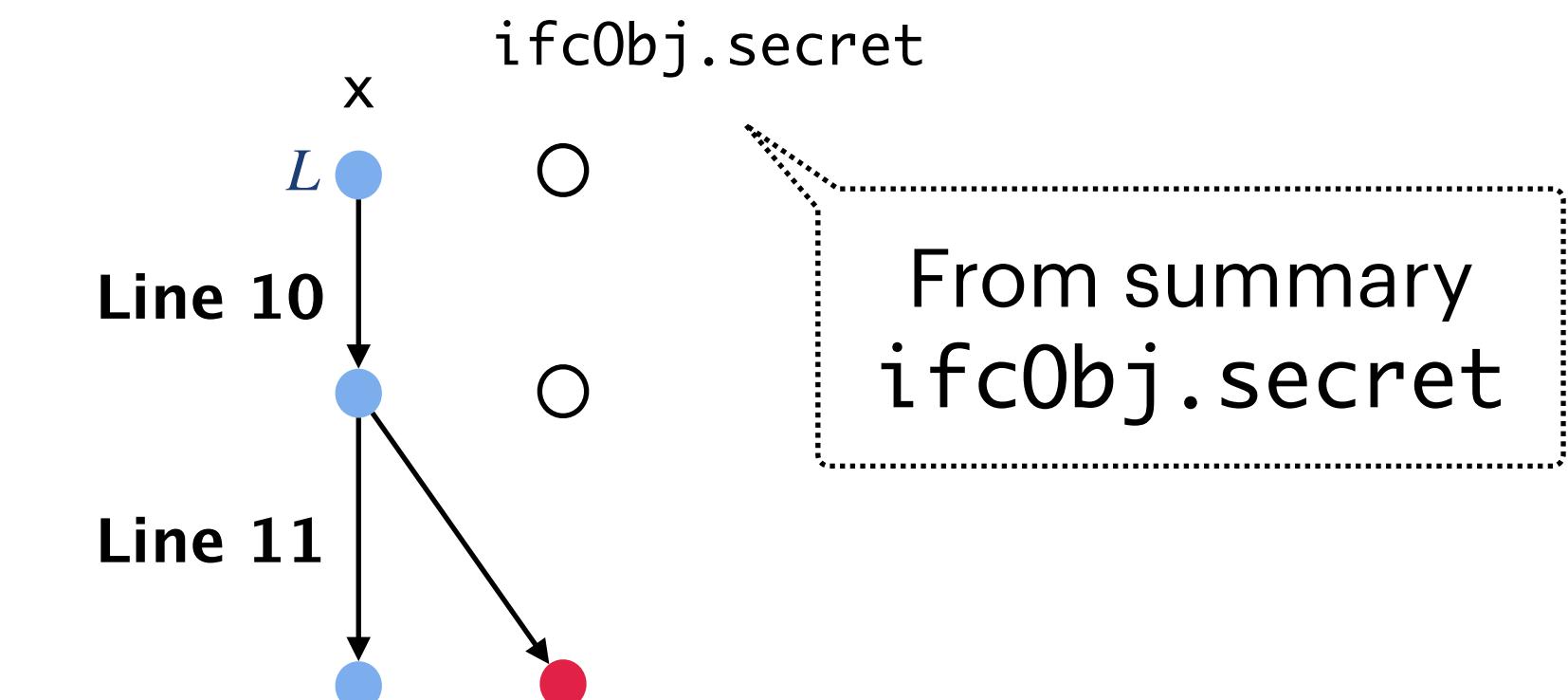
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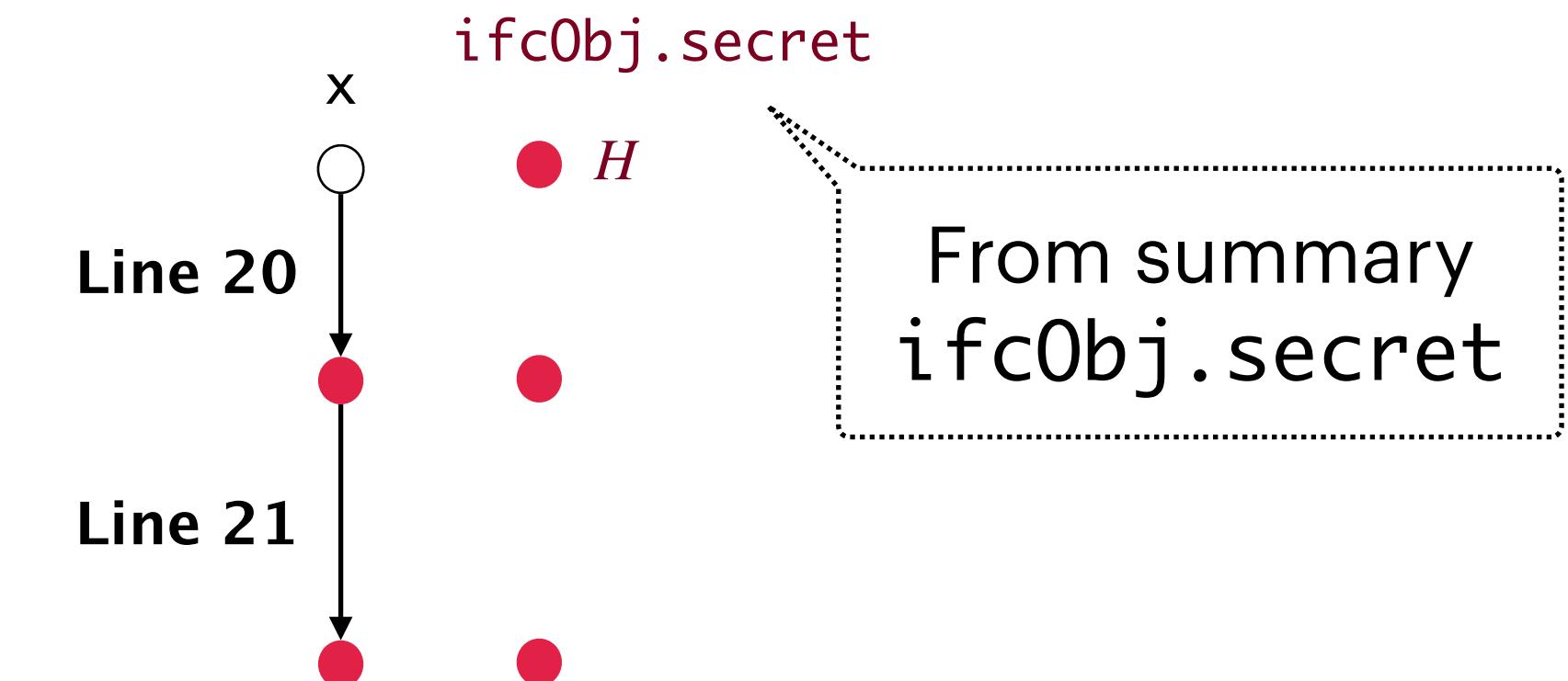
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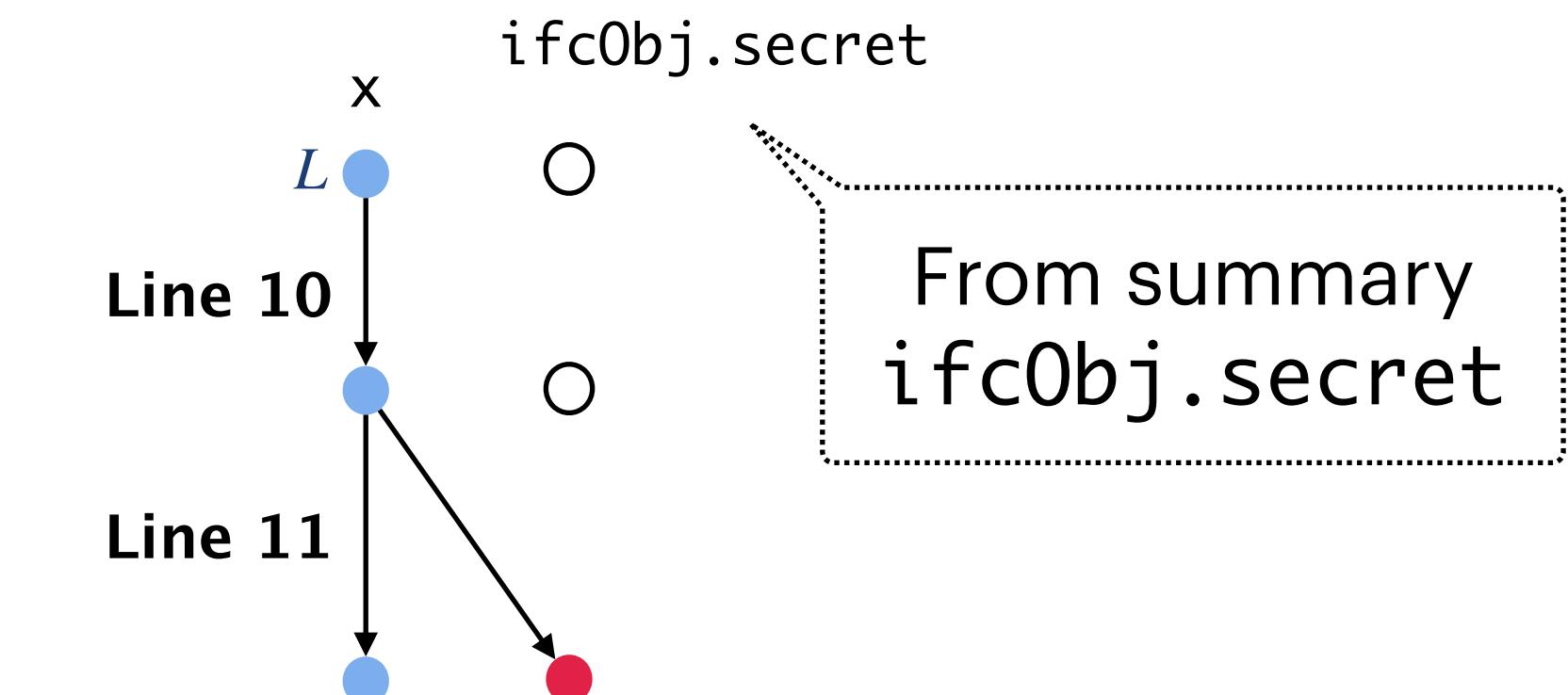
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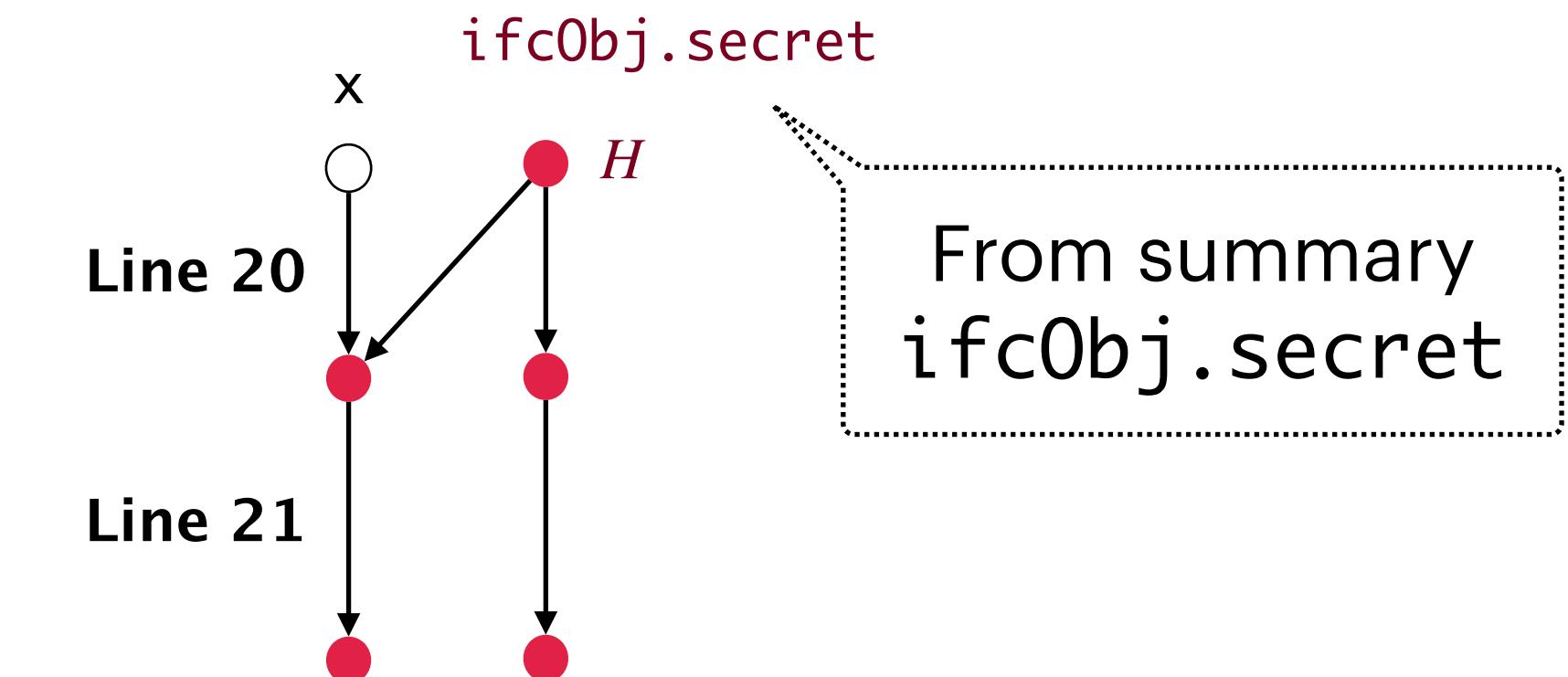
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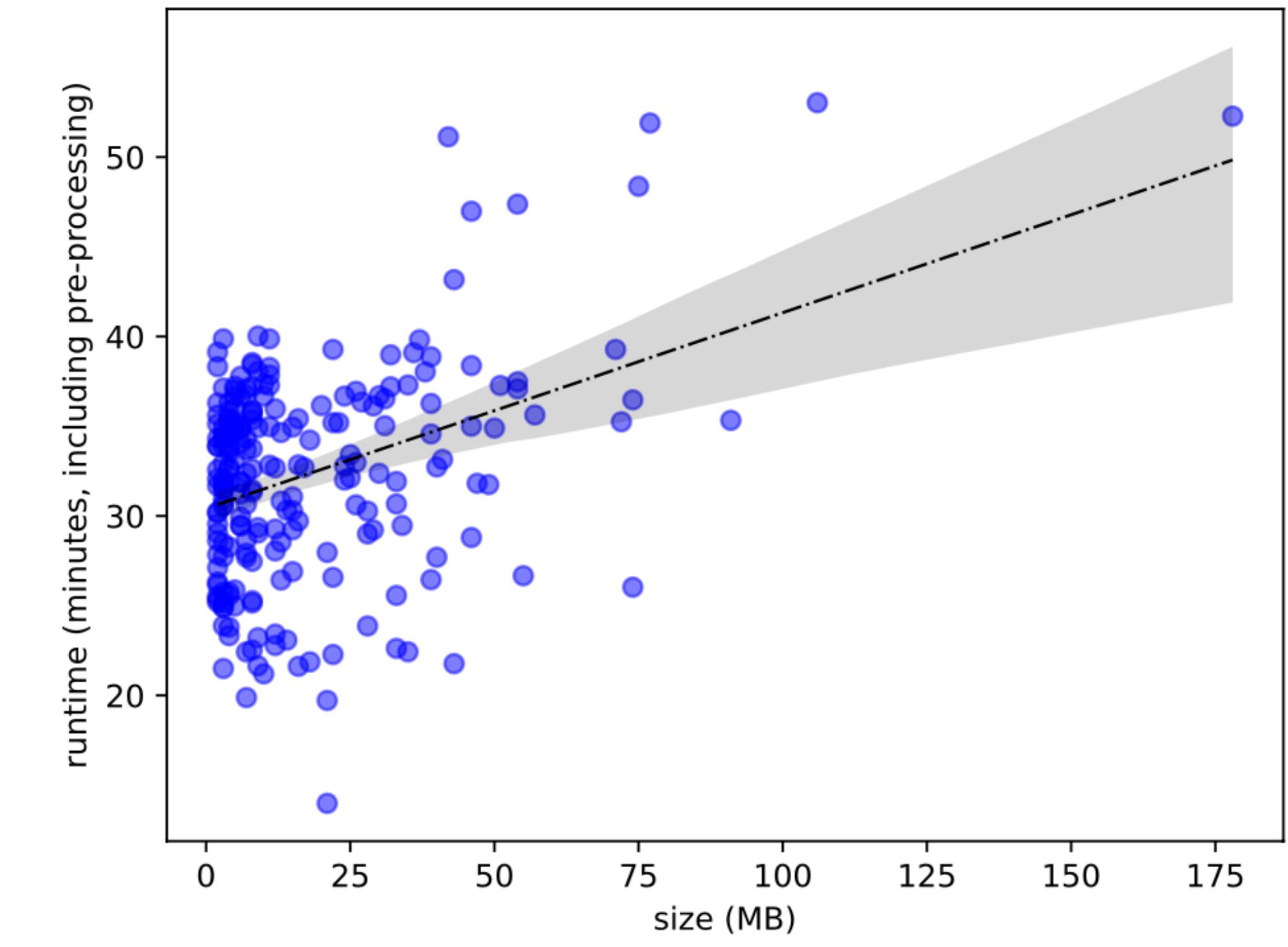
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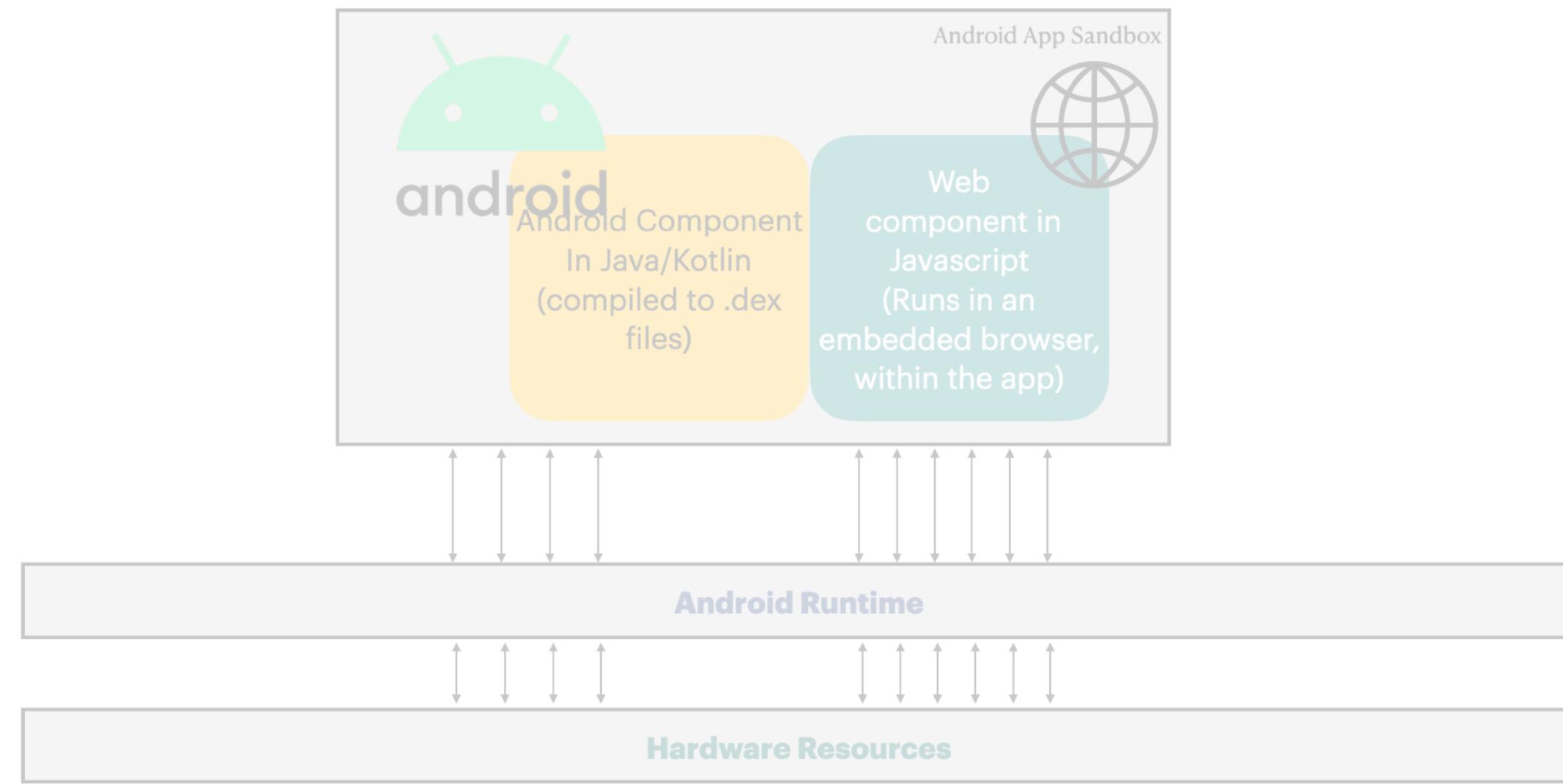
