

# **GeneVis:**

## **A Genealogical Visualization Tool for Directed Grey-box Fuzzing**

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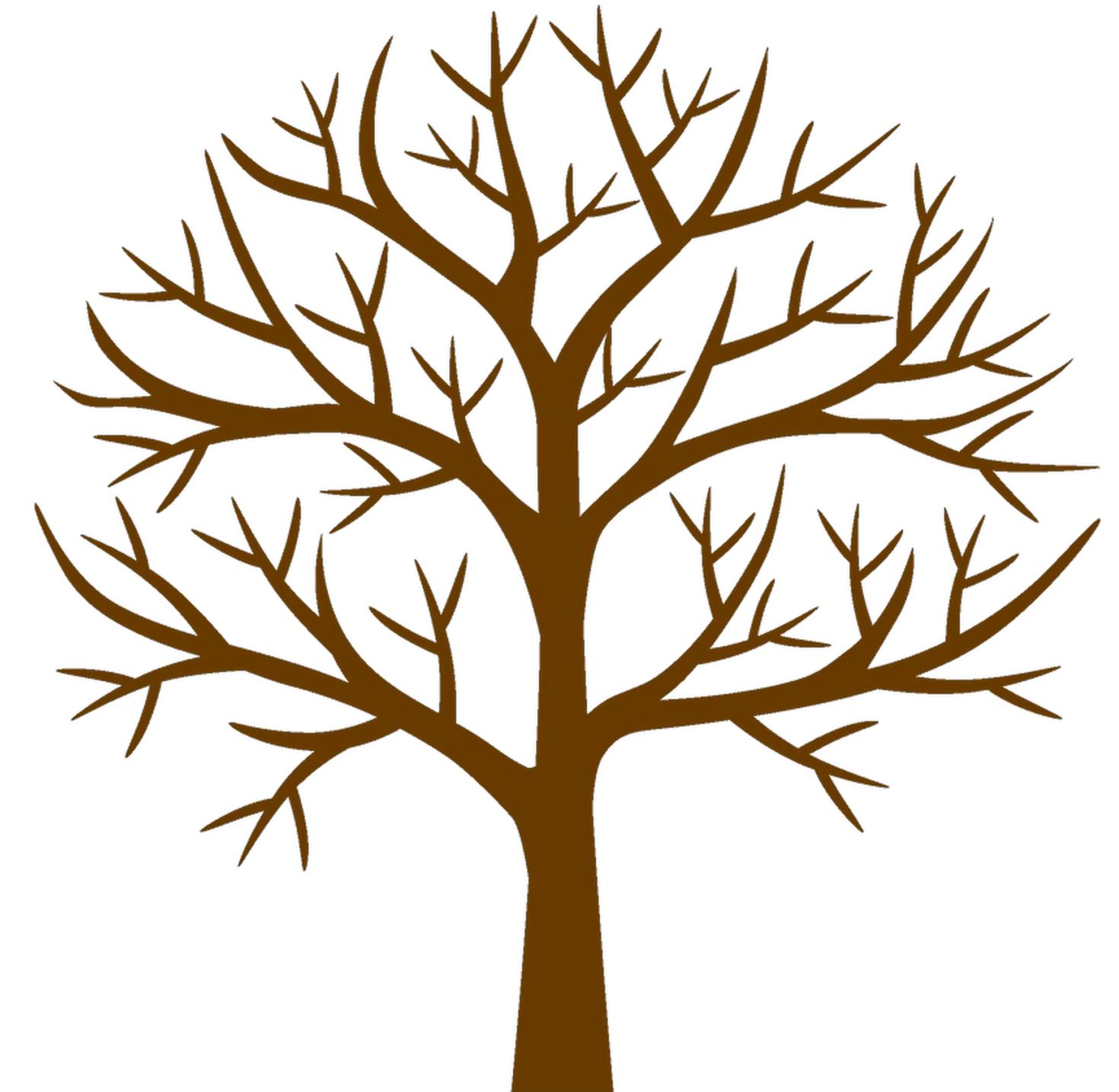
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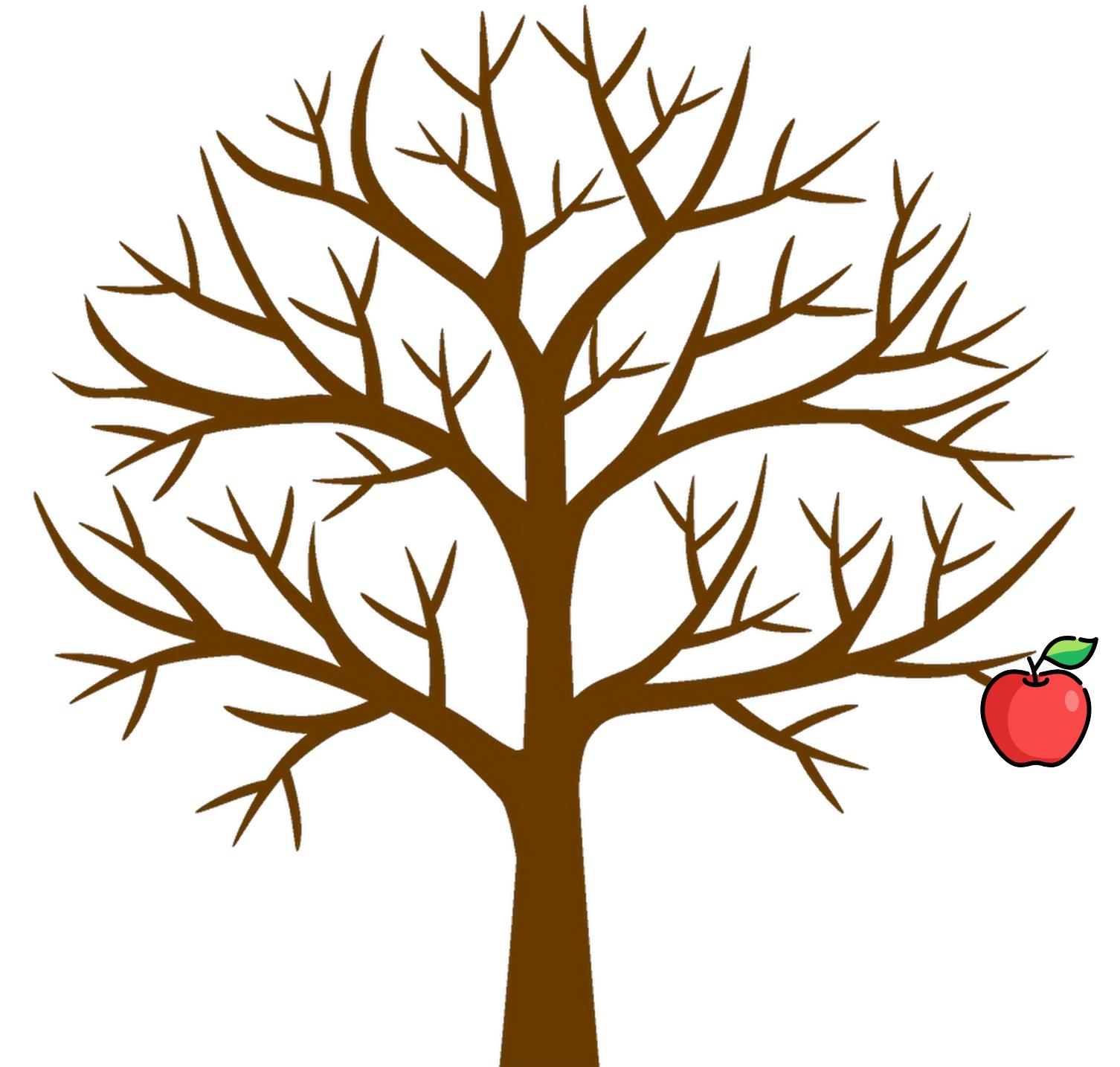
