



# JEST: N+1-version Differential Testing of Both JavaScript Engines and Specification

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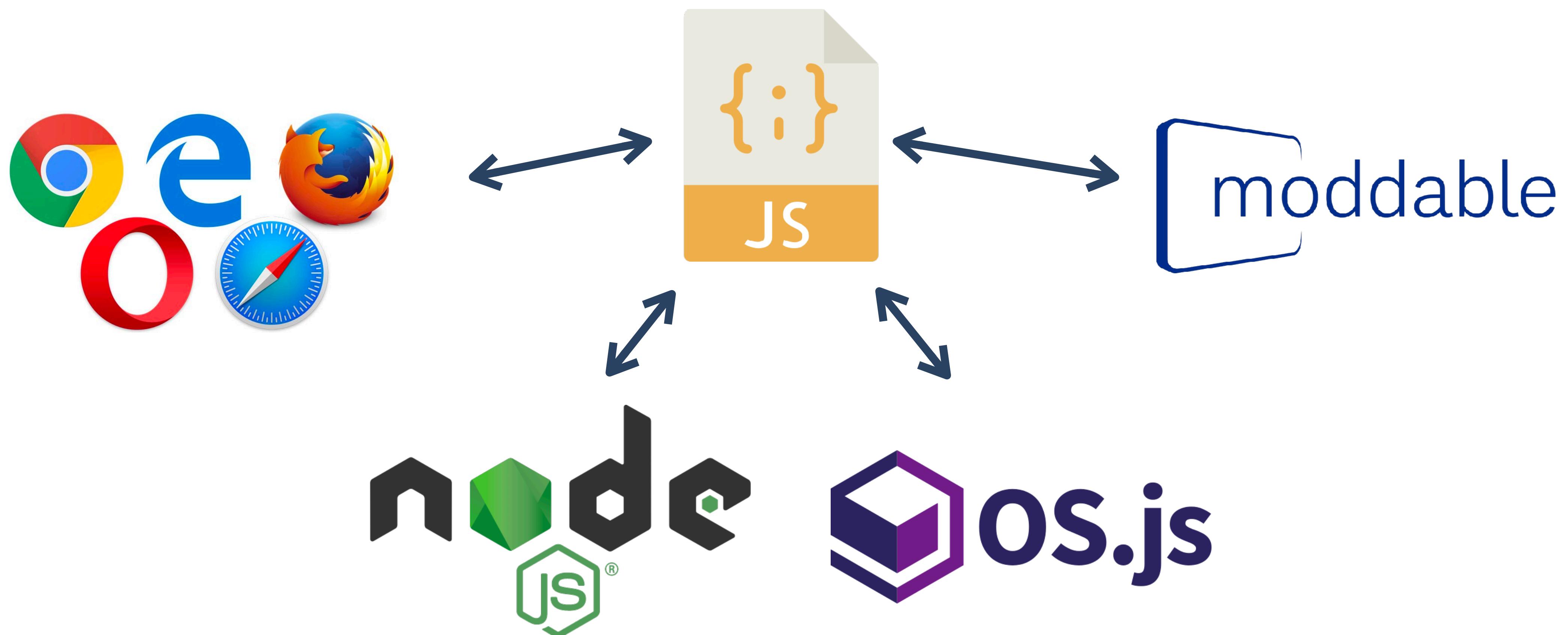
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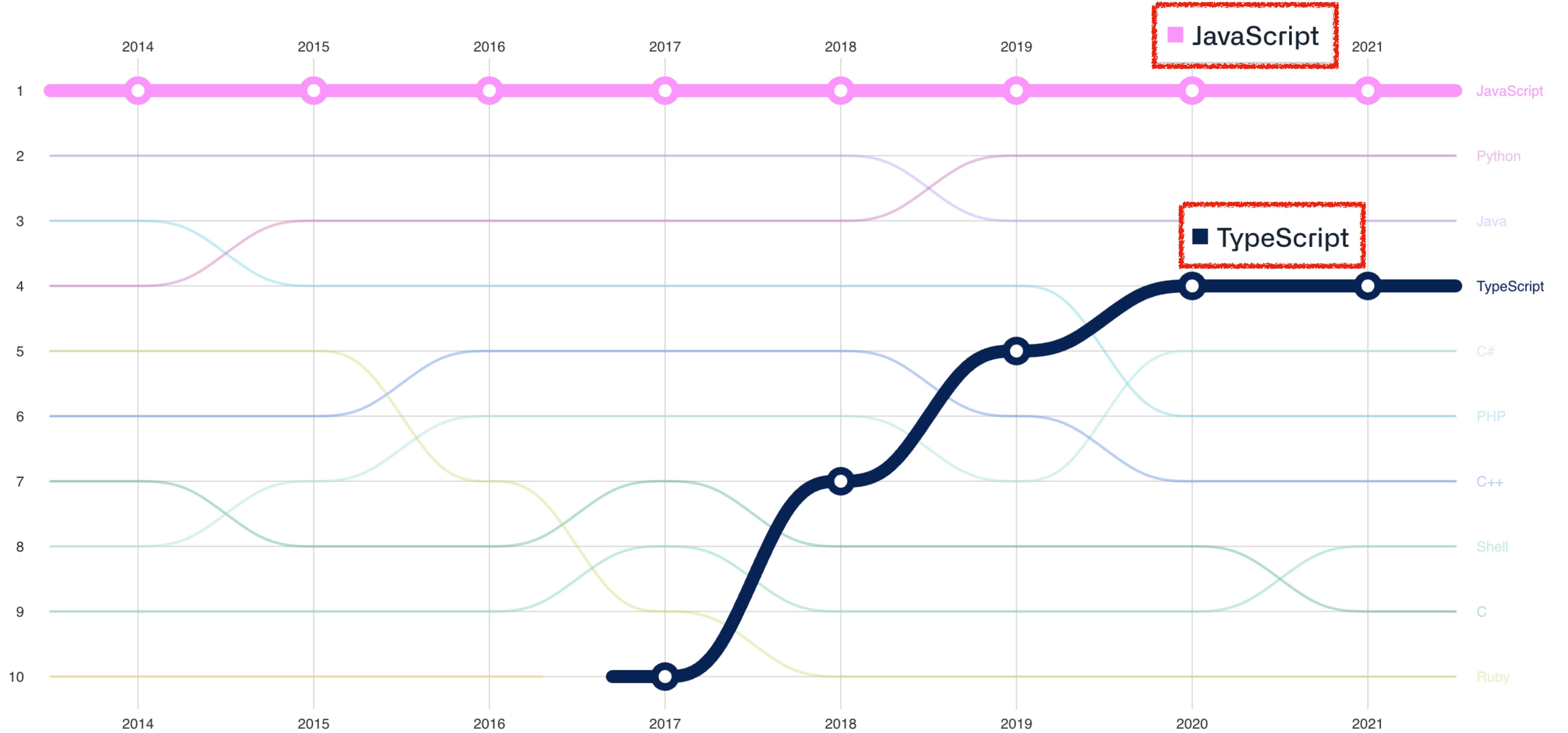
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# JavaScript is Everywhere