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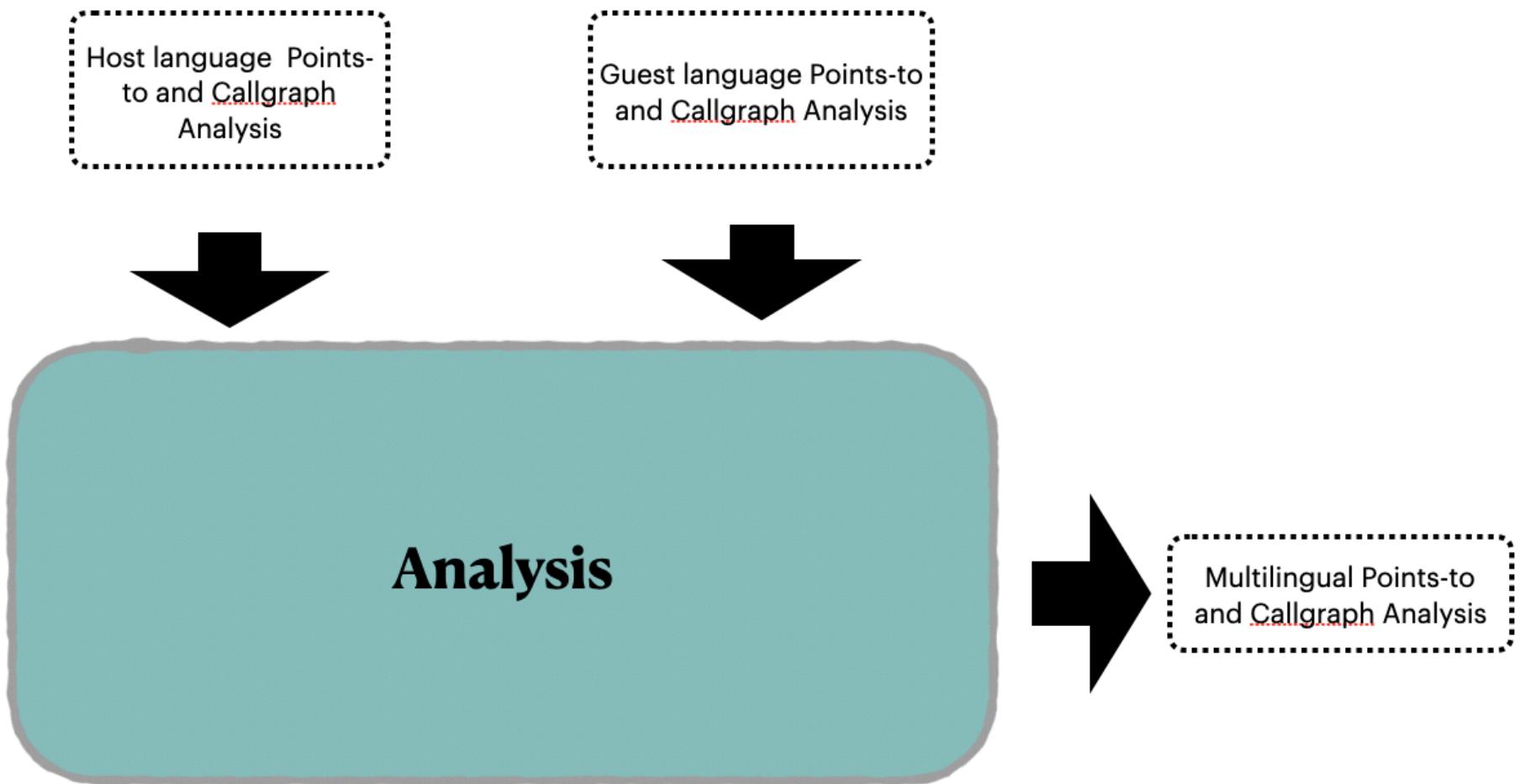
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Objective of the Thesis



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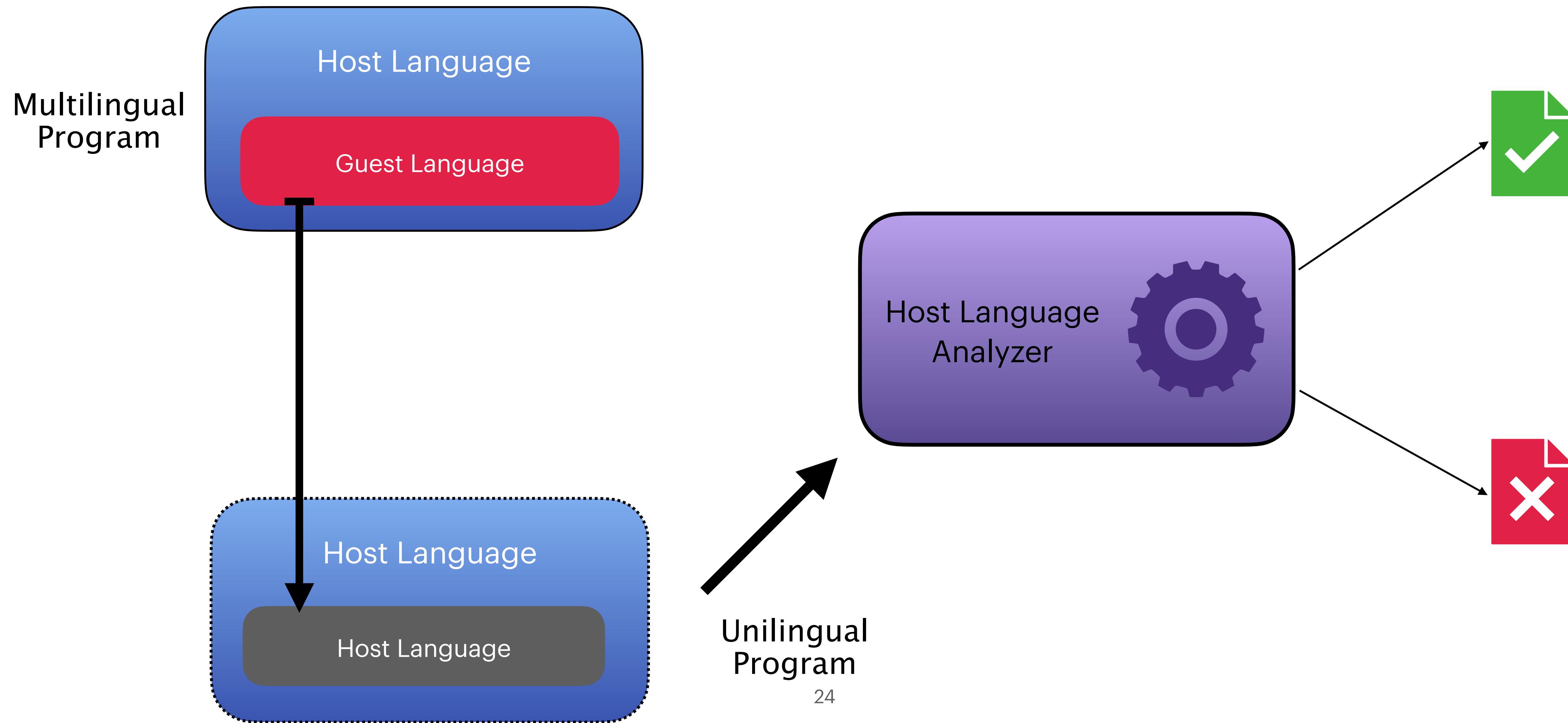
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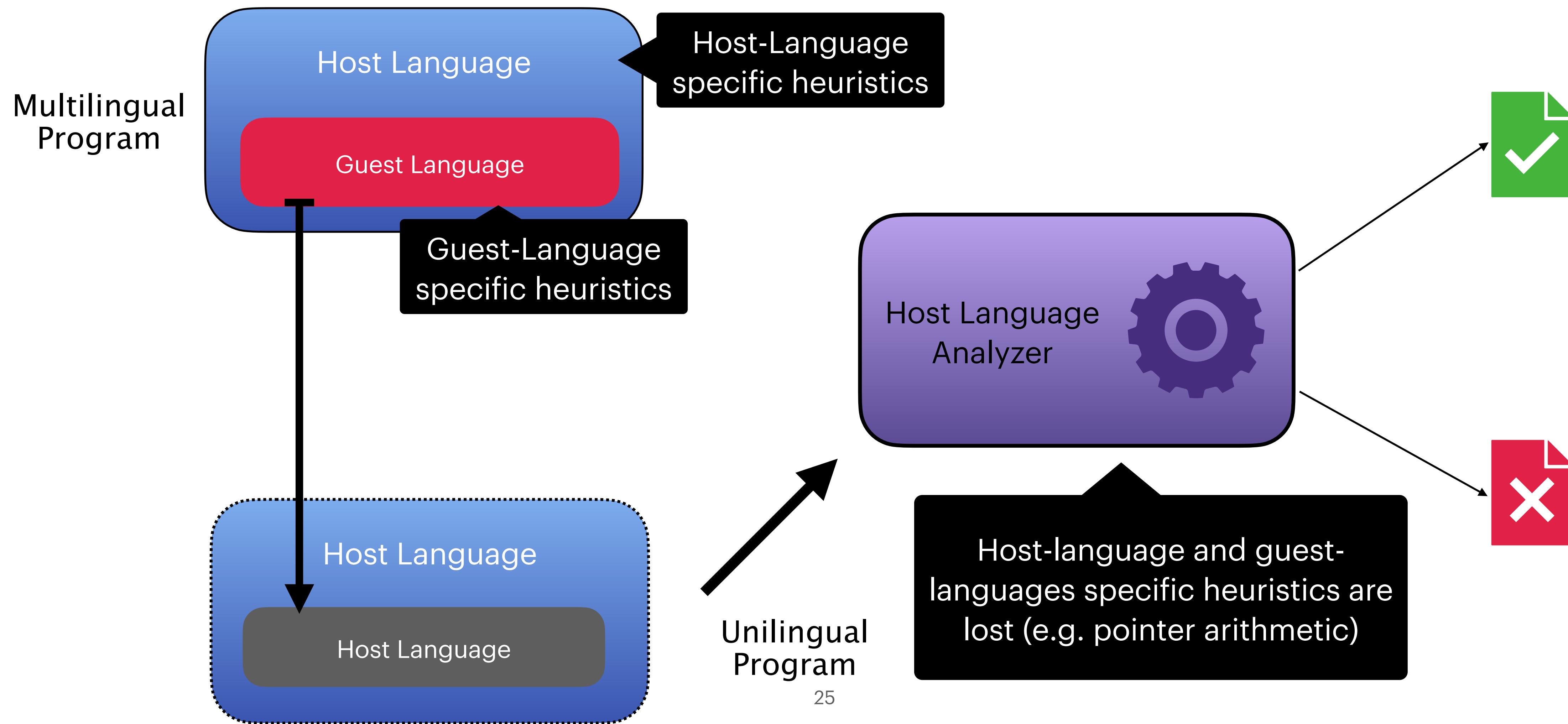
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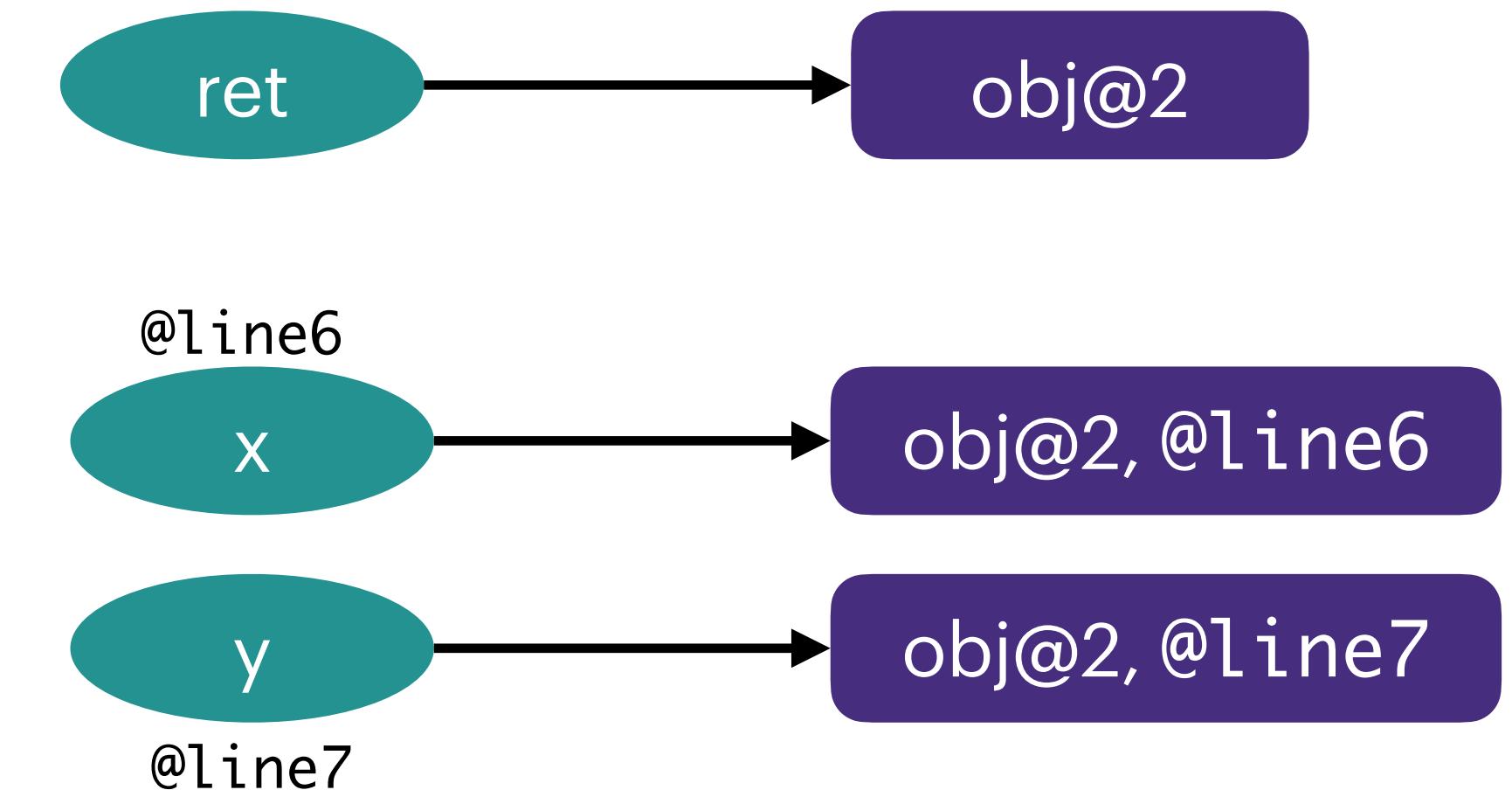