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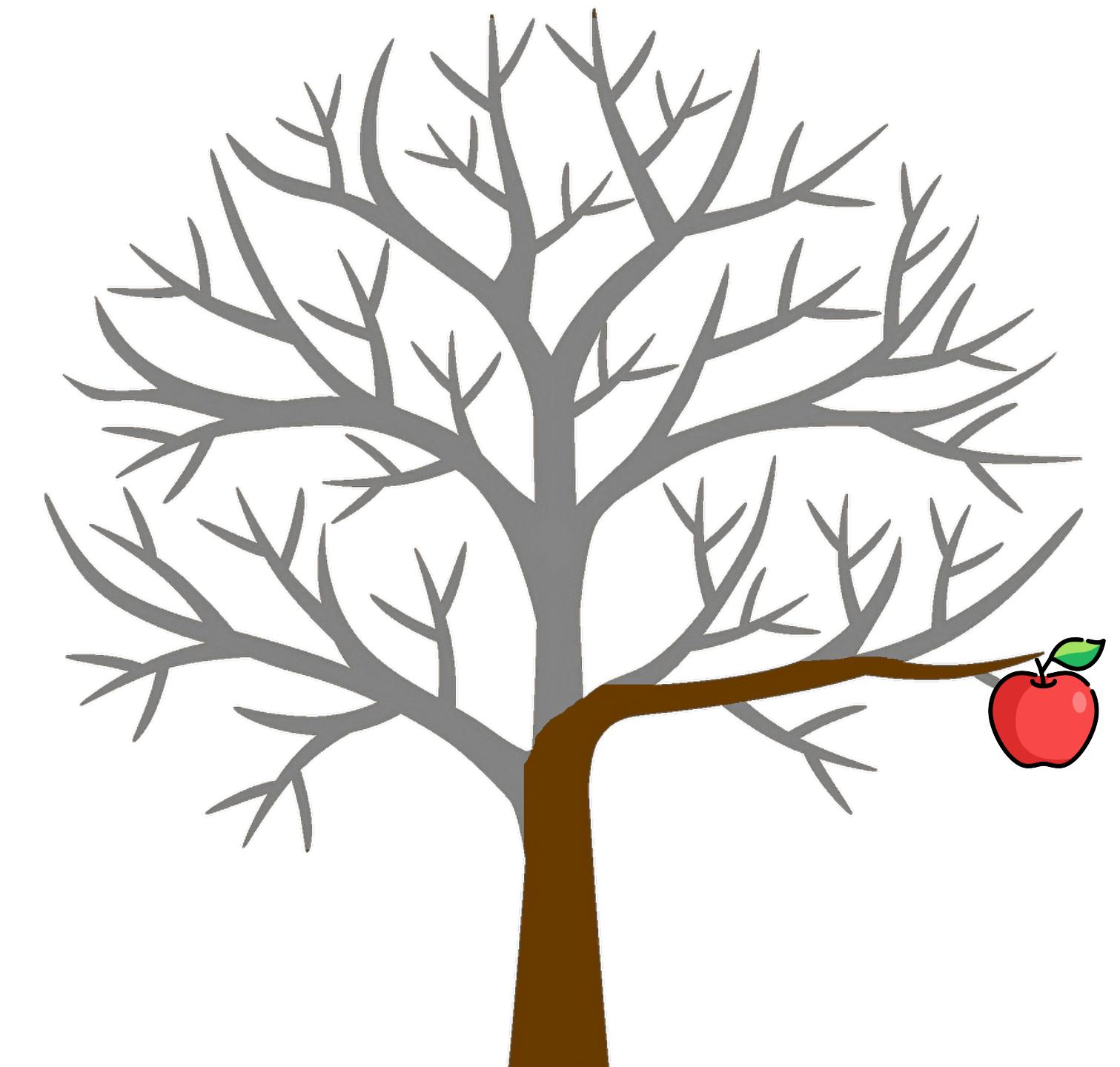
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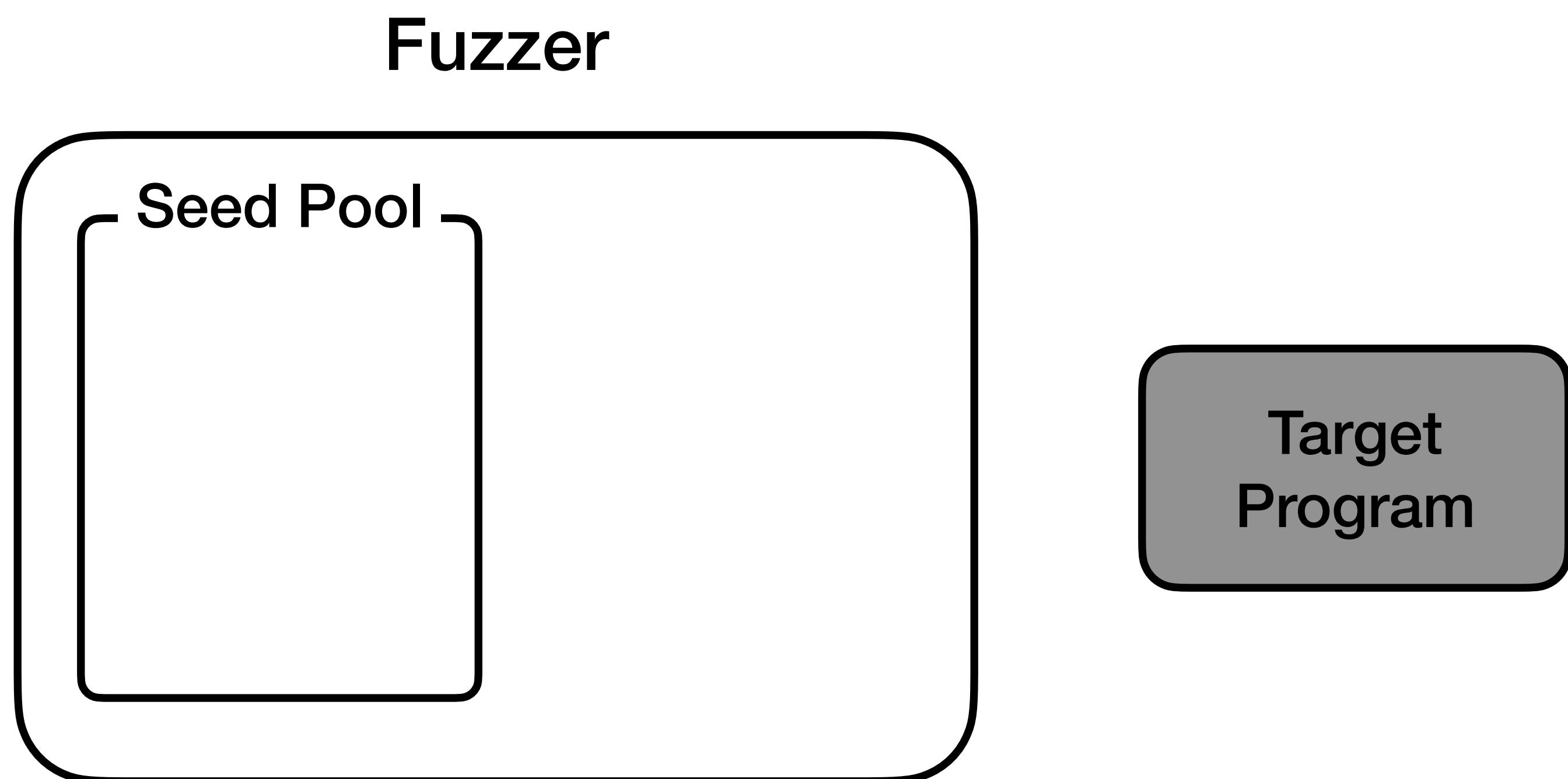
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