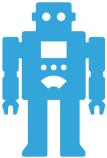




#### MELTDOWN & SPECTRE FOR NORMAL PEOPLE

#### SPECTRE: SPECULATIVE EXECUTION





























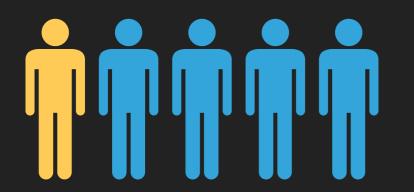
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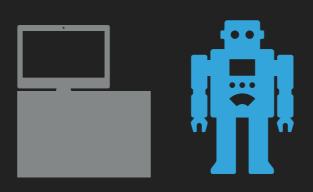
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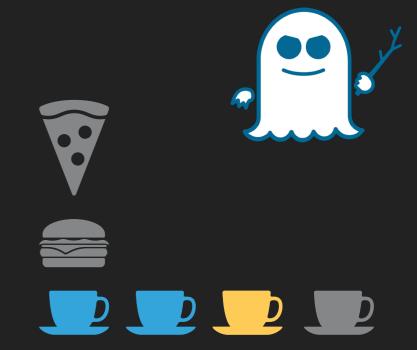
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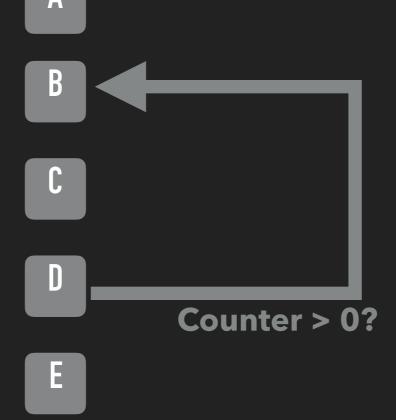
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# **SPECTRE: SPECULATIVE EXECUTION**



Counter



COUNTER

Some variable used in branch

A B ... E

Instructions

A

Currently active instruction



Conditional branch