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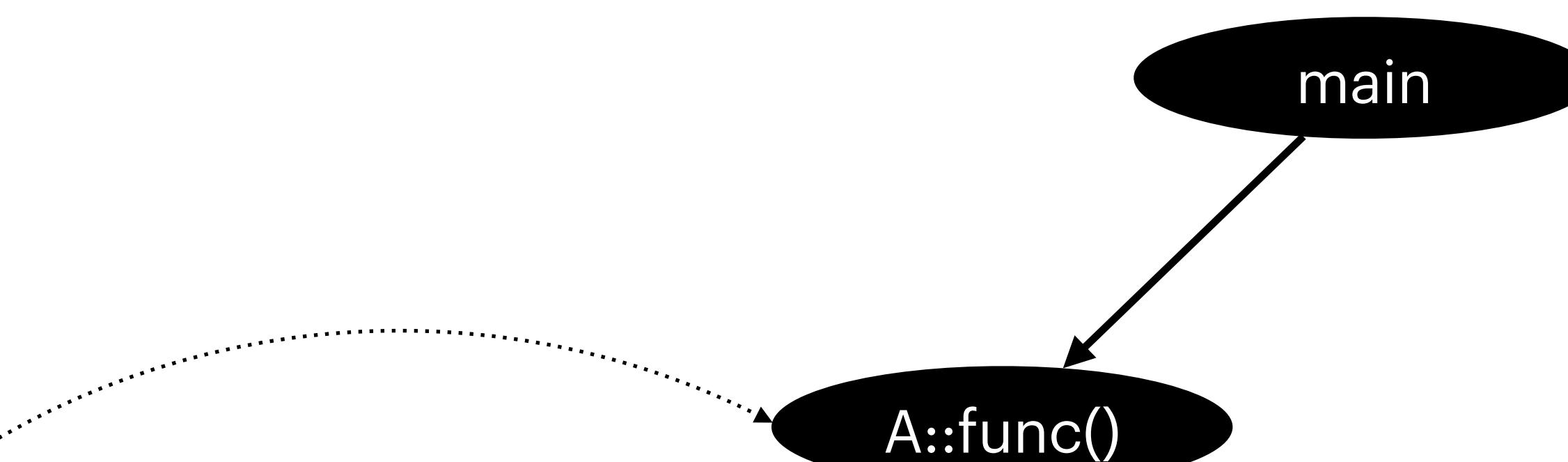
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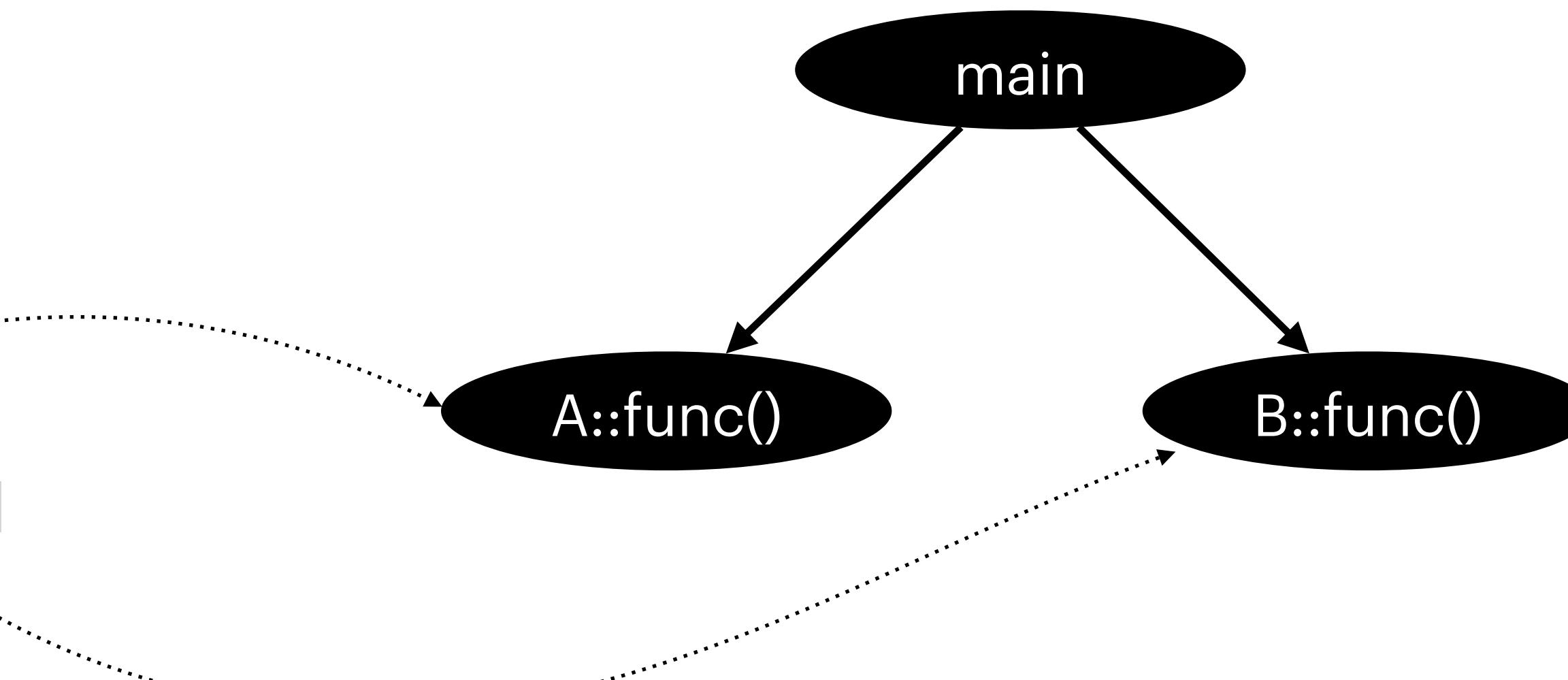


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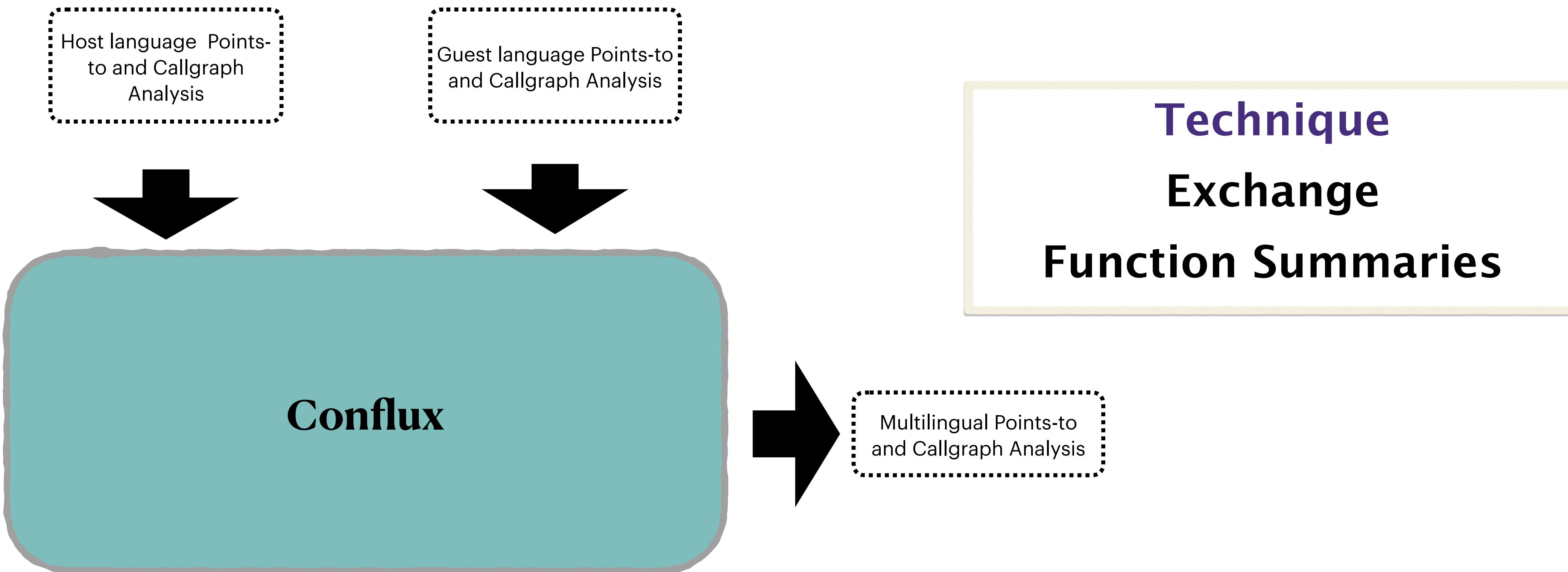
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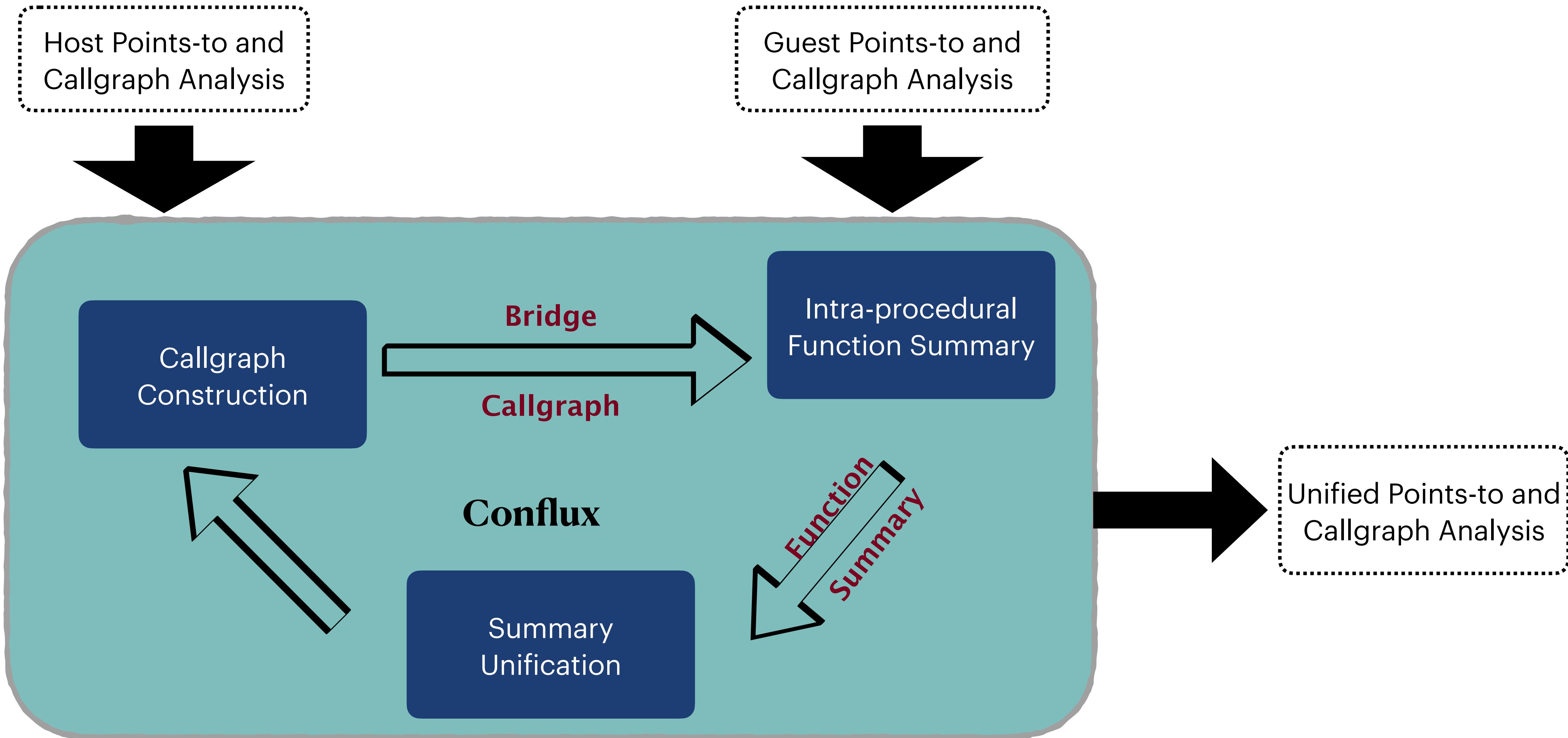
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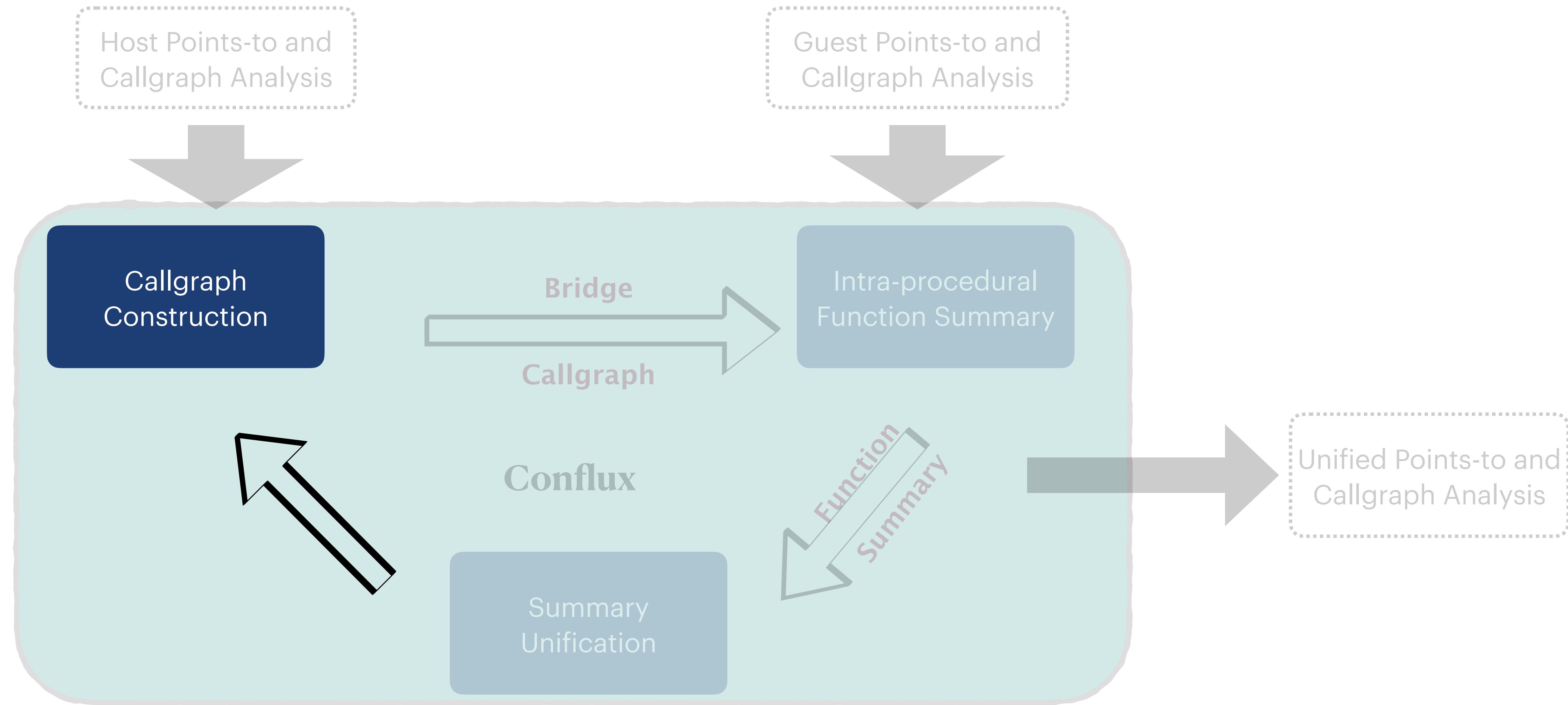