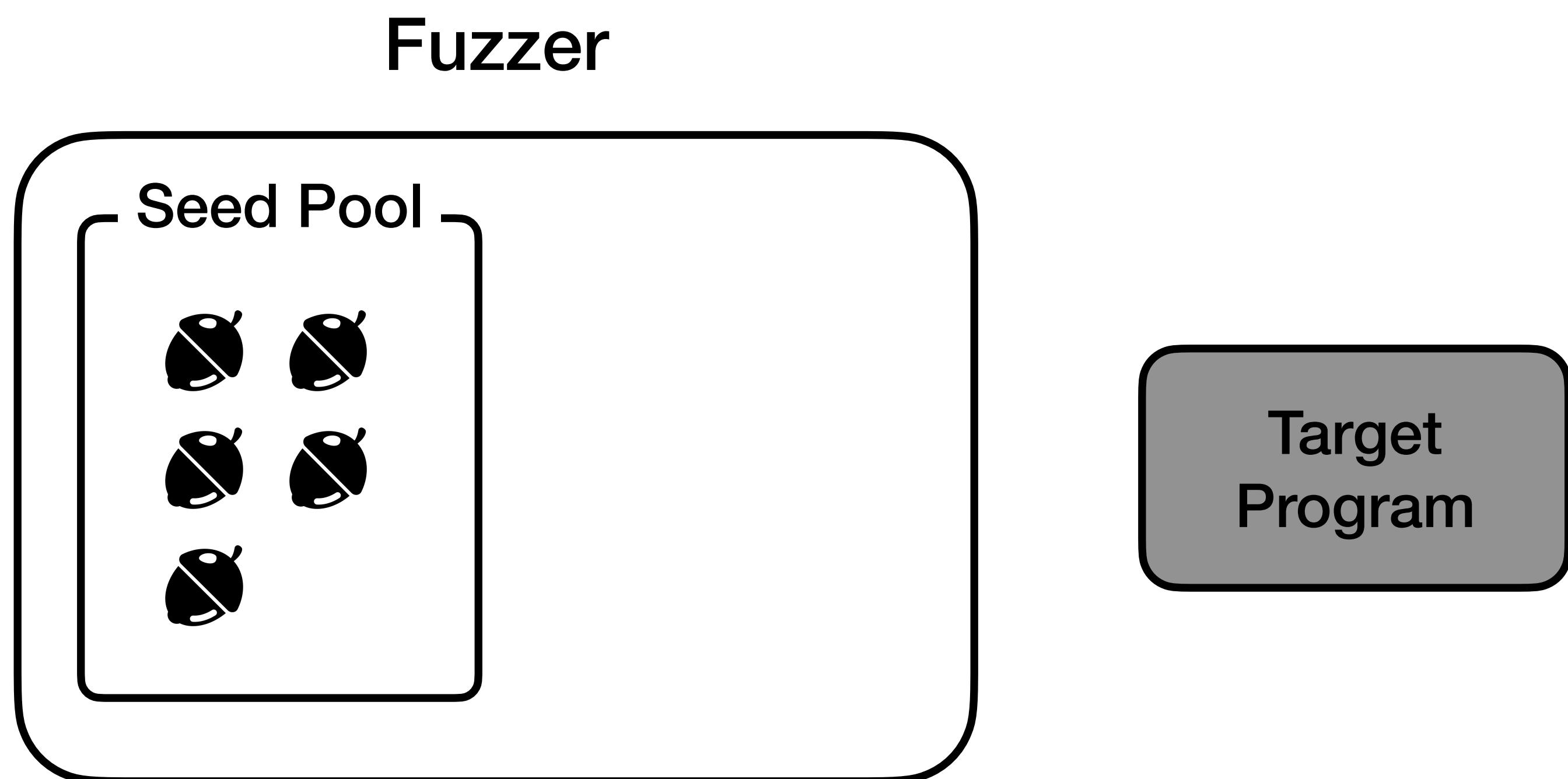


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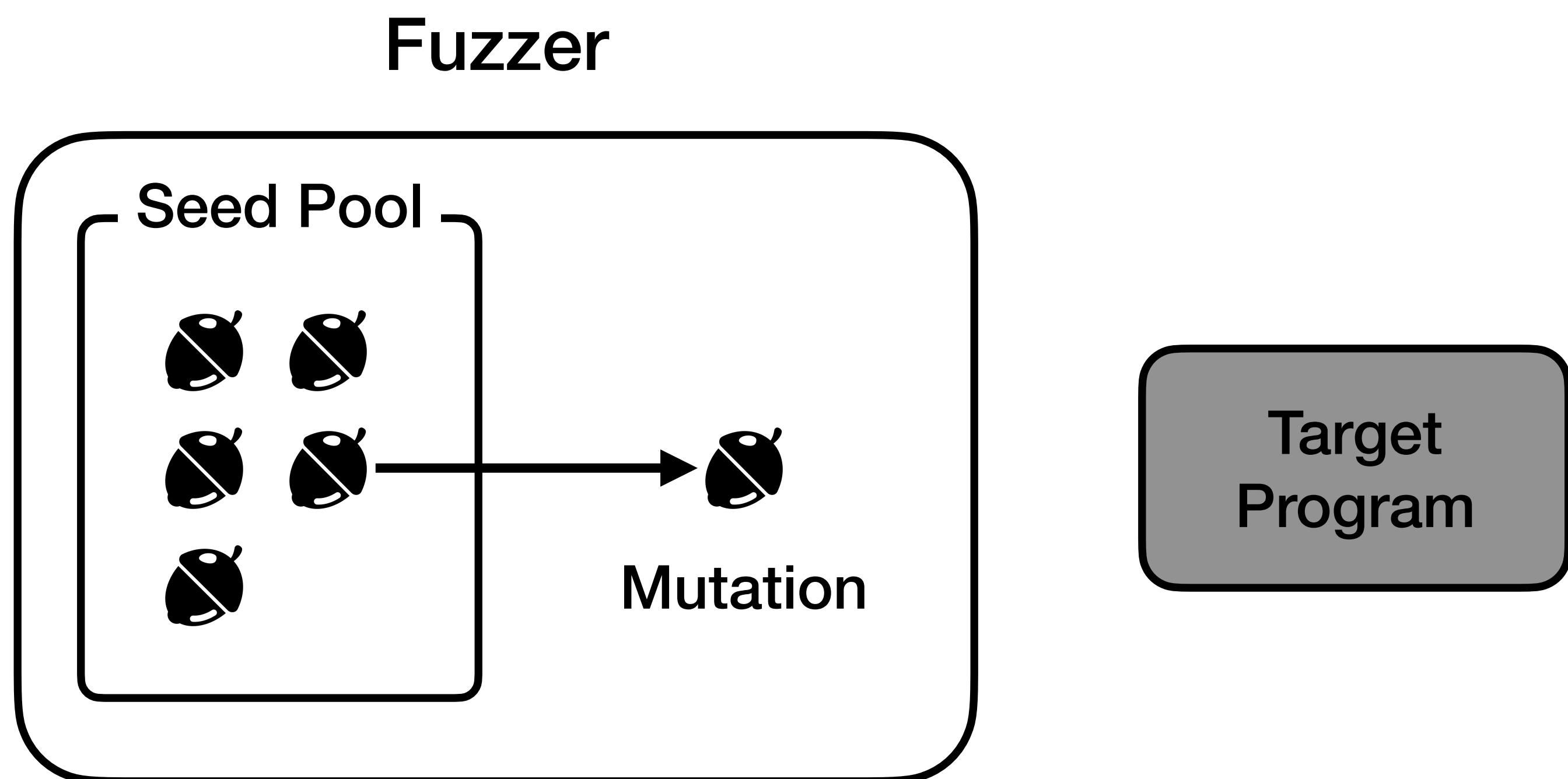
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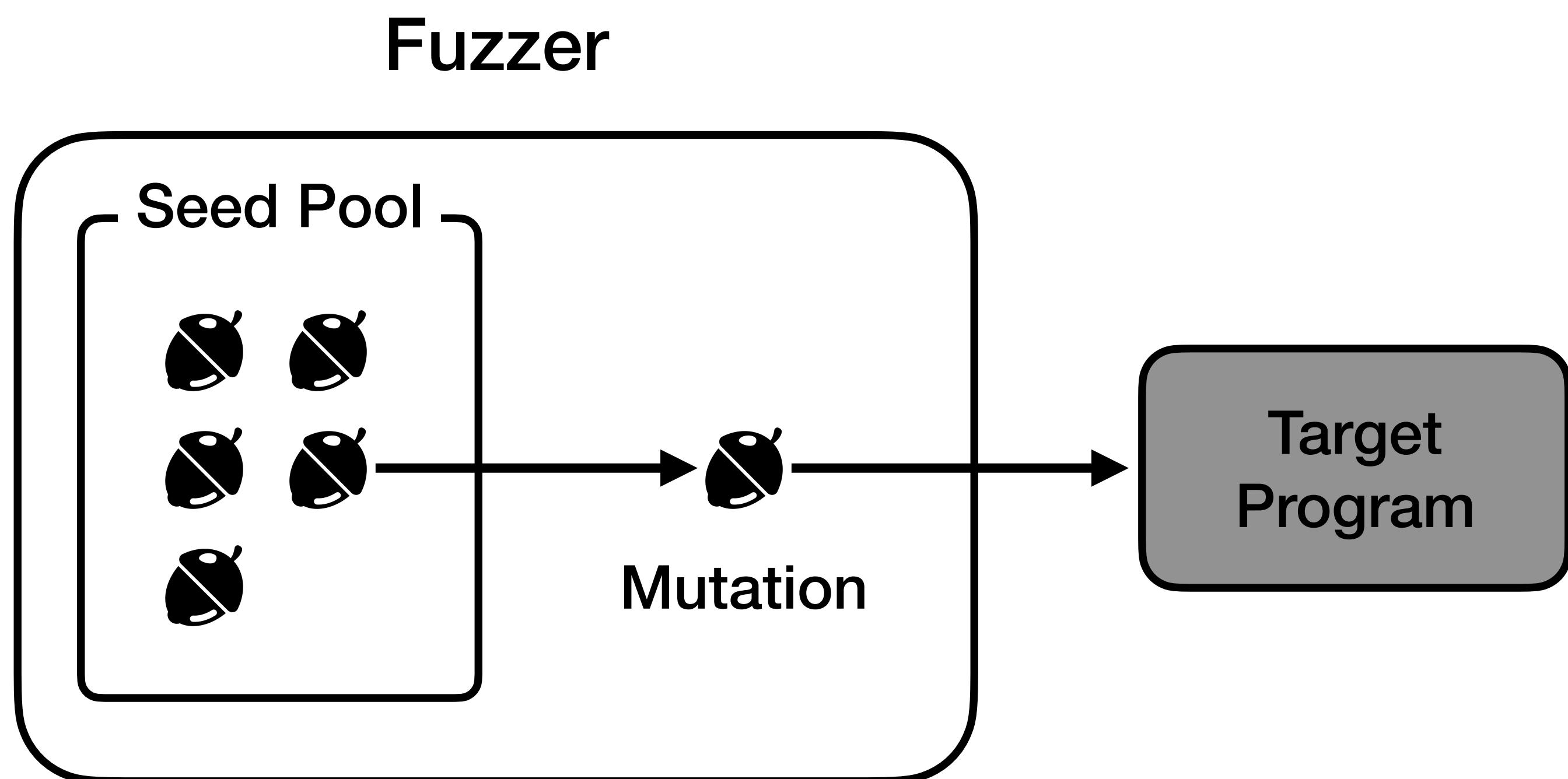