<https://octoverse.github.com/>

# JavaScript Complex Semantics

```
function f(x) { return x == !x; }
```

Always return **false**?

**NO!!**

```
f( []) -> [] == ![]
-> [] == false
-> +[] == +false
-> 0 == 0
-> true
```

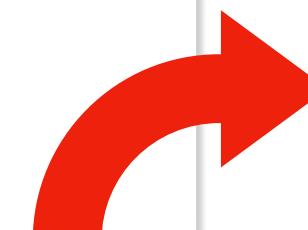
# ECMAScript: JavaScript Specification



Semantics

Syntax

```
ArrayLiteral [Yield, Await] :  
  [ Elisionopt ]  
  [ ElementList [?Yield, ?Await] ]  
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```



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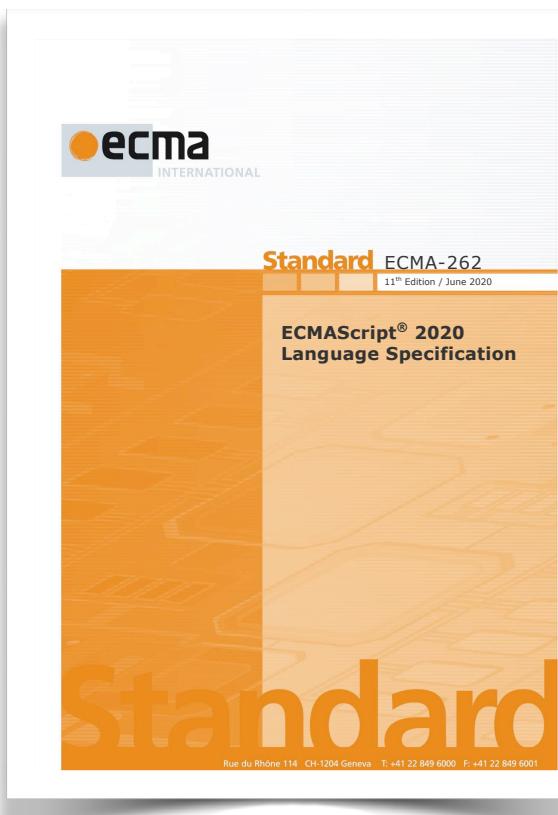
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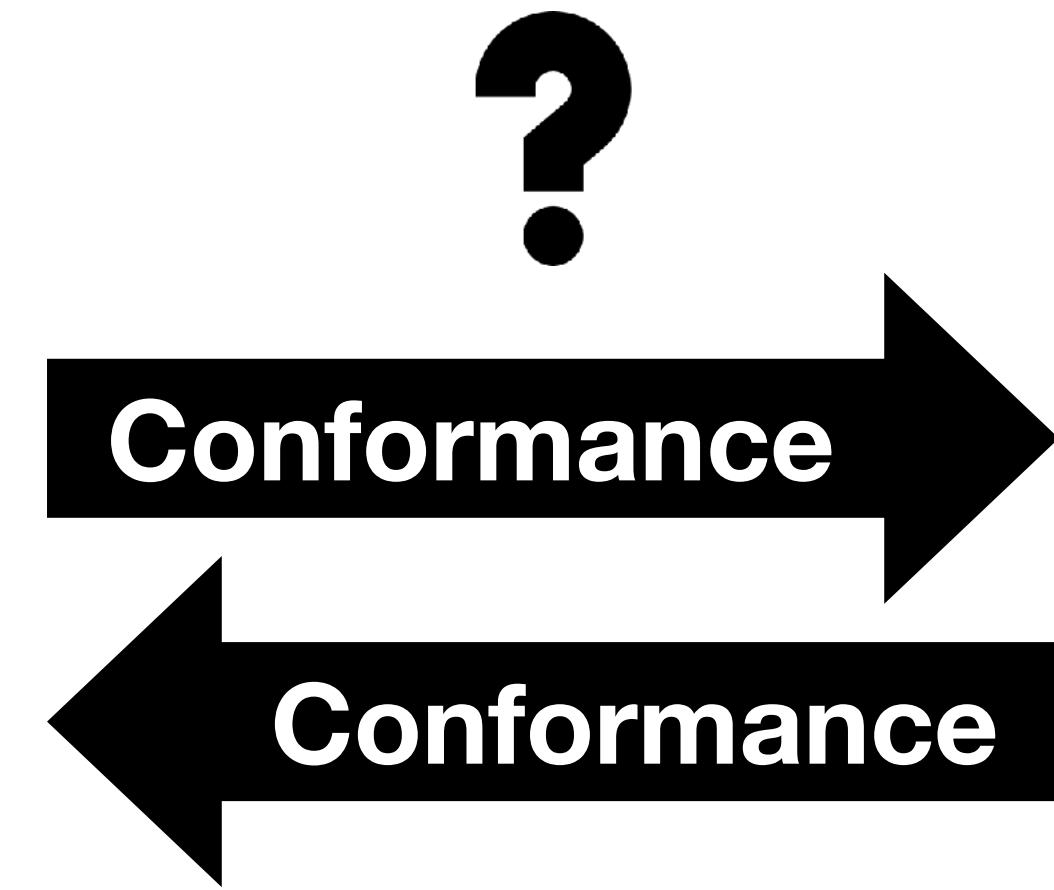
The production of *ArrayLiteral* in ES12

The Evaluation algorithm for  