Combining Points-to and Callgraph Analyses



Conflux: Combining Static Analyses

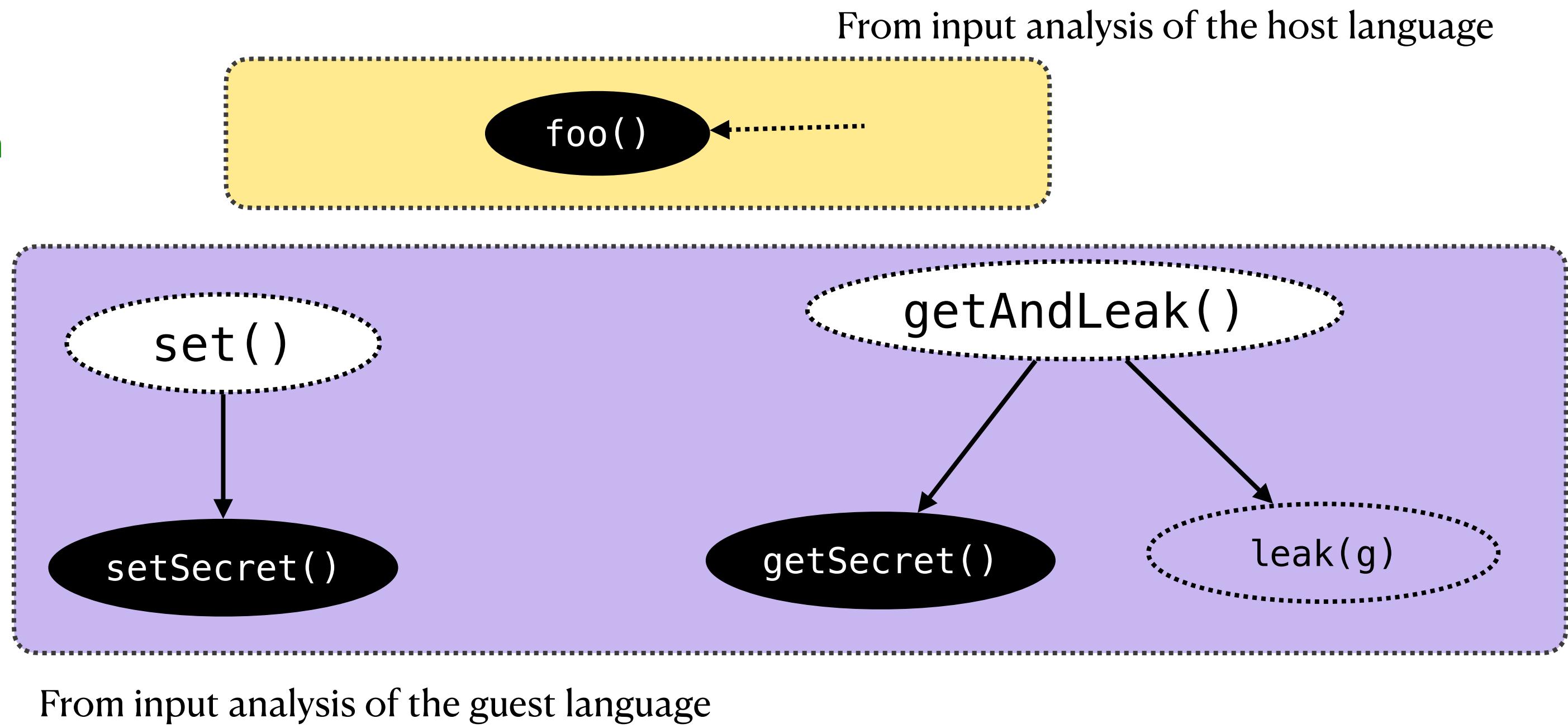




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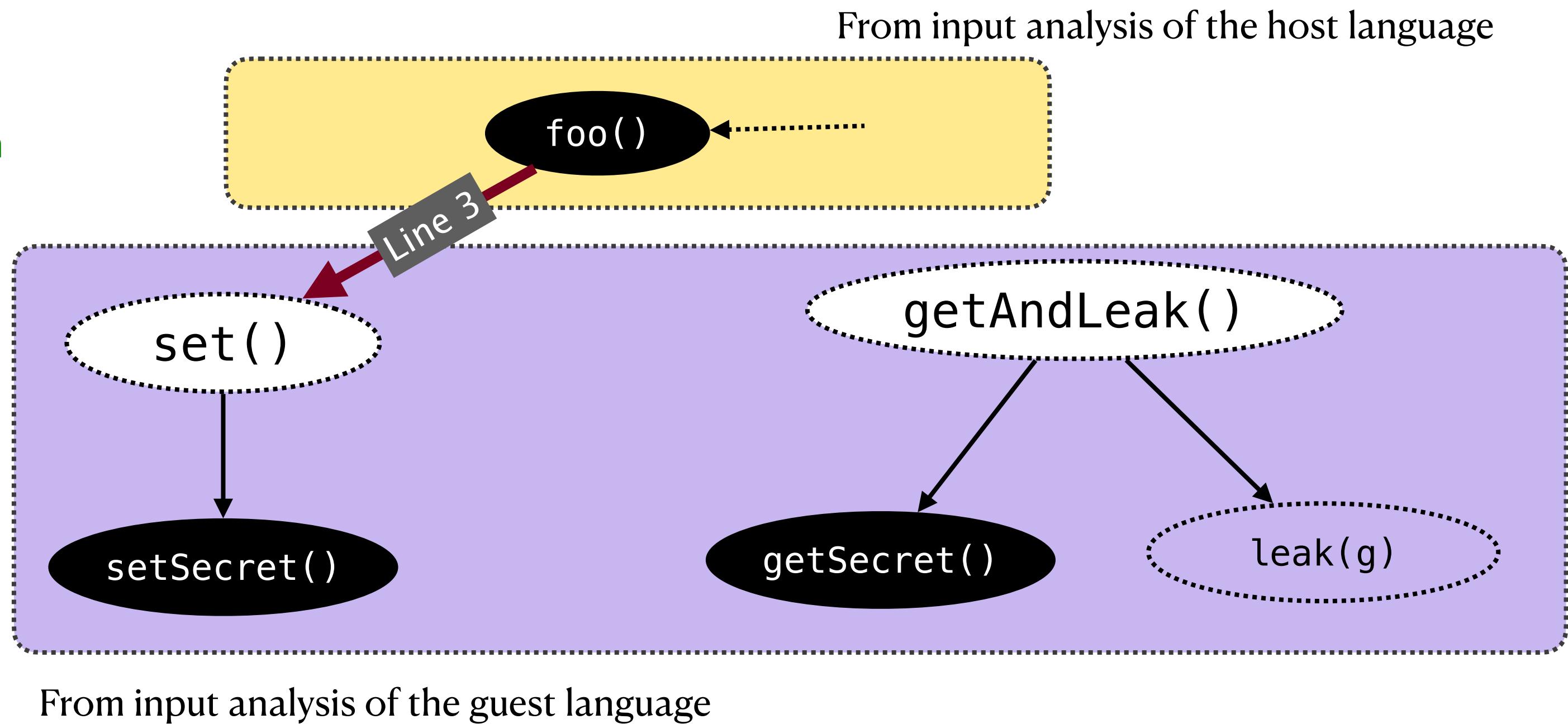
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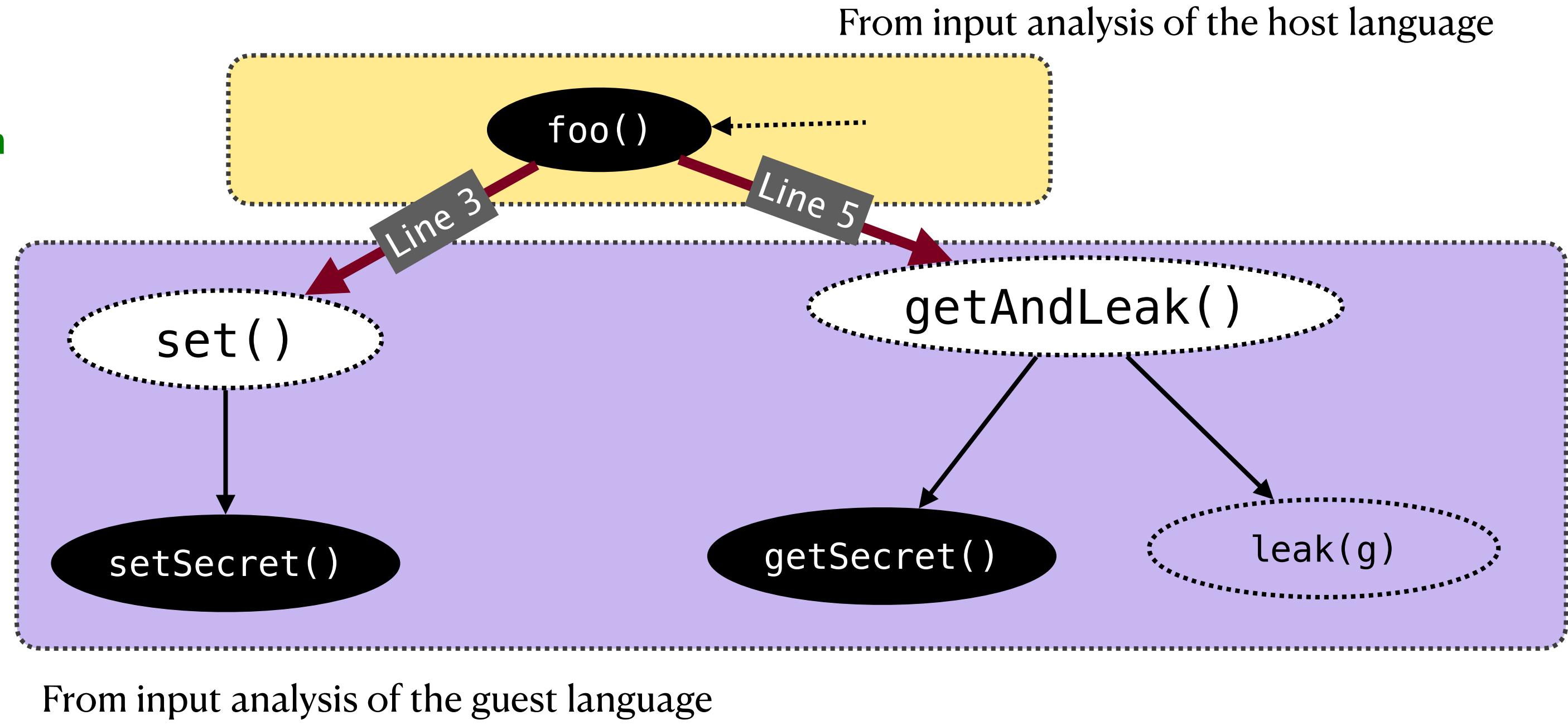
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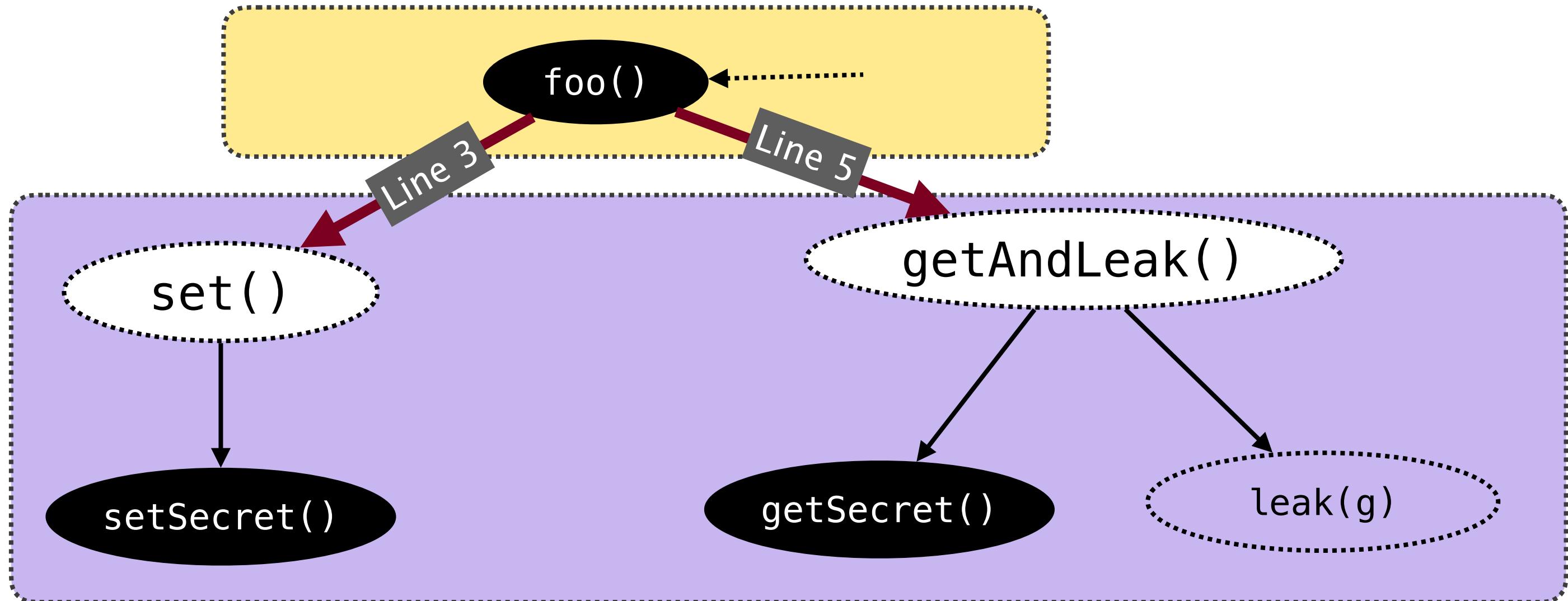
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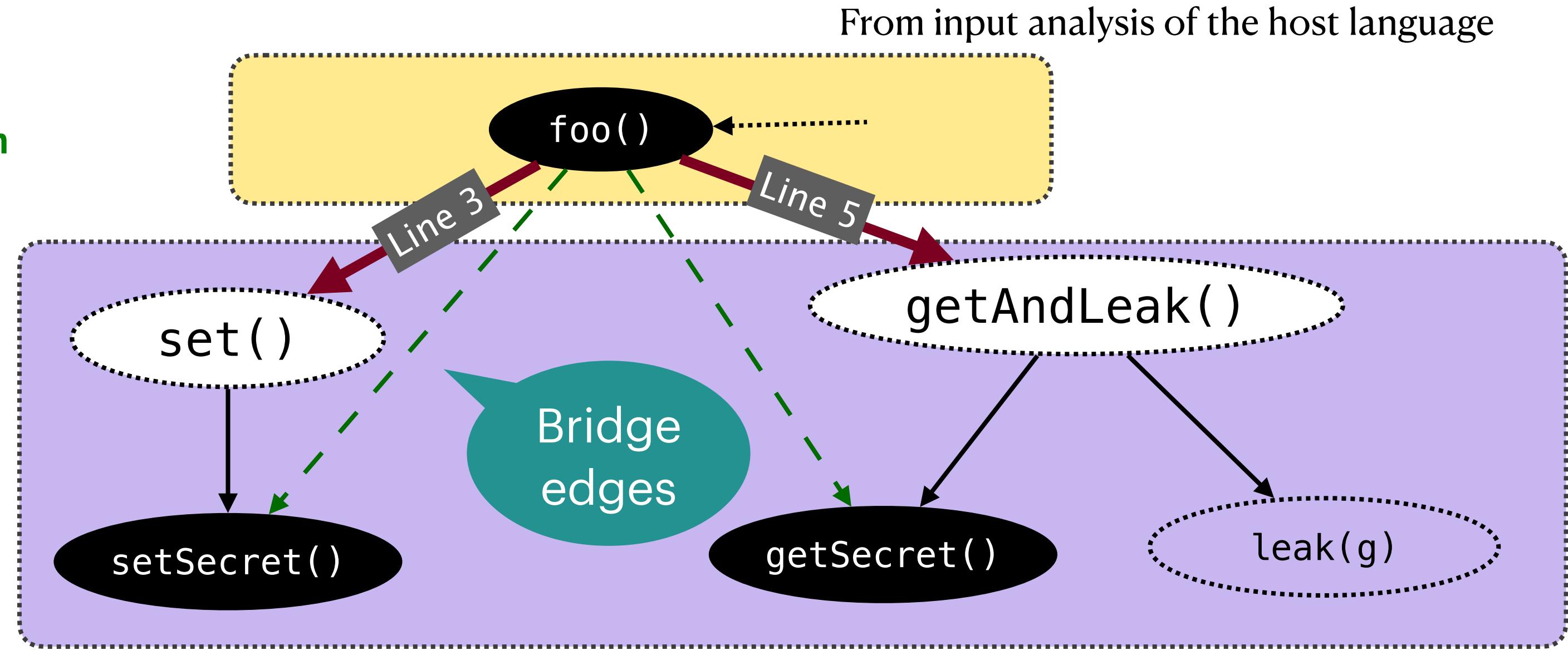