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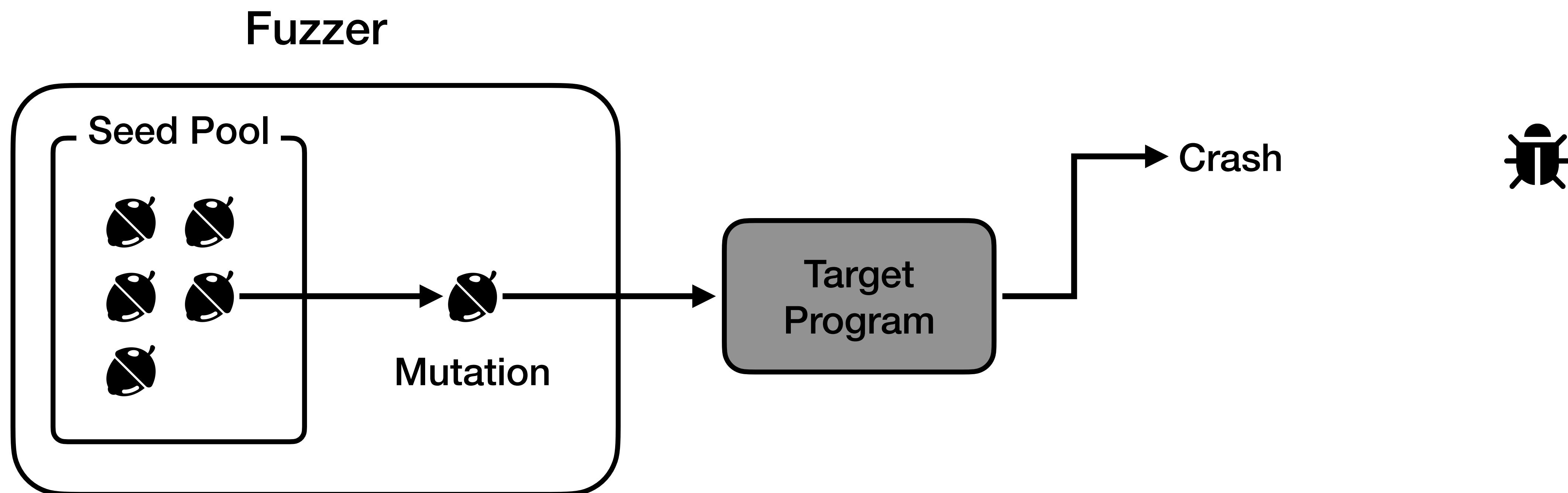
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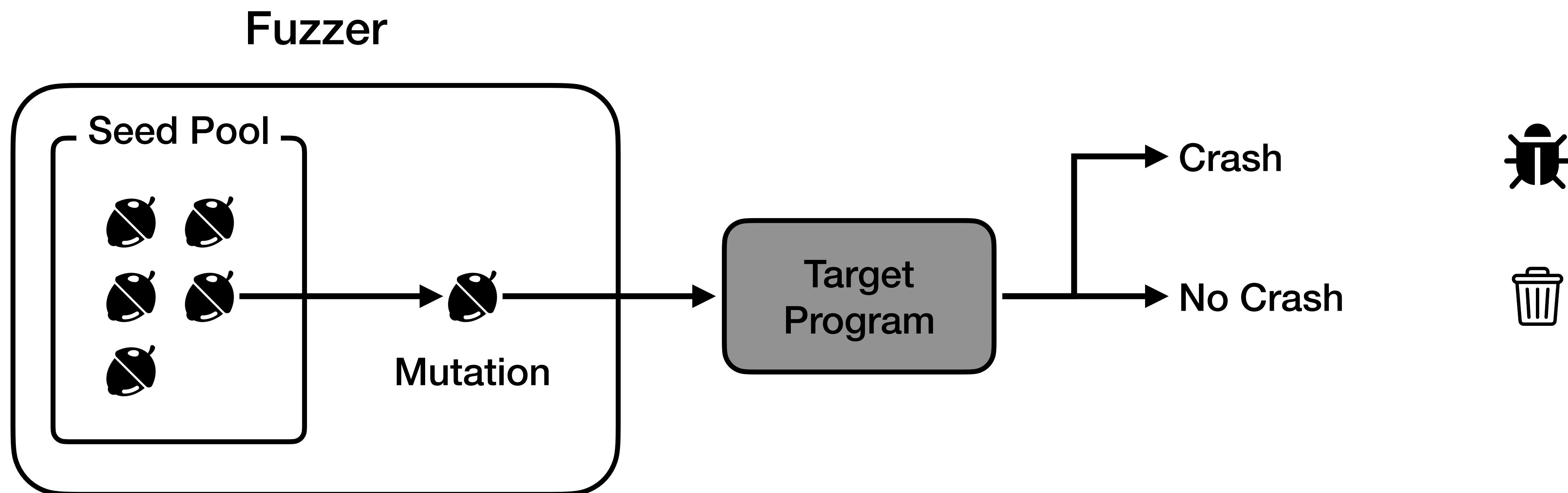
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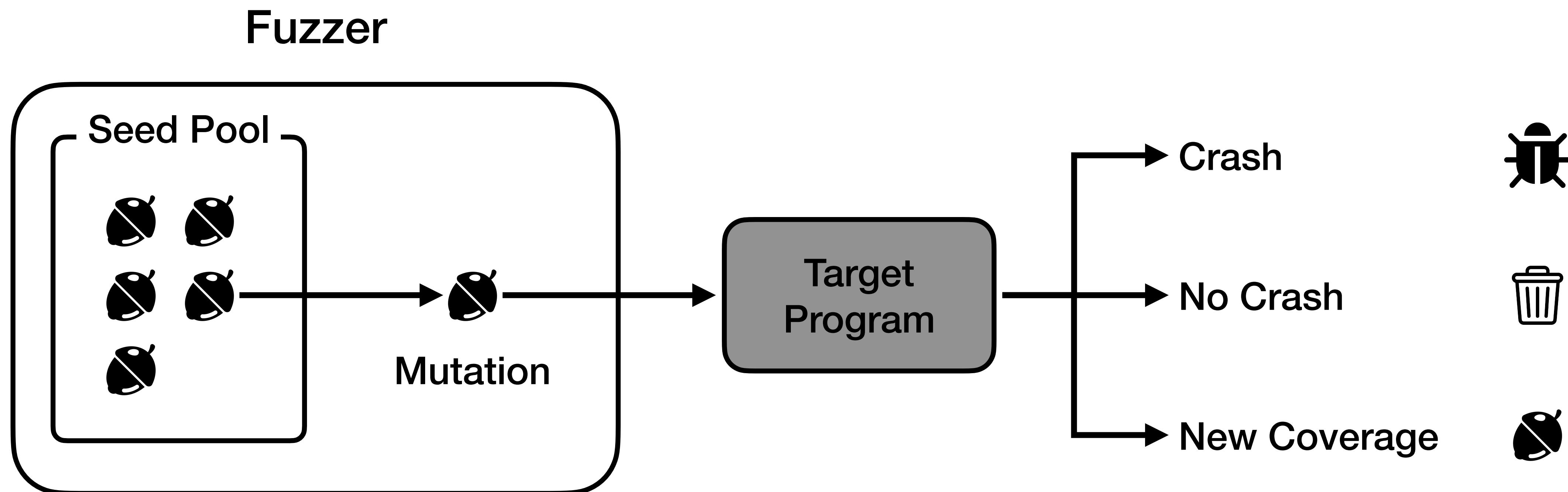
