



# Clara Rules



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What are rules?

# Simple rules are simple

## Anyone can go to G and PG movies

```
Person.id = "Kid Pettis"  
Person.age = 12  
Person.withParent = FALSE
```

Fact

```
Movie.name = "Paint Dries"  
Movie.rating = "G"
```

Fact

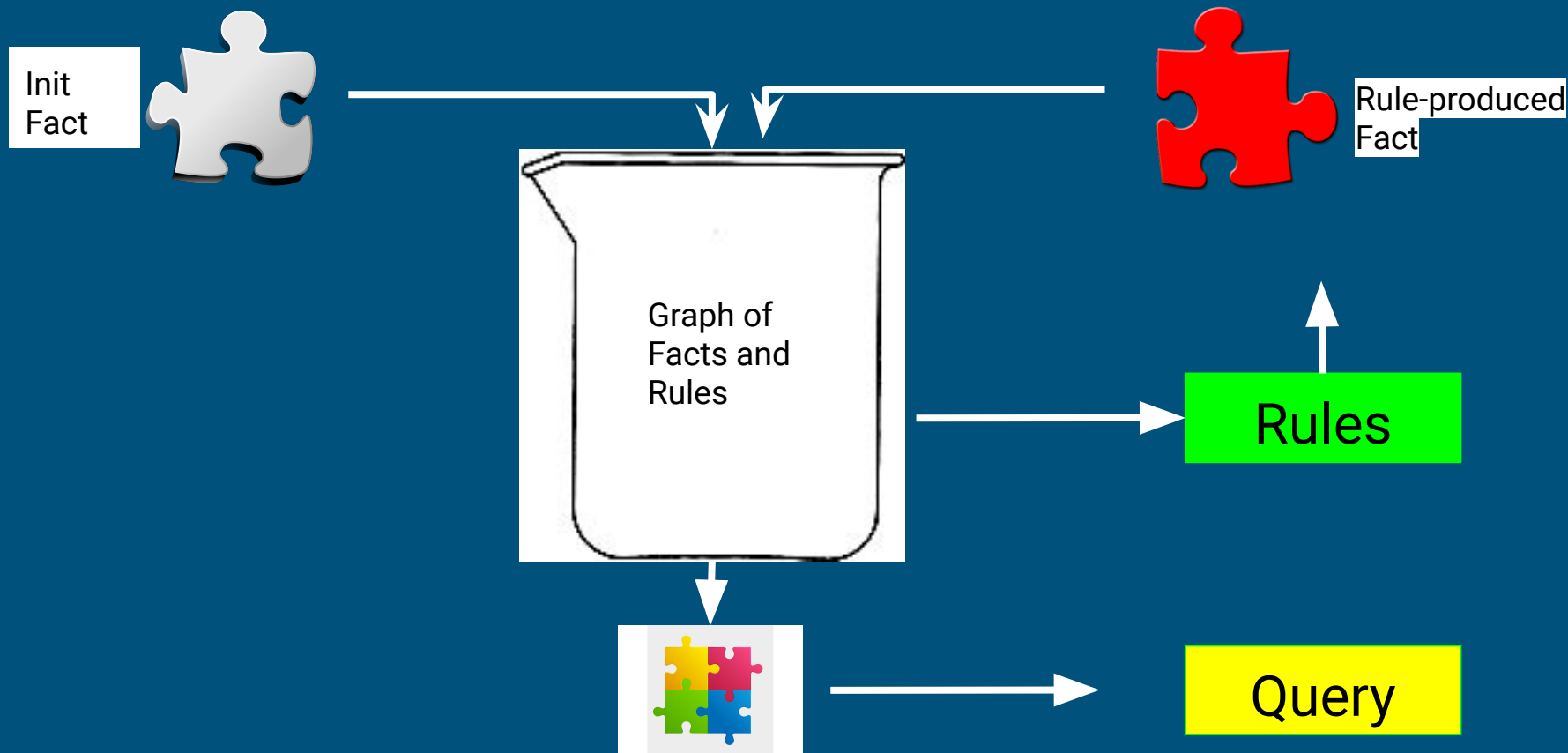
```
# Rule that applies  
if Movie.rating in ("G", "PG"):  
    Movie.attendId = Person.id
```