the third alternative of *ArrayLiteral* in ES12

# JavaScript Specification and Engines

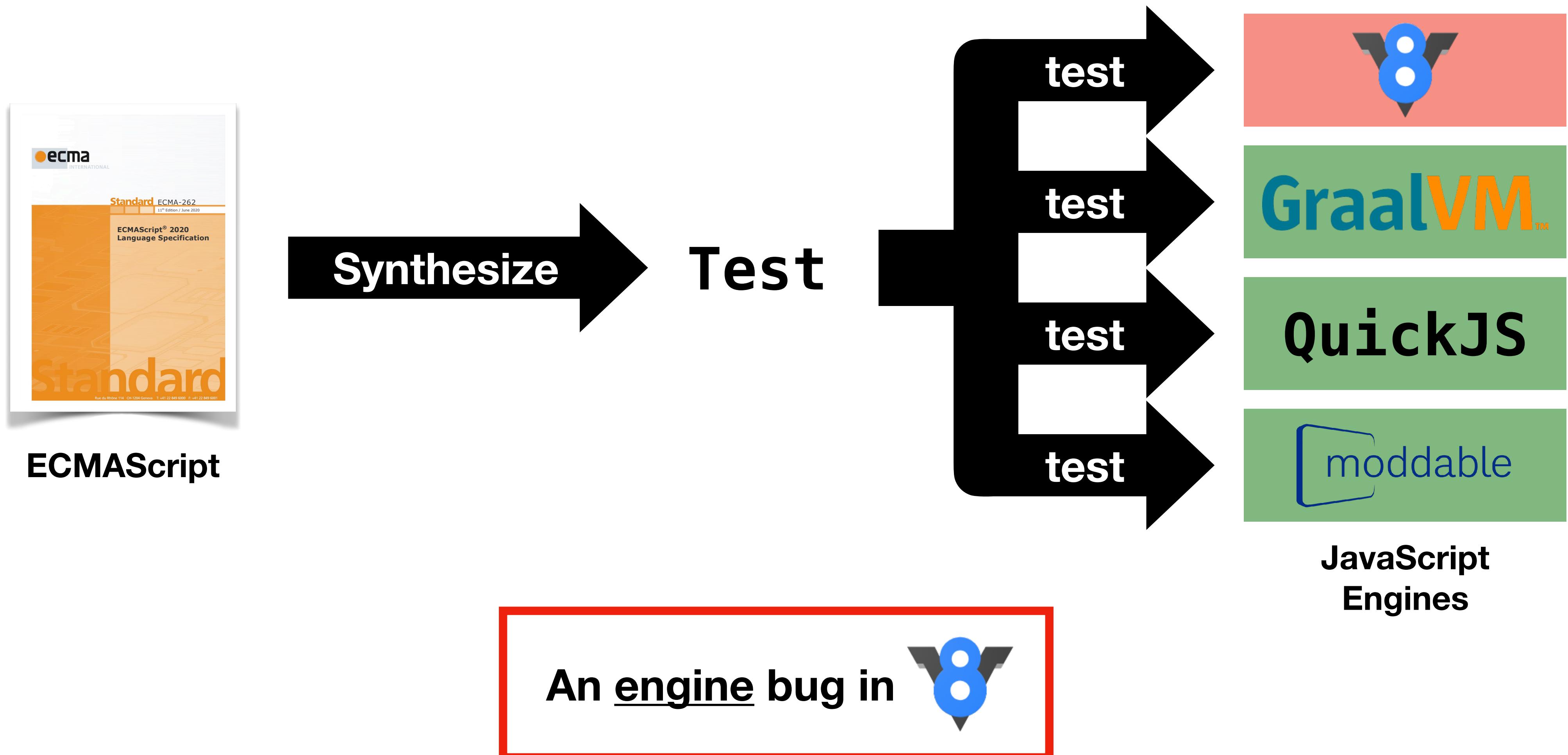


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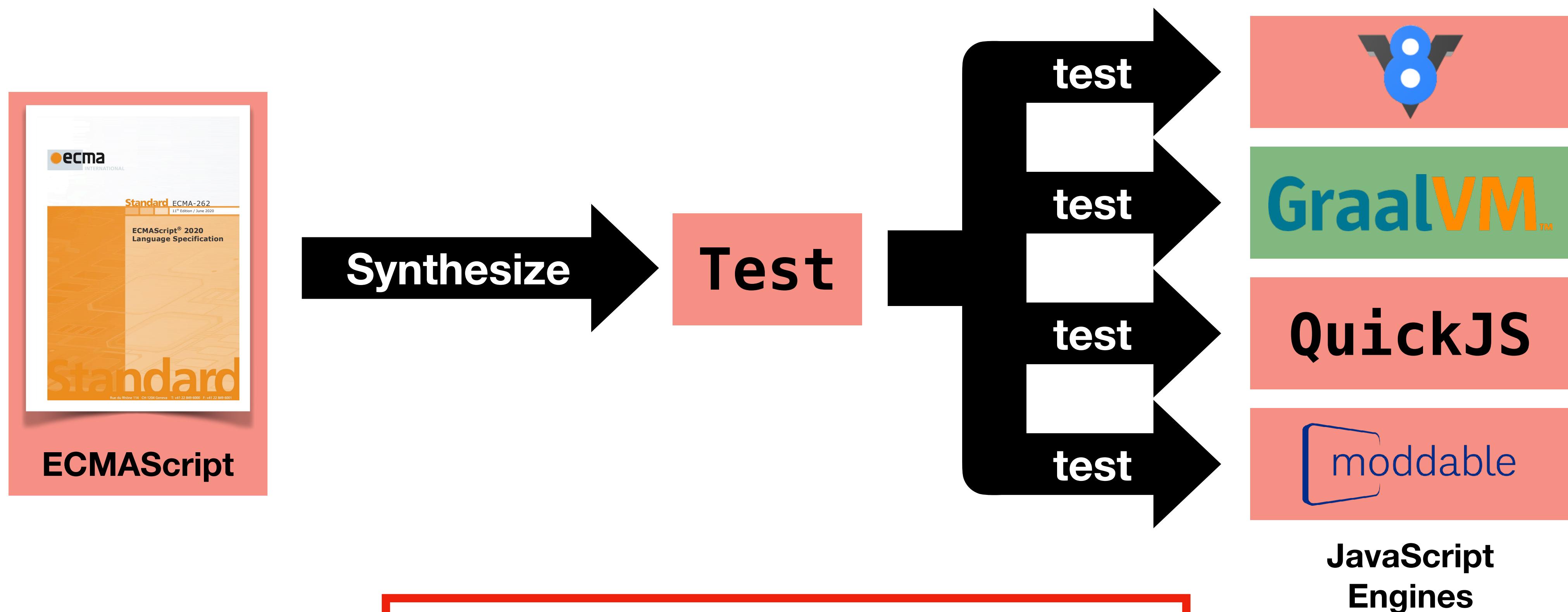


JavaScript  
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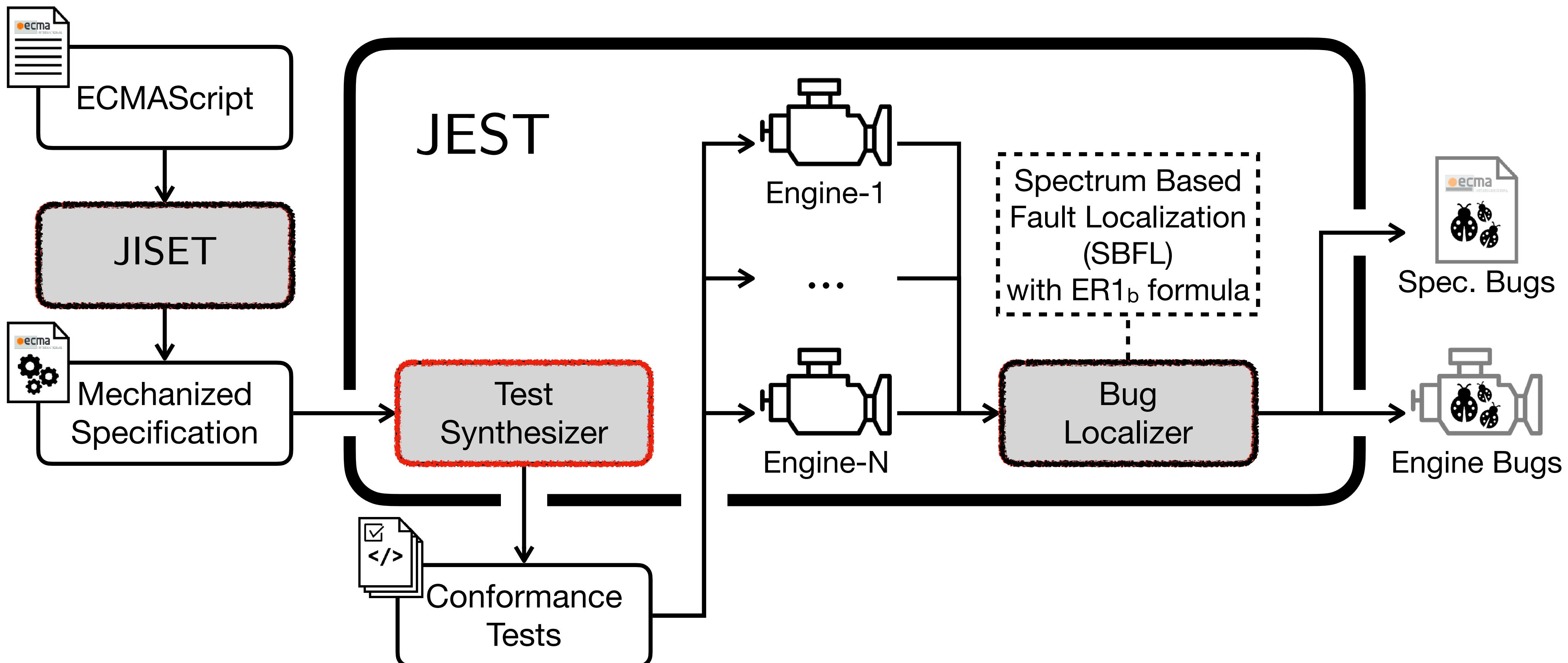


A specification bug in ECMAScript