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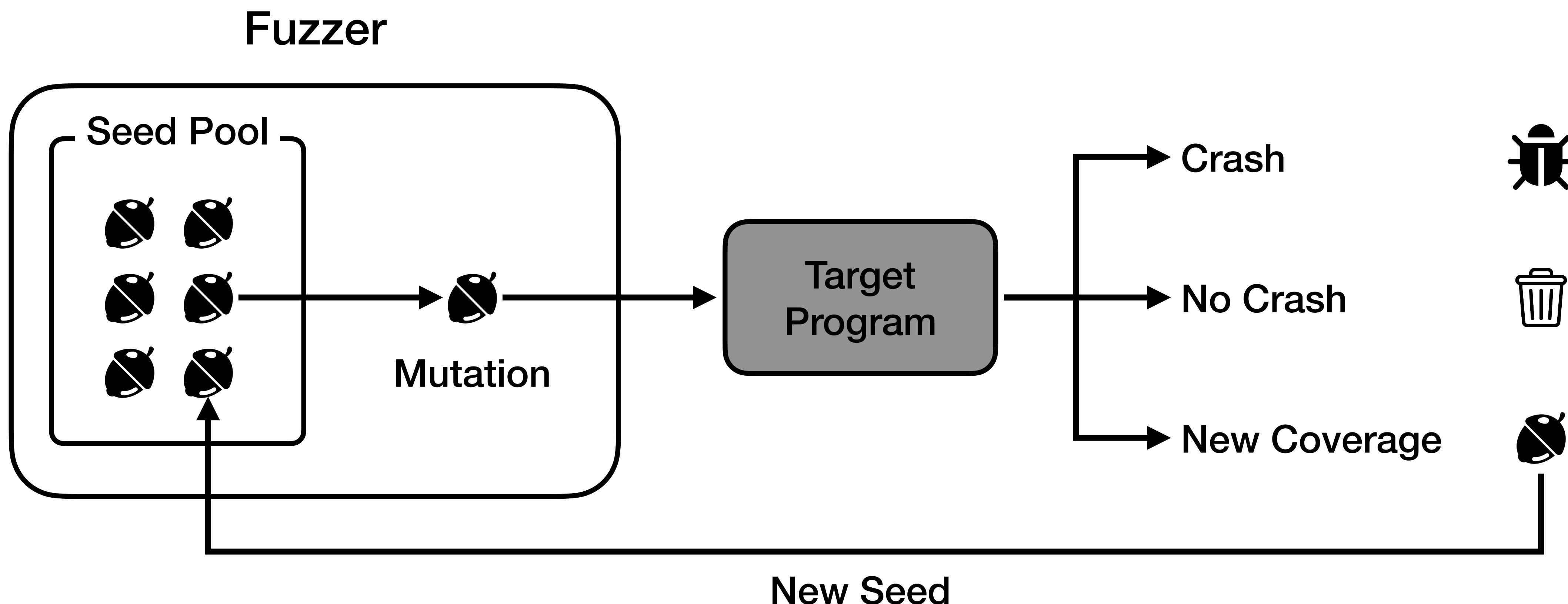
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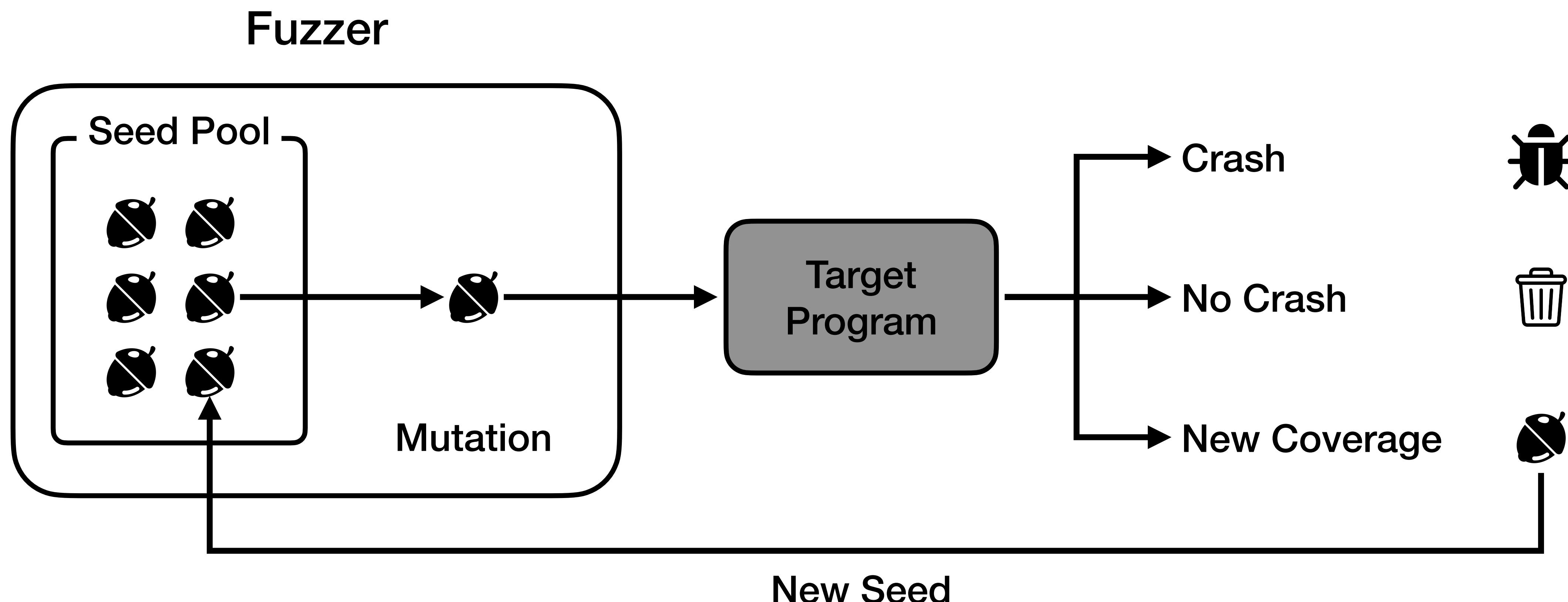
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