Rule

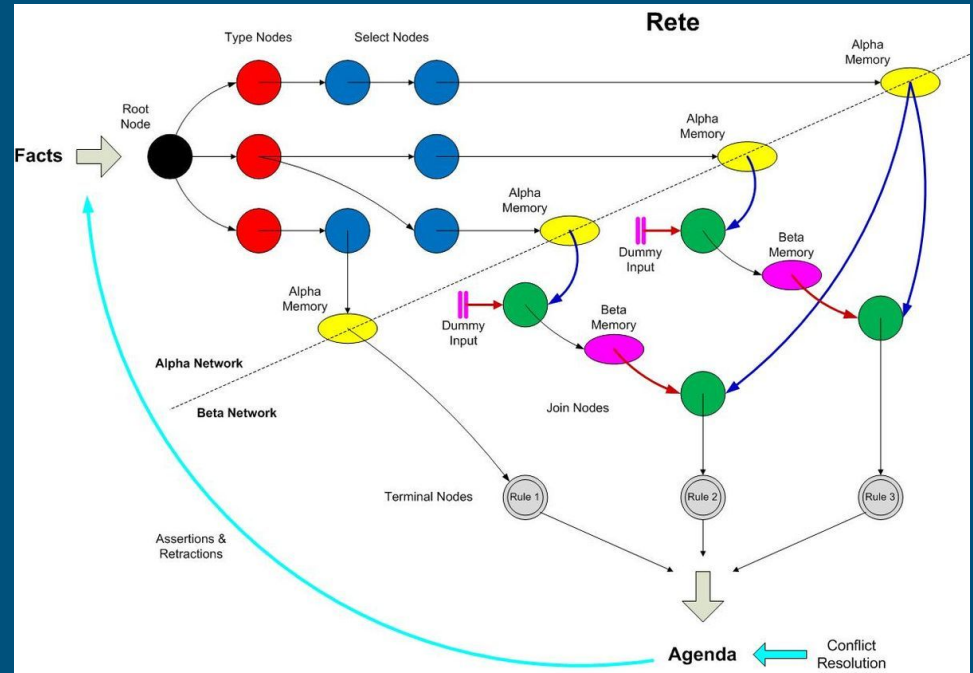
```
# This kid can go to the movie
```

Fact (derived)

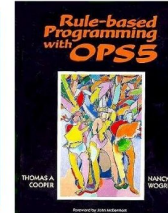
# How I see rules



... This is  
more  
accurate



1979 Rete Algorithm by Charles Forgy



# Examples



# History\*

\*opinionated, unsourced,  
vague recollections, that  
seems kinda right but has  
some wrong stuff

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- `If-then-else` statements
  - `cond` statements
  - Object polymorphism
  - Function polymorphism, multimethod dispatch
  - Statically typed functional programming (Haskell)
  - Logic programming
  - ... lots of other stuff of which I am not aware
  - Forward -chaining rules



# Optional Implementations

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- Clara Rules, Clojure (<http://www.clara-rules.org>)
- Drools, Java and private software. Supports Java Rules Engine API
- CLIPS, LISP-ish implementation written in C.

# Who cares?

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- Me, maybe you.
- Integration of knowledge across silos of people
- AI pre-training

# Thank You



# Appendix

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# Rules become more complex

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## PG-13 gets trickier

```
Person.id = "Kid Pettis"  
Person.age = 12  
Person.withParent = TRUE
```

```
Movie.name = "Gremlins"  
Movie.rating = "PG-13"
```

```
# Rules that applies
```

```
# This kid can go to the movie because the second rule applies
```

```
if Movie.rating == "PG-13" and Person.age >= 13:  
    Movie.attendId = Person.id
```

```
if Movie.rating == "PG-13" and Person.age < 13 and Person.withParent == TRUE:  
    Movie.attendId = Person.id
```

# Uhhh....

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The movie is NC-17, the kid is 16, they are with a guardian who isn't their parent, have a note from their school saying the movie is for a class, so they should be able to attend.