An engine bug in GraalVM™

# JEST

## JavaScript Engines and Specification Tester



[ASE'20] Park et al, “JISET: Javascript IR-based Semantics Extraction Toolchain”

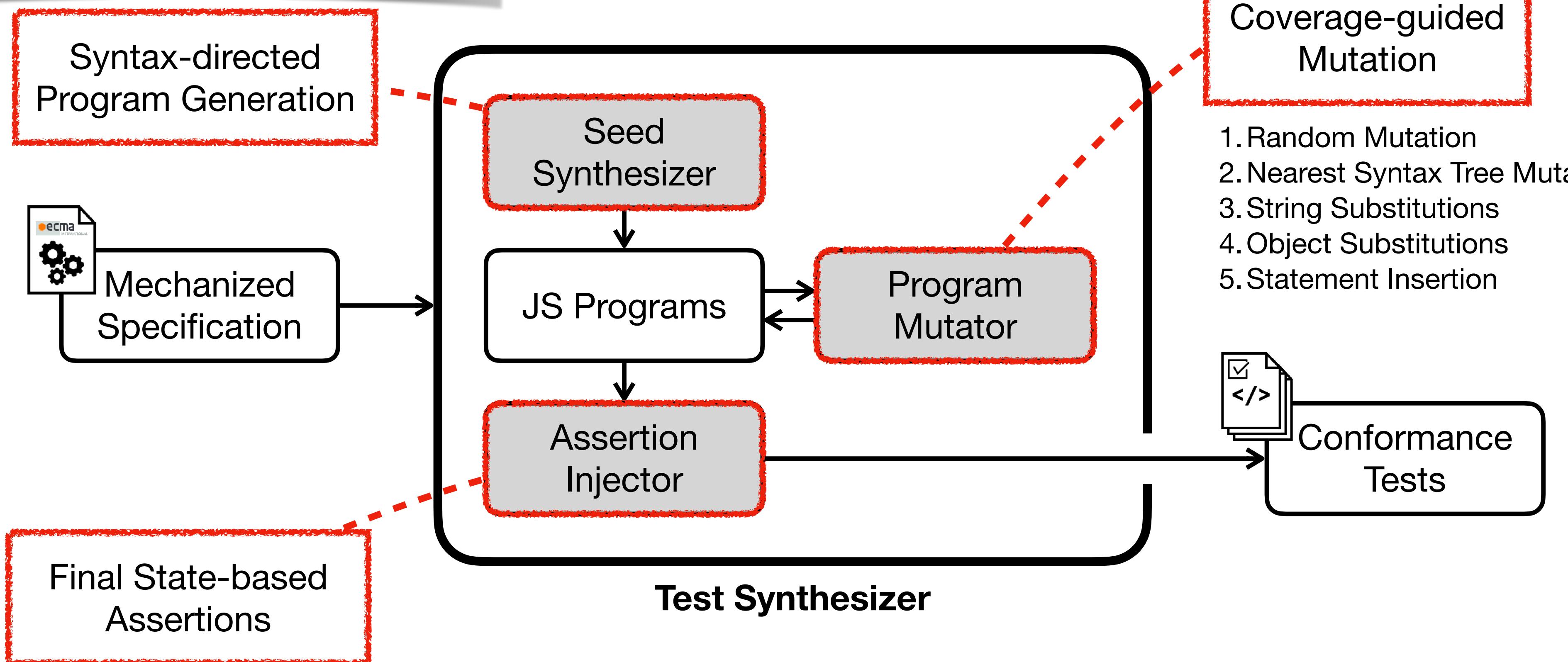
# JEST - Test Synthesizer

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# JEST - Assertion Injector (7 Kinds)

## 1. Variable Values (Var)