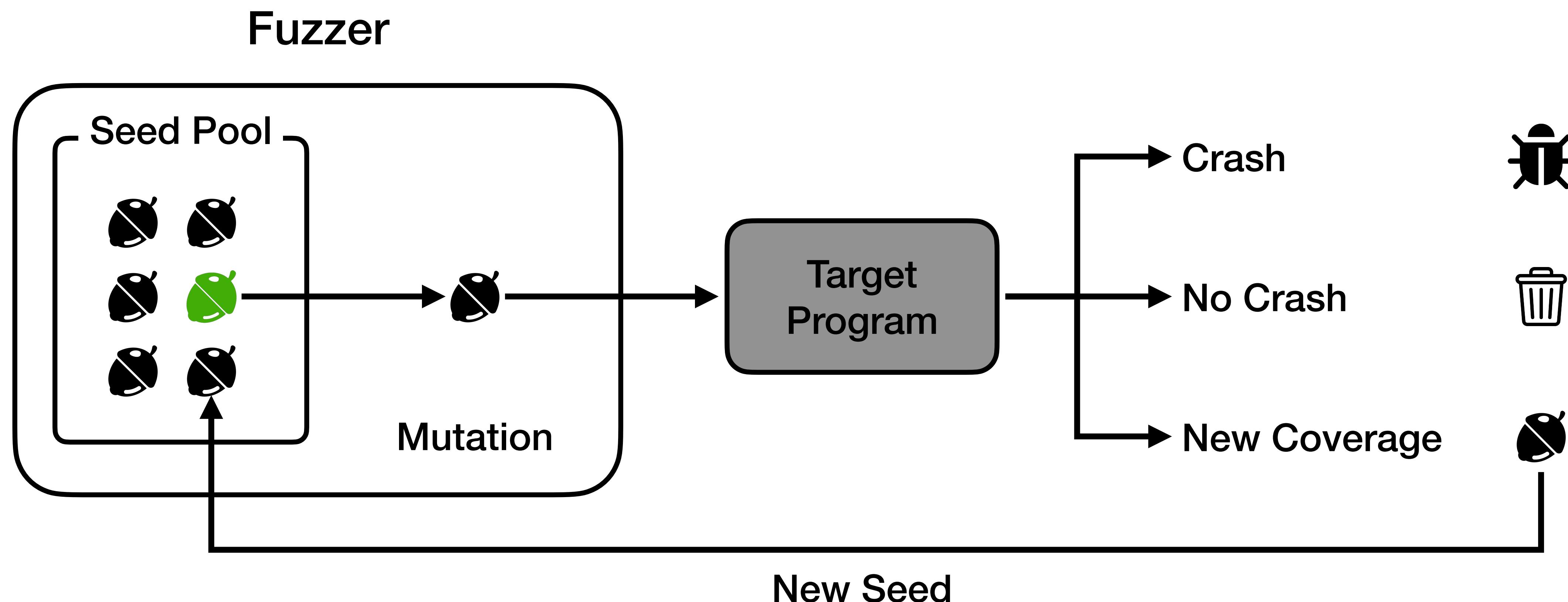
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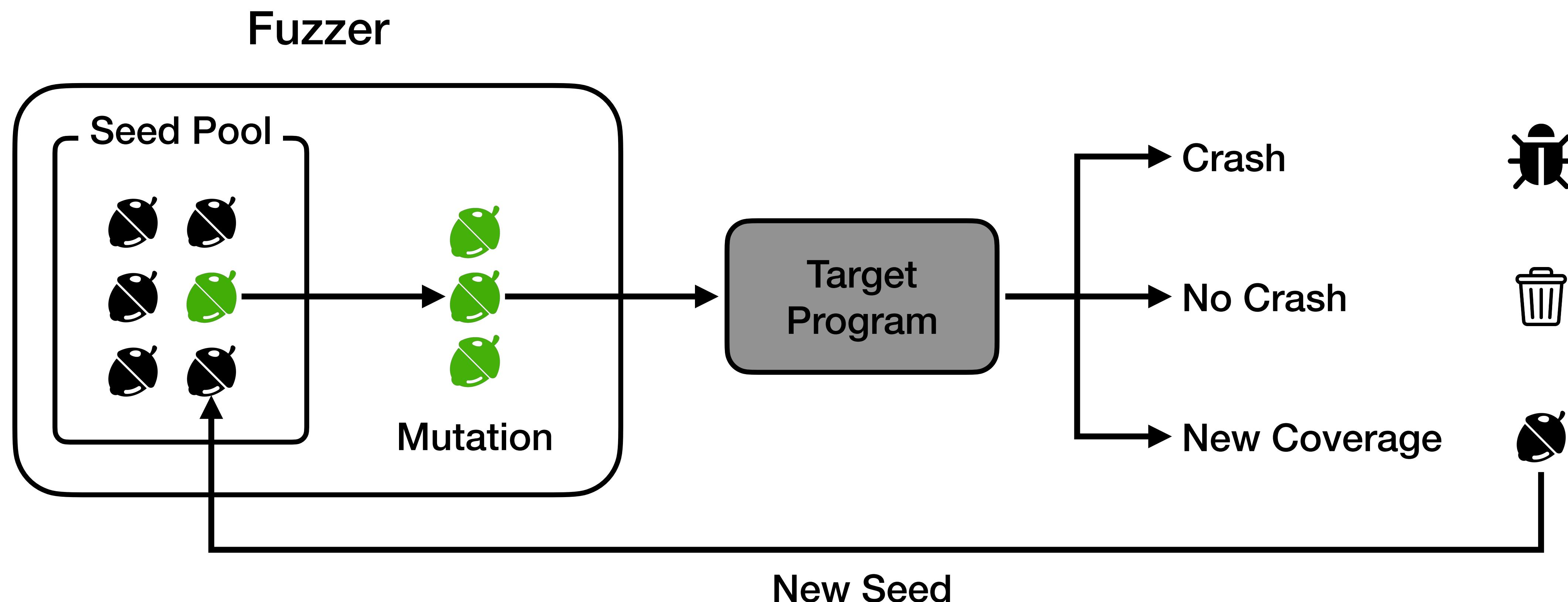
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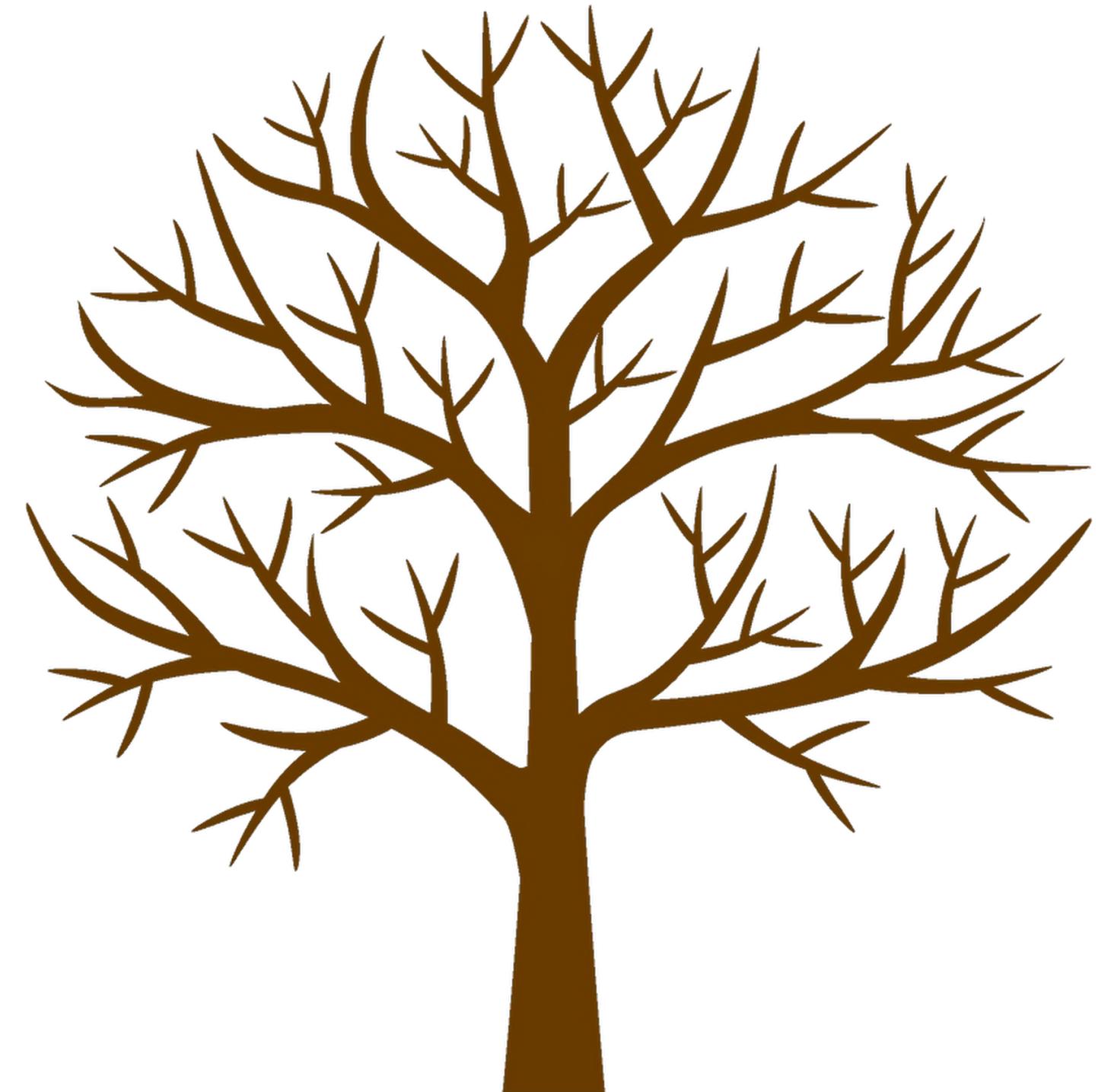