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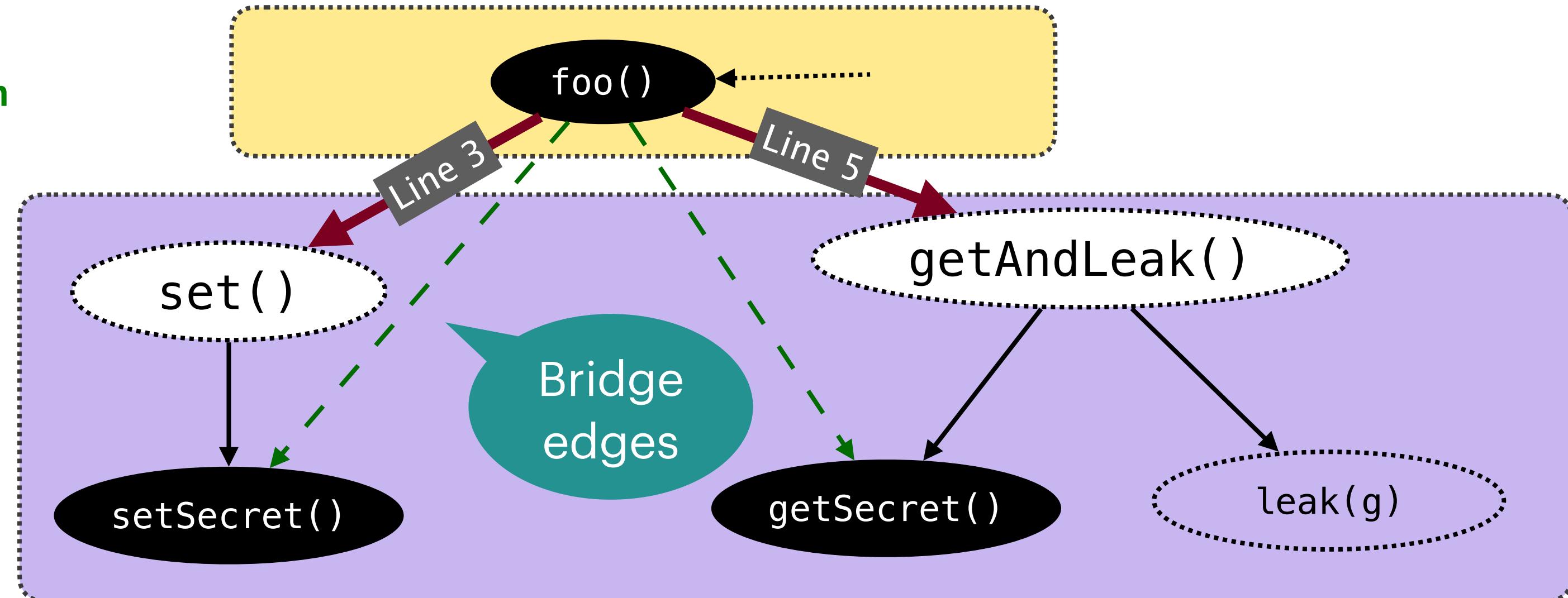
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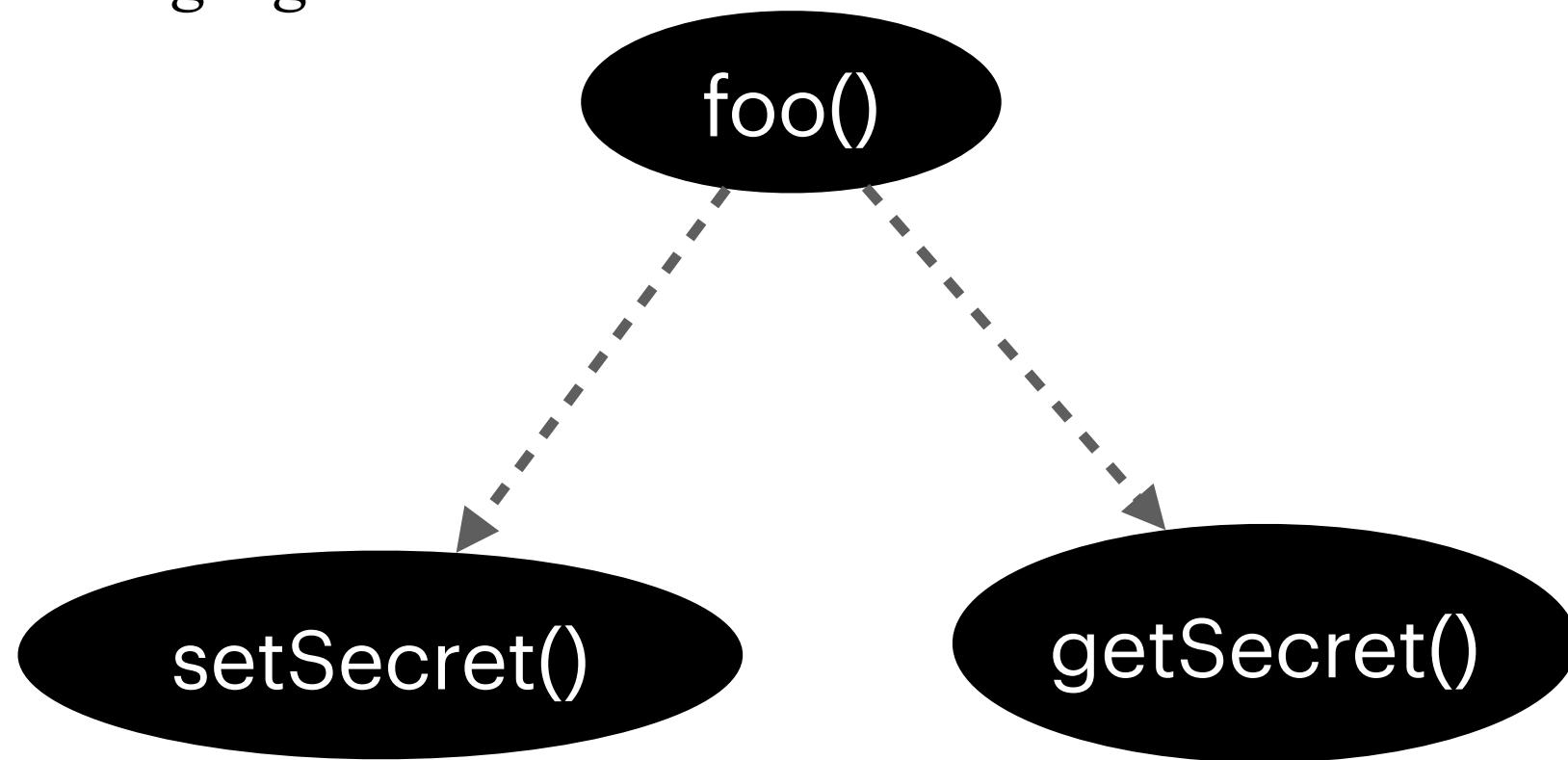
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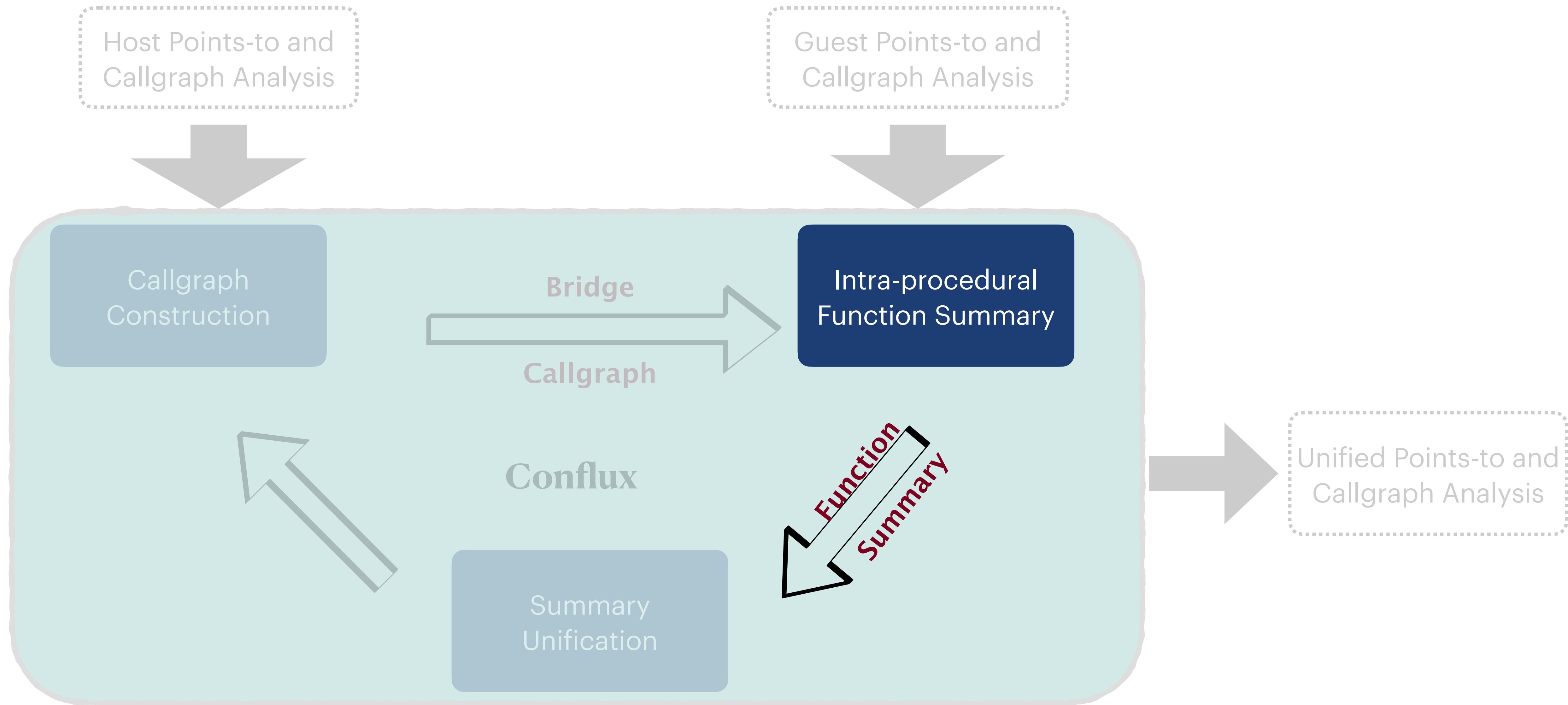
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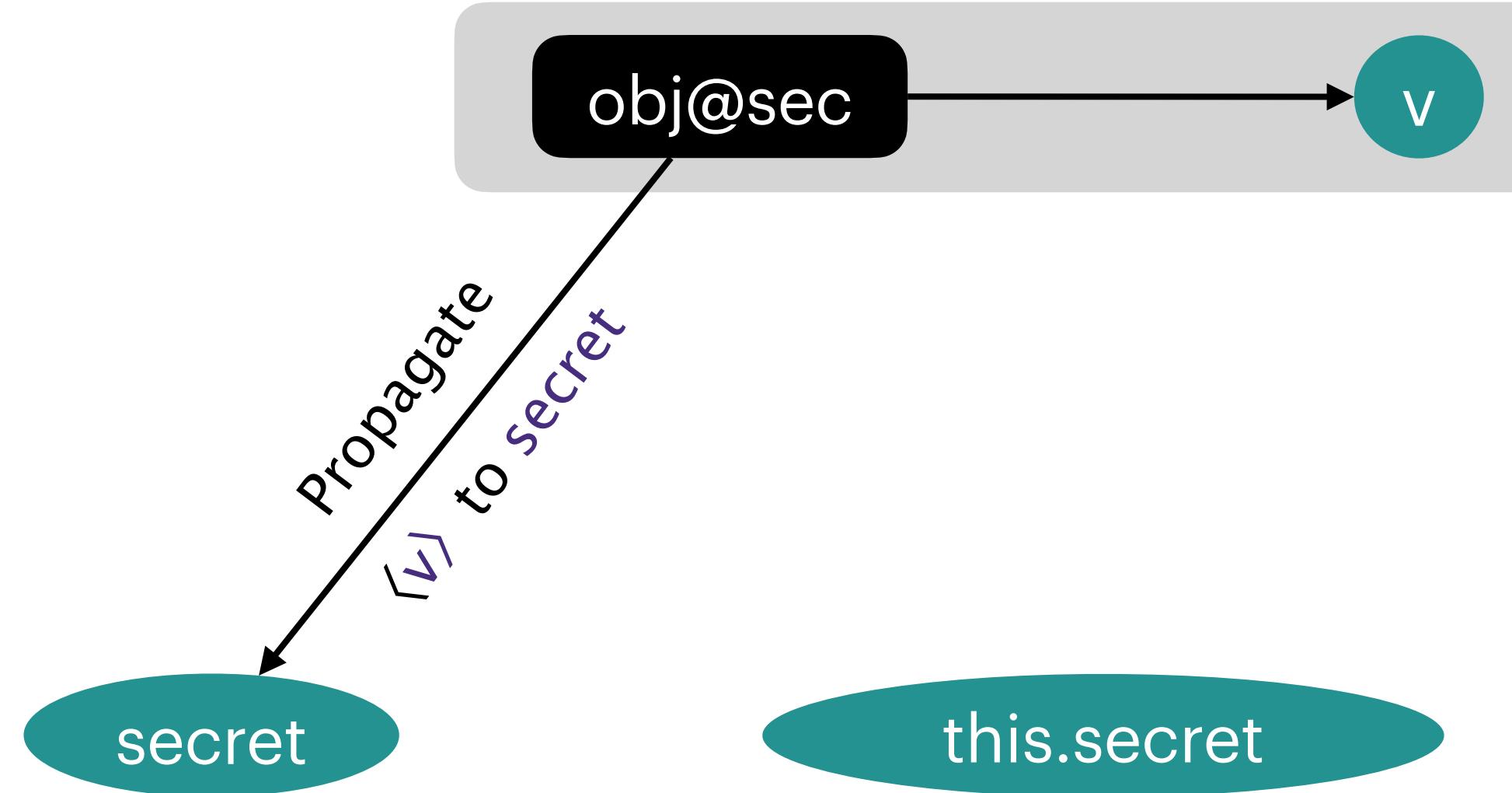
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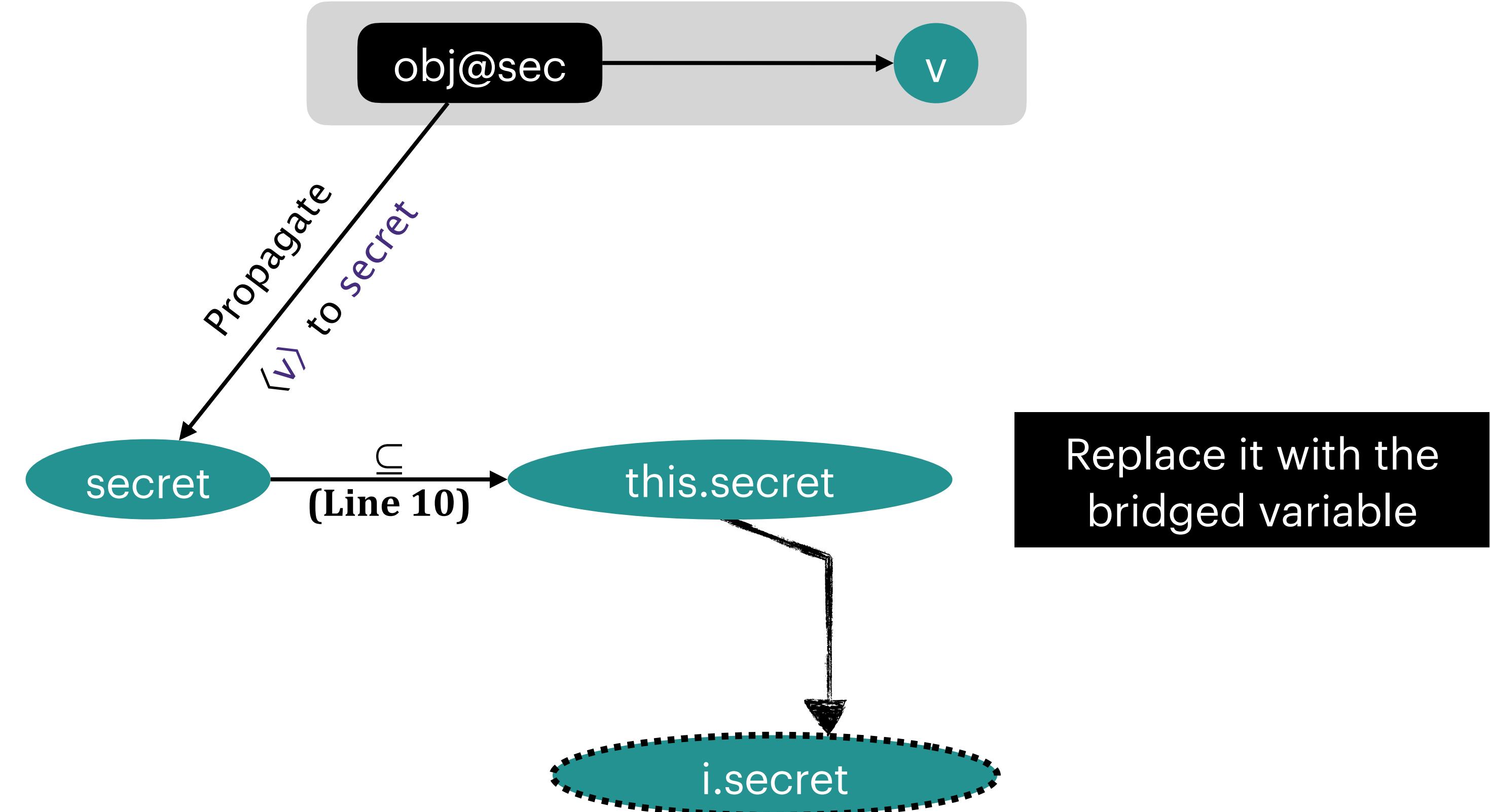