```
+ var x = 1 + 2;  
+ $assert.sameValue(x, 3);
```

## 2. Object Values (Obj)

```
+ var x = {}, y = {}, z = { p: x, q: y };  
+ $assert.sameValue(z.p, x);  
+ $assert.sameValue(z.q, y);
```

## 3. Exceptions (Exc)

```
+ // Throw (SyntaxError)  
let x = 42;  
function x() {};
```

## 4. Aborts (Abort)

```
+ // Abort  
var x = 42; x++;
```

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## 5. Object Properties (Desc)

```
var x = { p: 42 };
+ $verifyProperty(x, "p", {
+   value: 42.0, writable: true,
+   enumerable: true, configurable: true
+ });
```

## 6. Property Keys (Key)

```
var x = {[Symbol.match]: 0, p: 0, 3: 0, q: 0, 1: 0};
+ $assert.compareArray(
+   Reflect.ownKeys(x),
+   ["1", "3", "p", "q", Symbol.match]
+ );
```

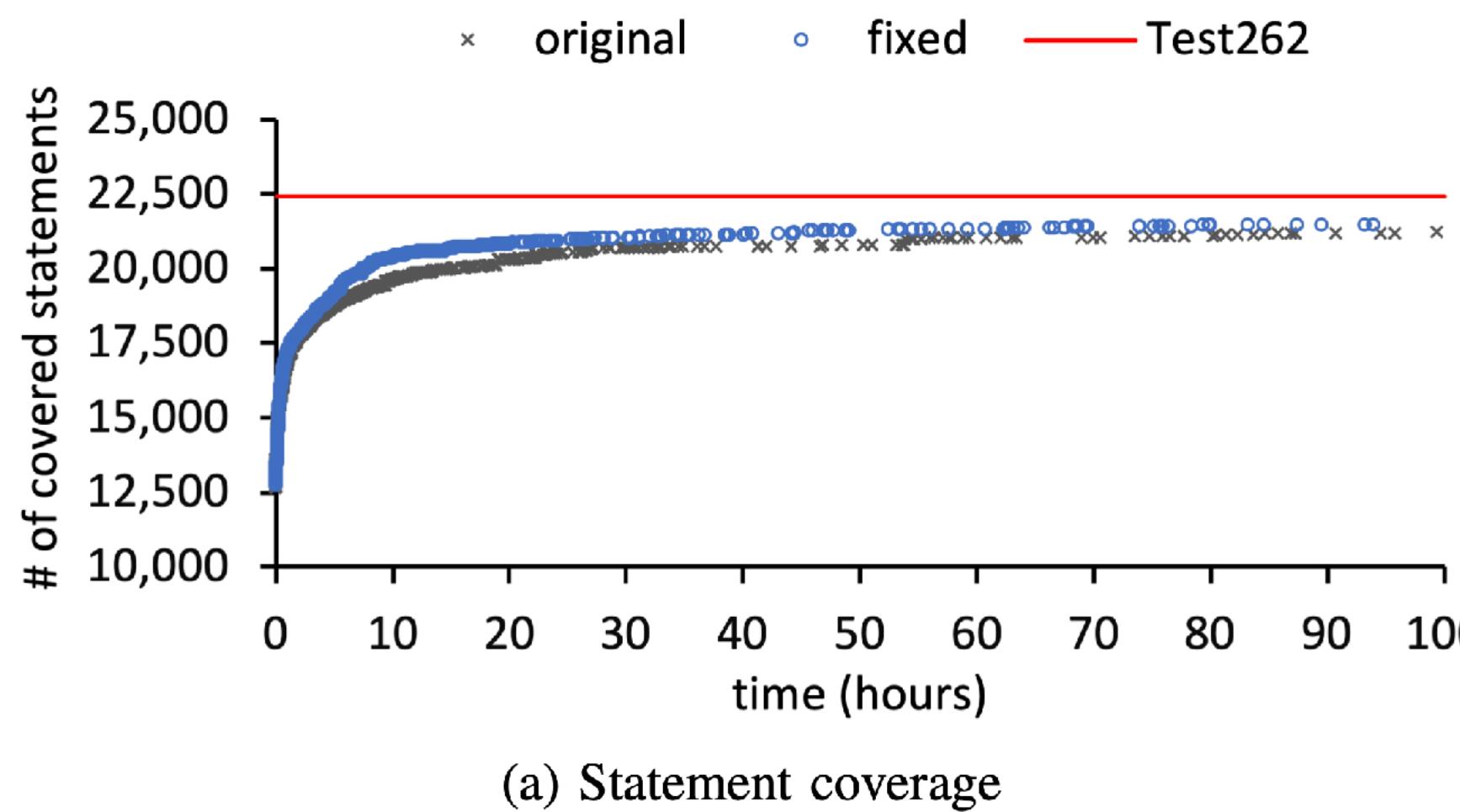
## 7. Internal Methods and Slots (In)