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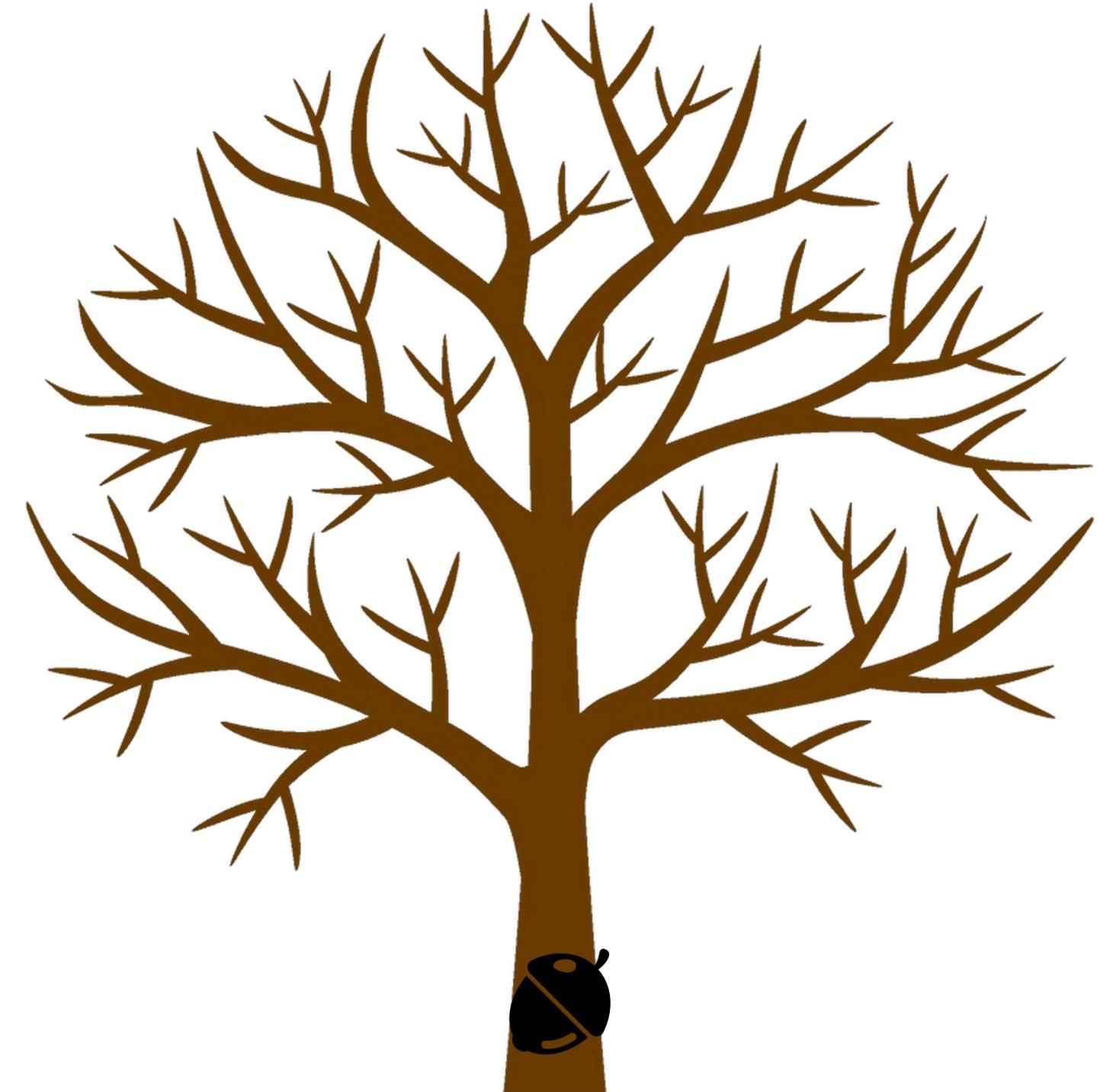
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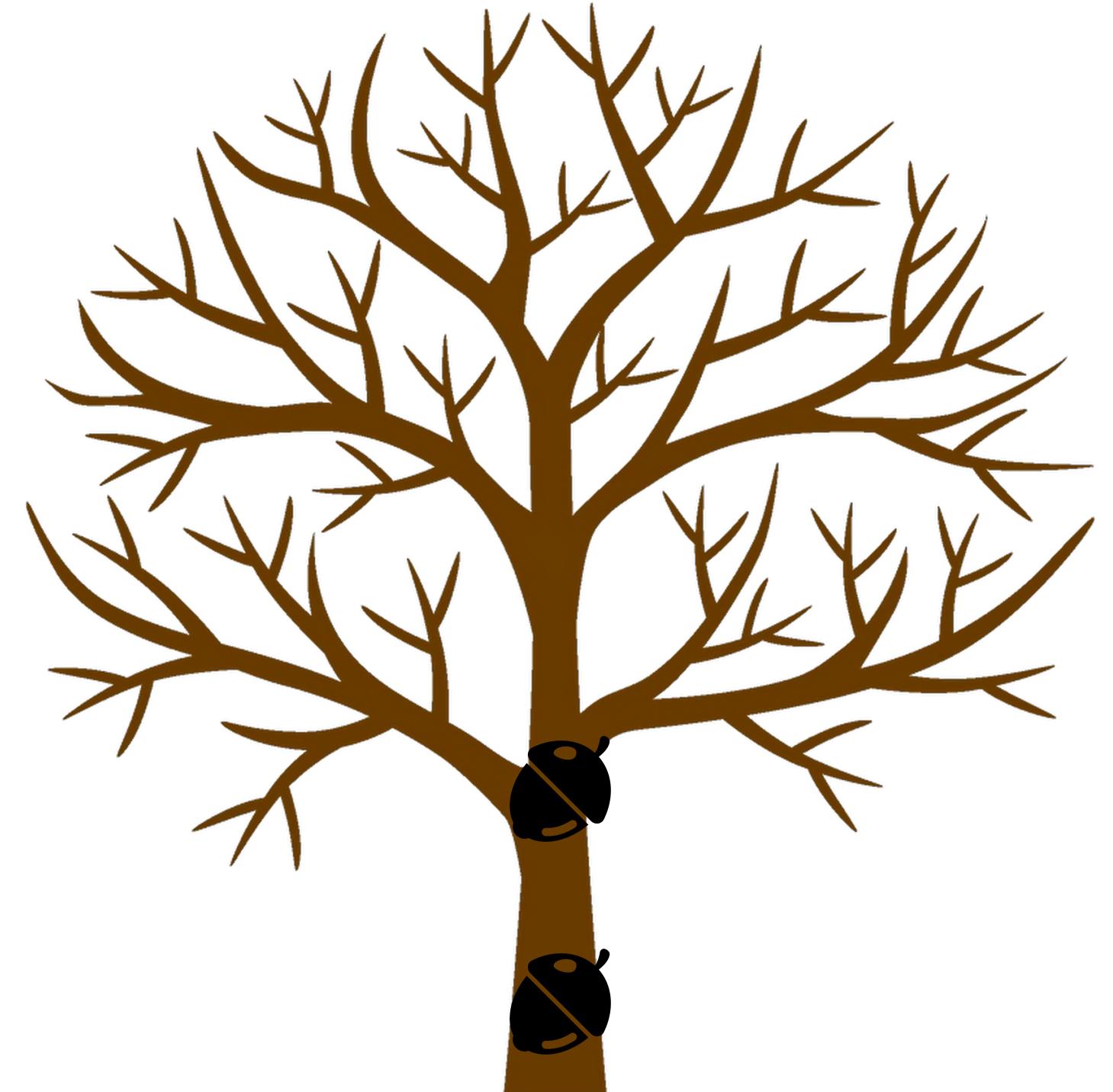
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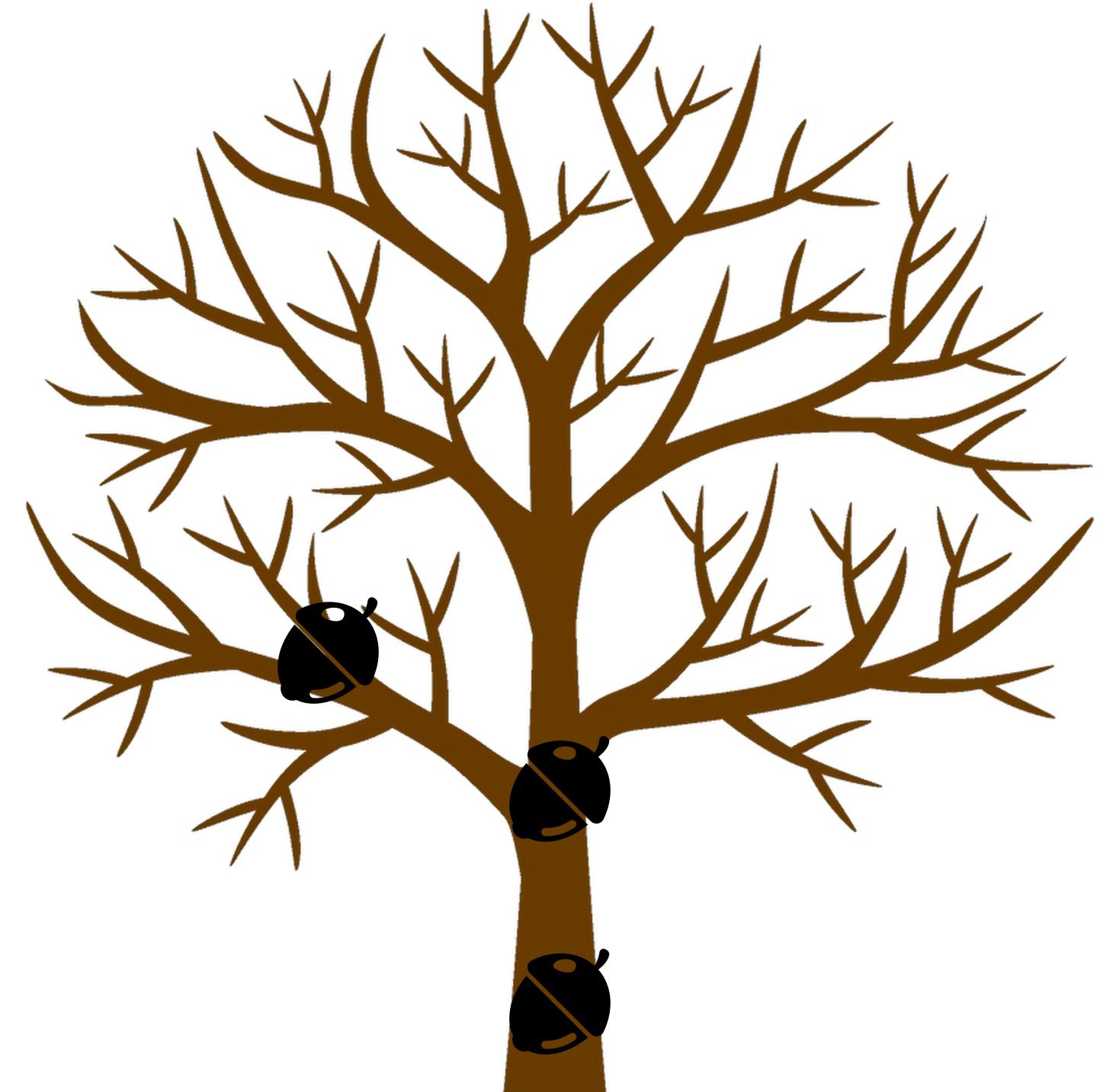