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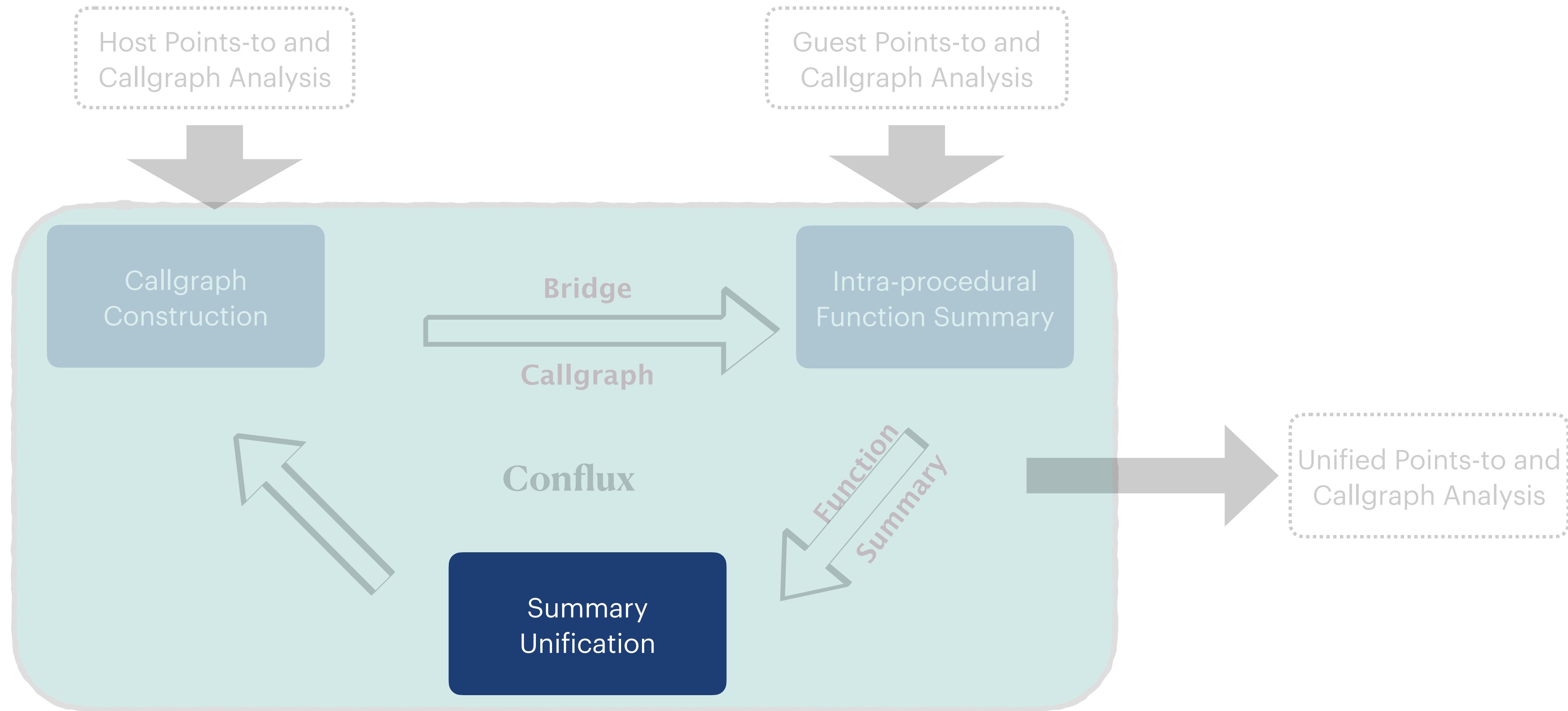
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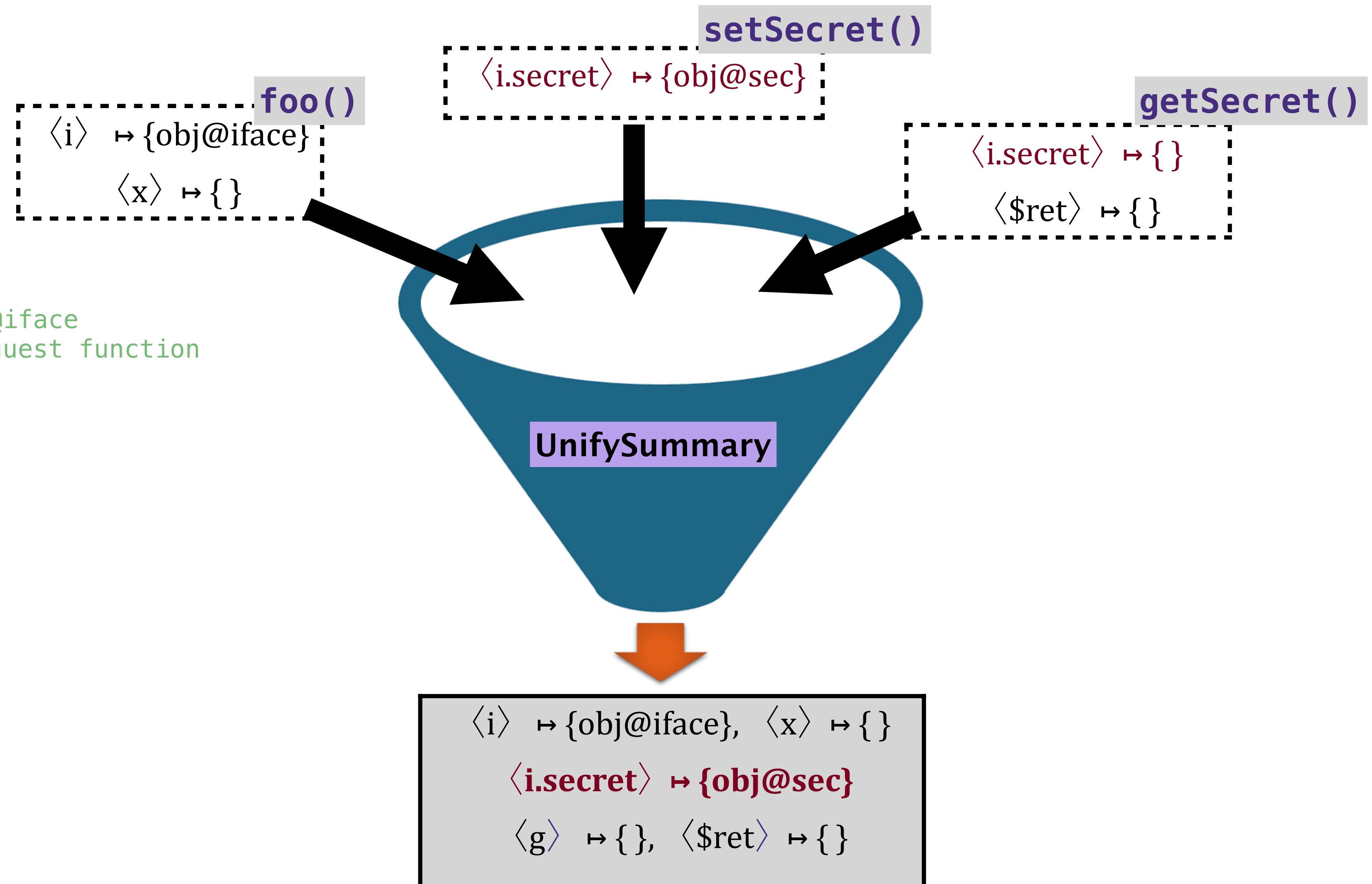


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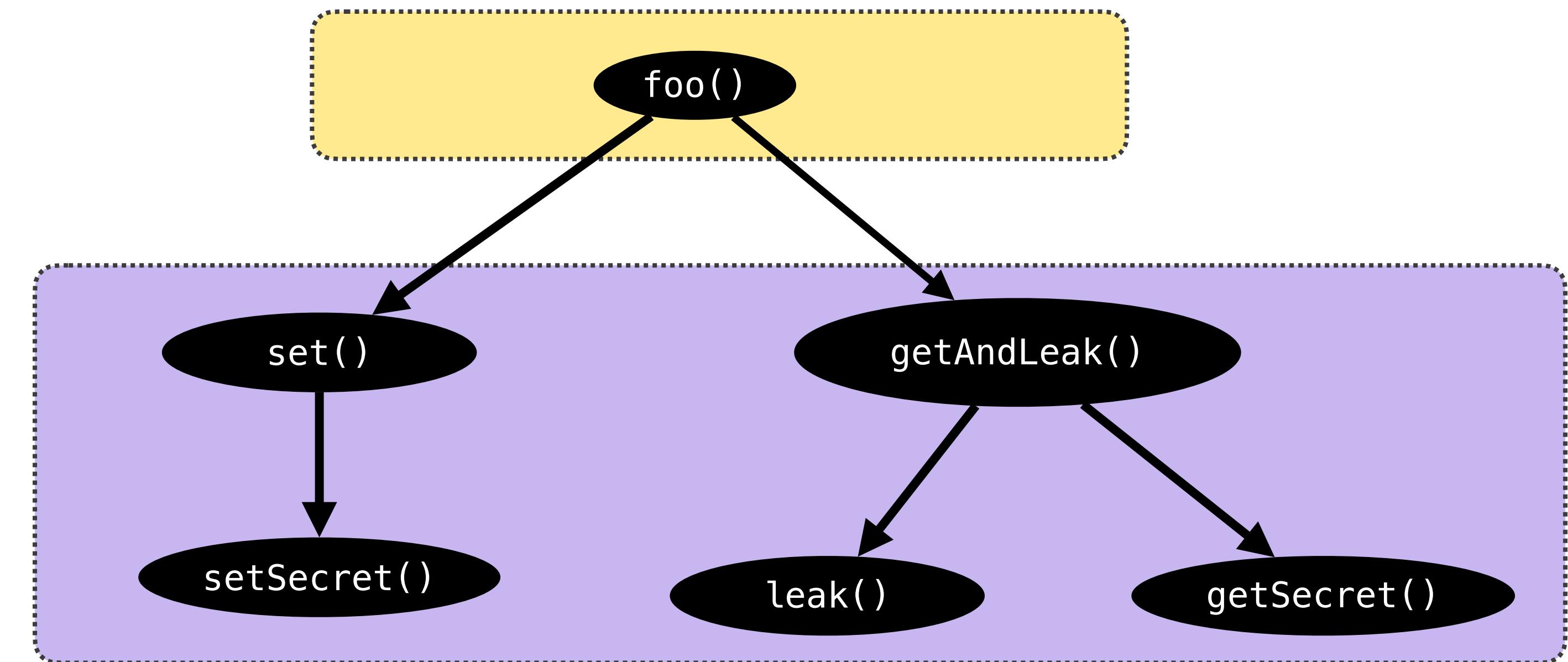


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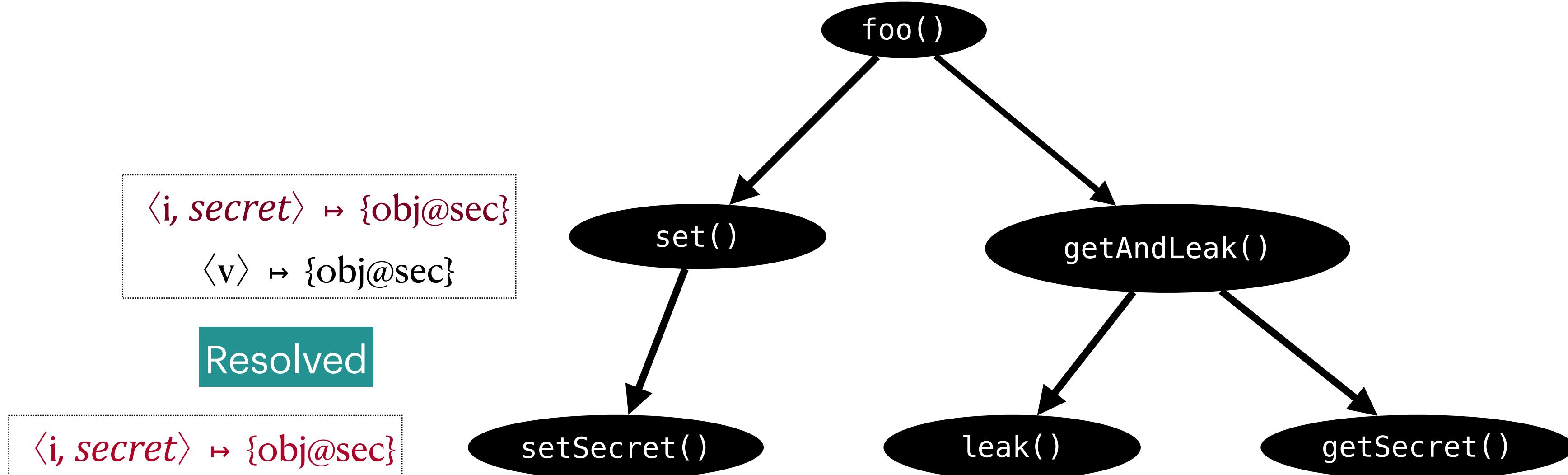
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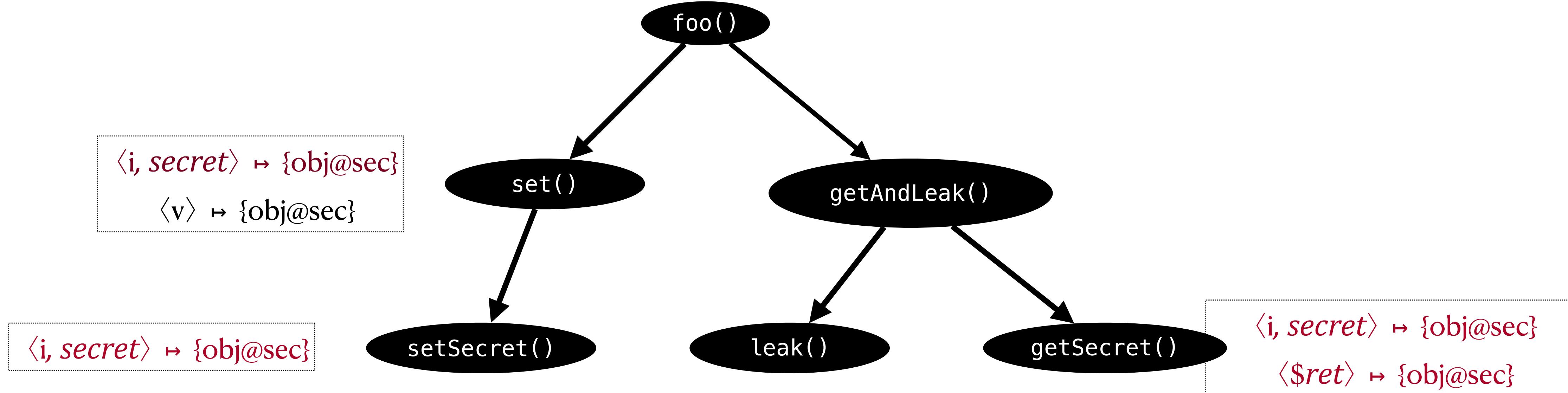