```
function f() {}
+ $assert.sameValue(Object.getPrototypeOf(f),
+                   Function.prototype);
+ $assert.sameValue(Object.isExtensible(x), true);
+ $assert.callable(f);
+ $assert.constructable(f);
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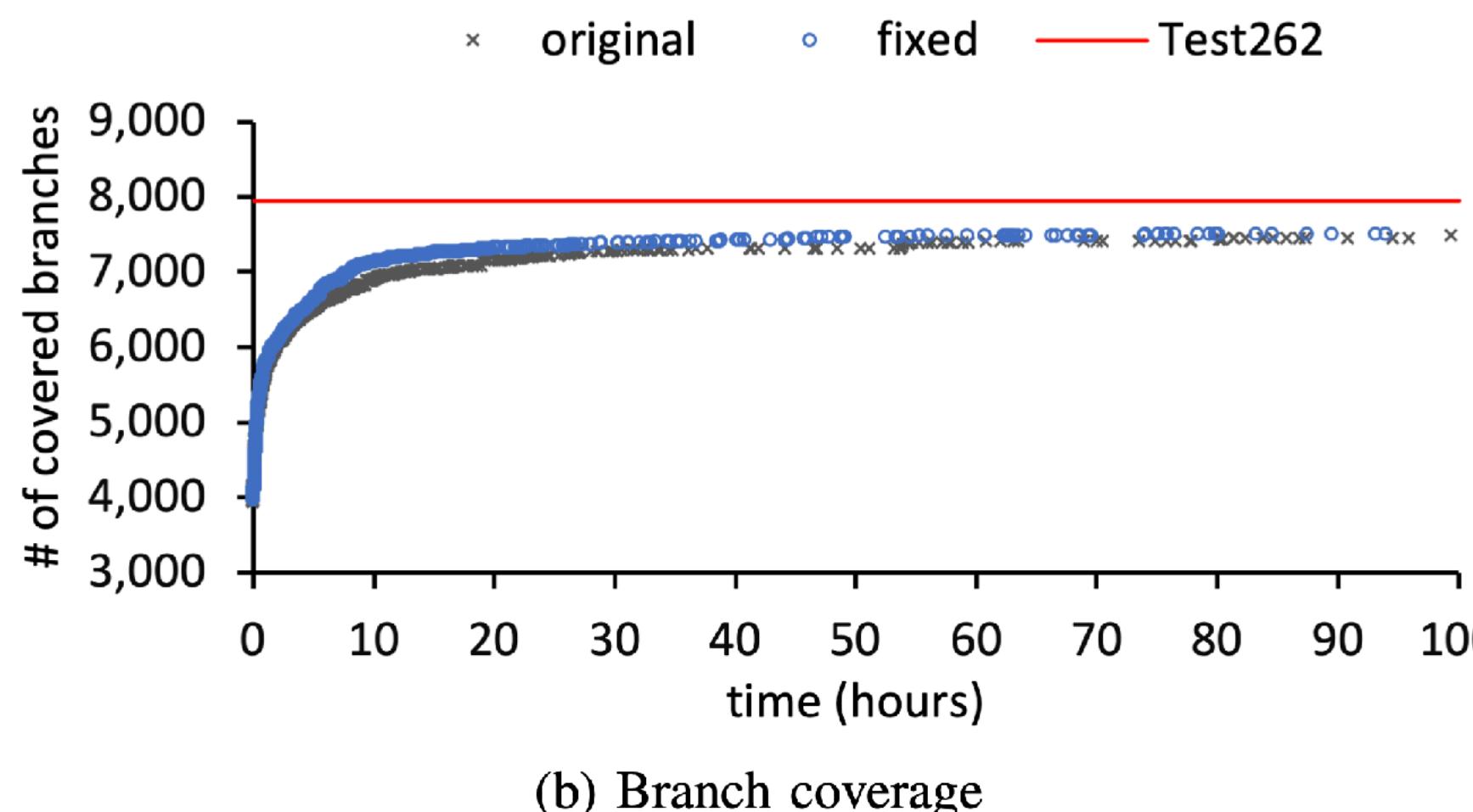
# Evaluation

- **JavaScript Specification**
  - ECMAScript 2020 (ES11) - released in June 2020
- **JavaScript Engines**
  - **V8** - v8.3 by Google
  - **GraalJS** - v20.1.0 by Oracle
  - **QuickJS** - 2020-04-12 by Fabrice Bellard
  - **Moddable XS** - v10.3.0 by Moddable Tech Inc.

# RQ1: Coverage of Synthesized Tests



- 1,700 **Synthesized Tests** in 100 hours
- **Syntax Coverage:** 97.79% (397 / 406)
- **Semantics Coverage**
  - Statement: 86.67% (21,230 / 24,495)
  - Branch: 77.95% (7,480 / 9,596)