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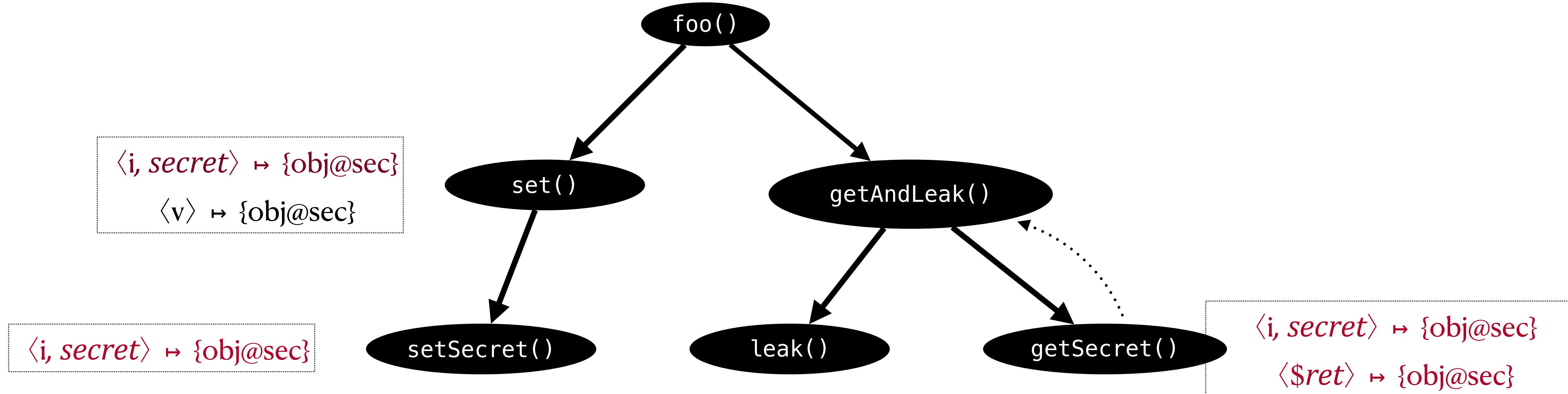


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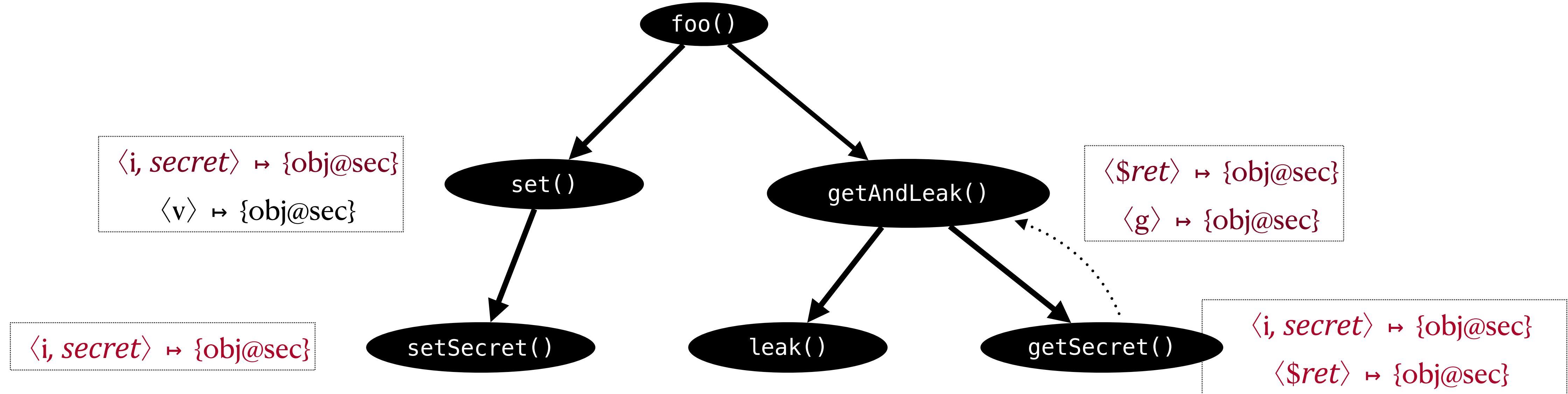


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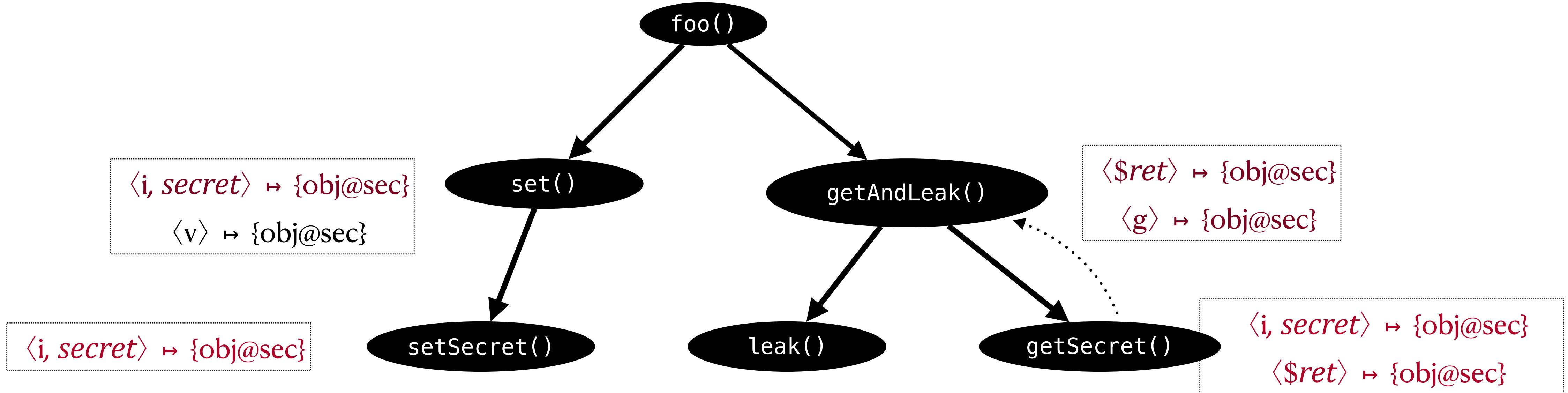
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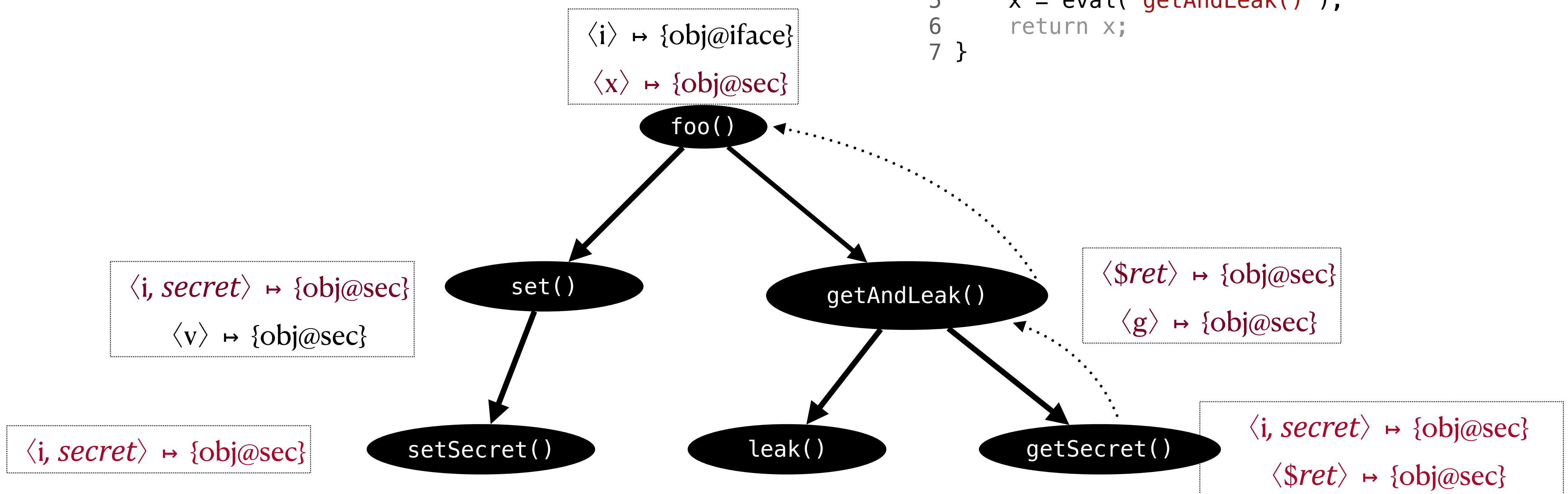
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Android NDK (Nativeflow microbenchmarks)

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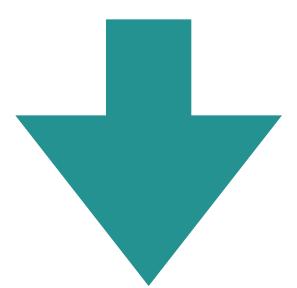
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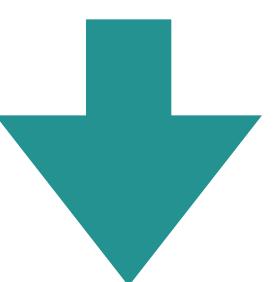
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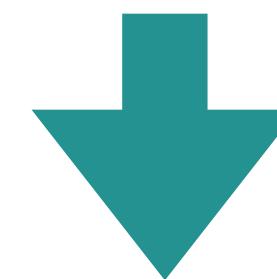
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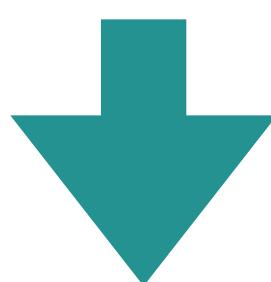
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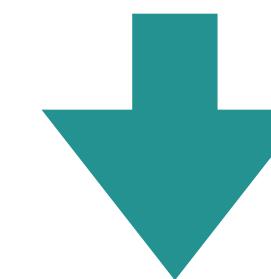
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