# RQ2: Bug Detection in JavaScript Engines

TABLE II: The number of engine bugs detected by JEST

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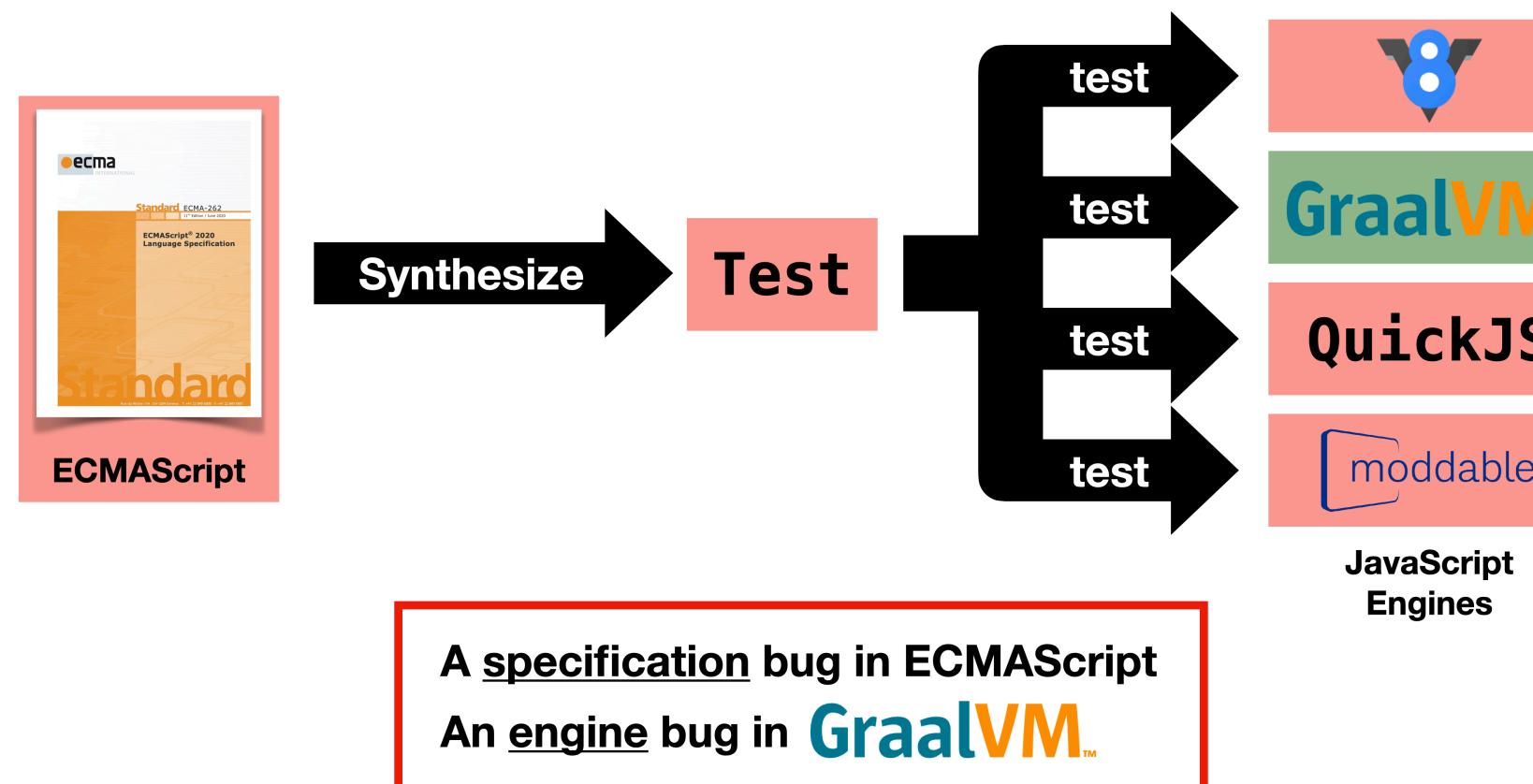
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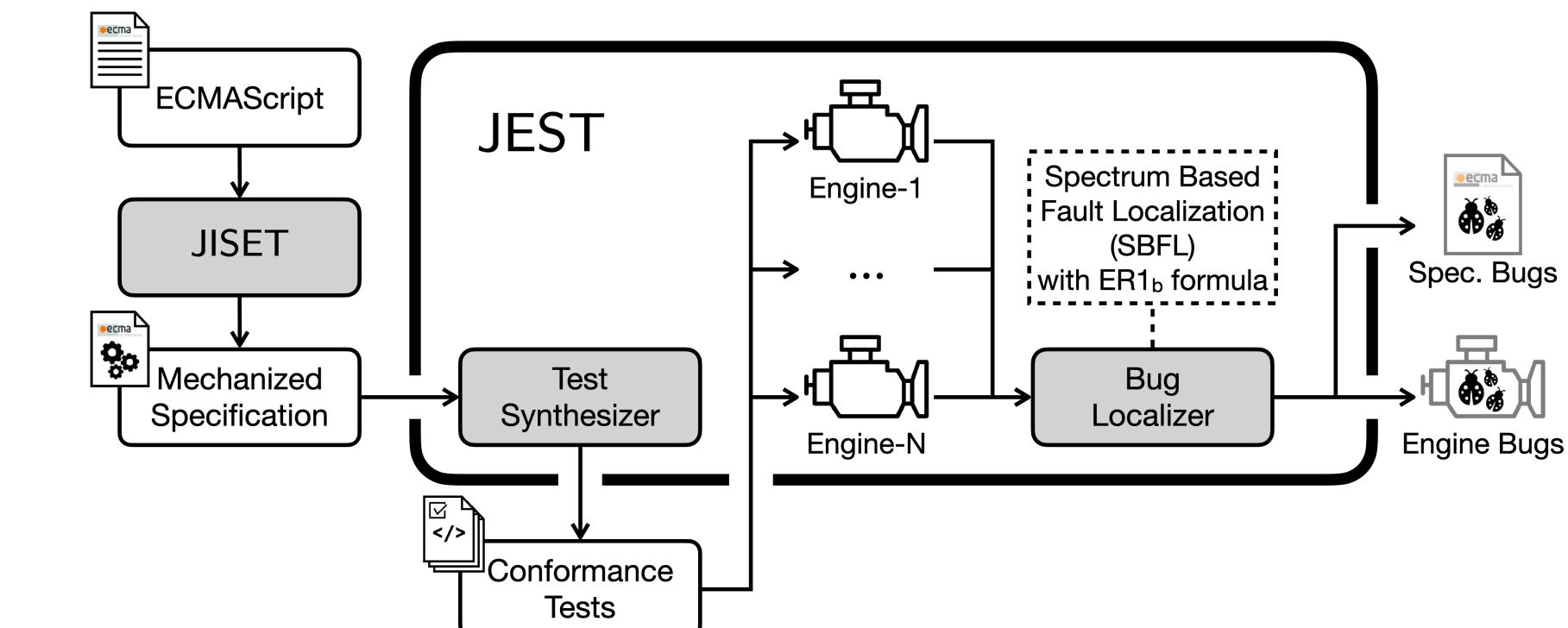
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