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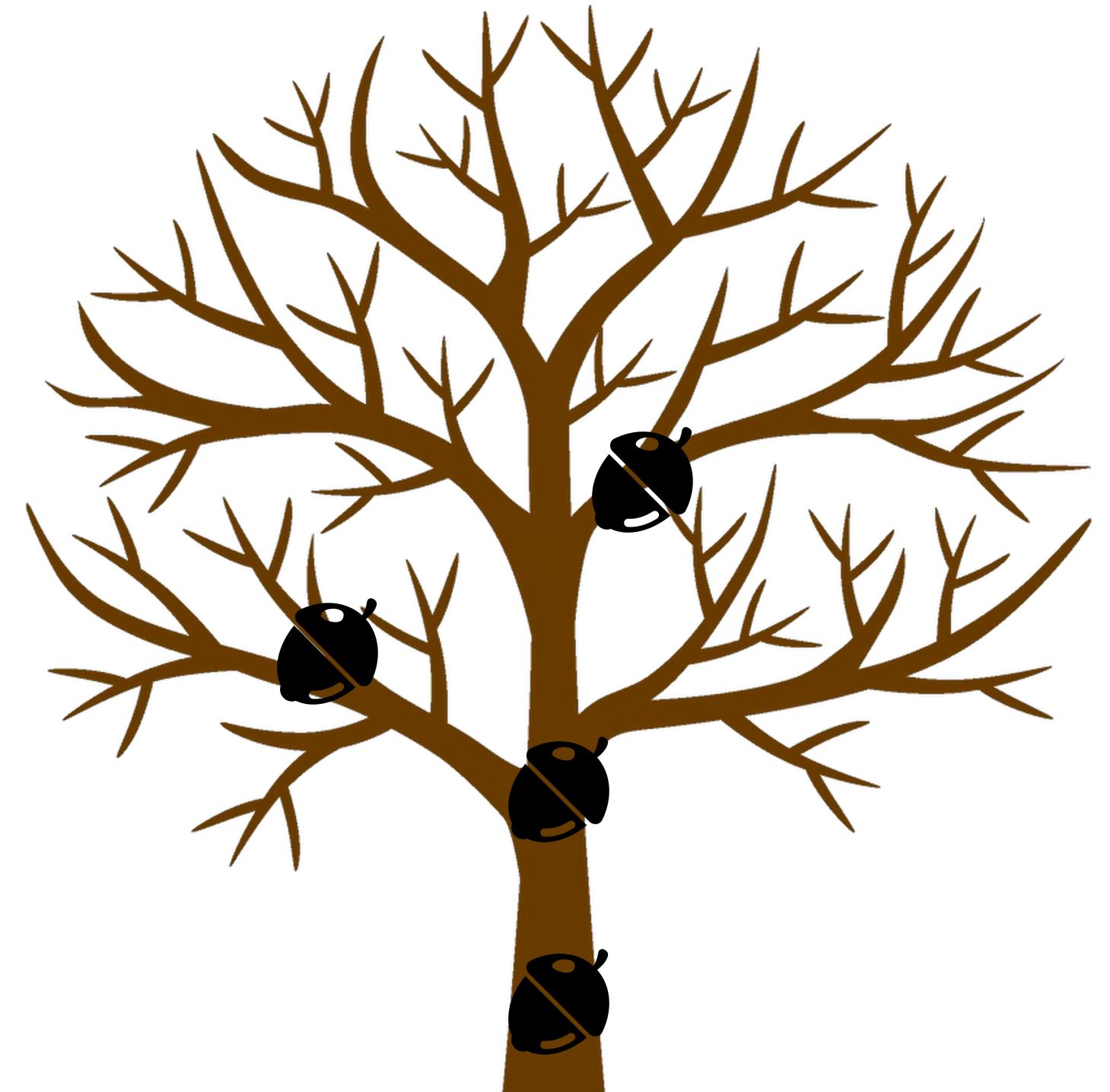
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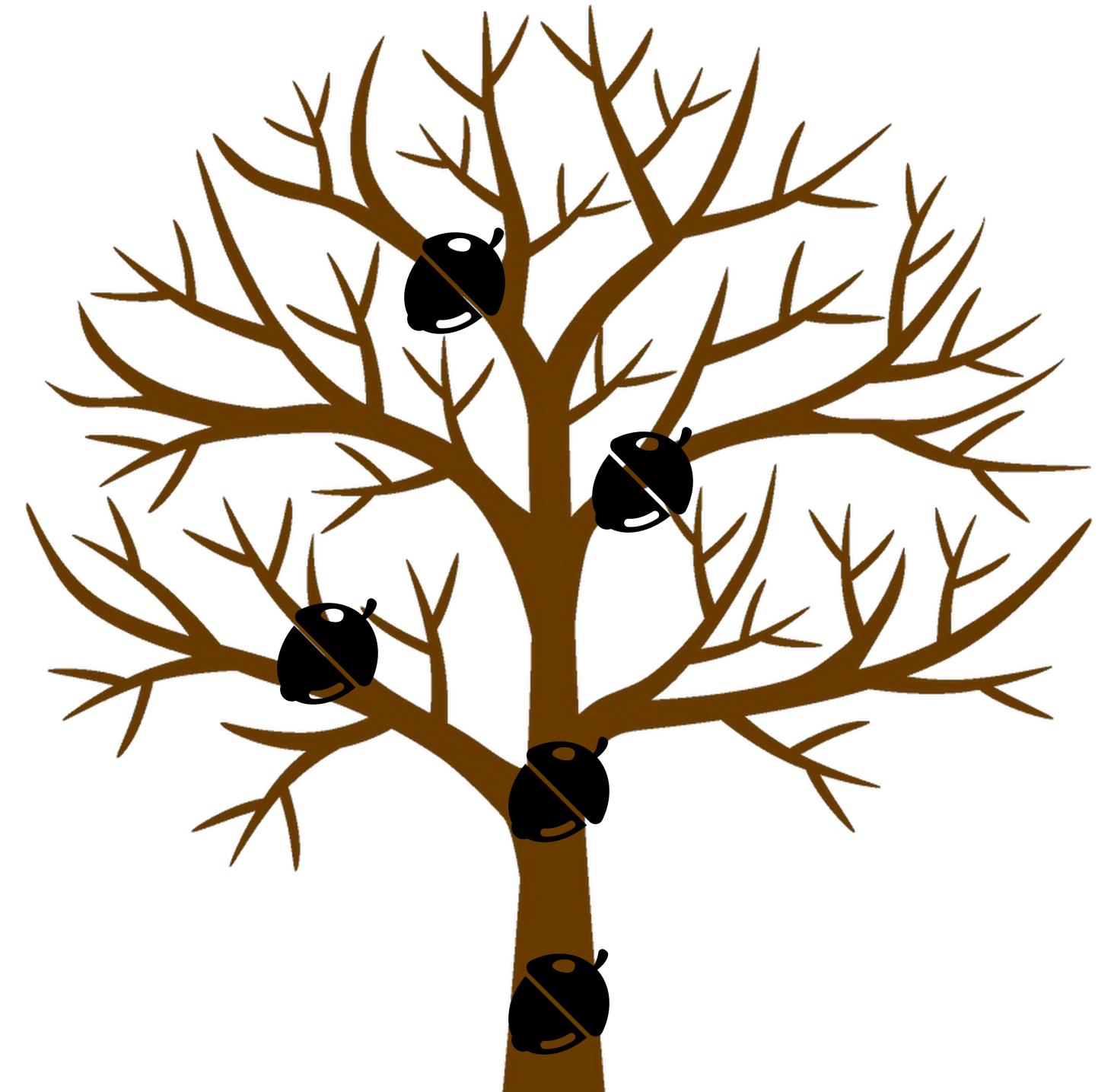
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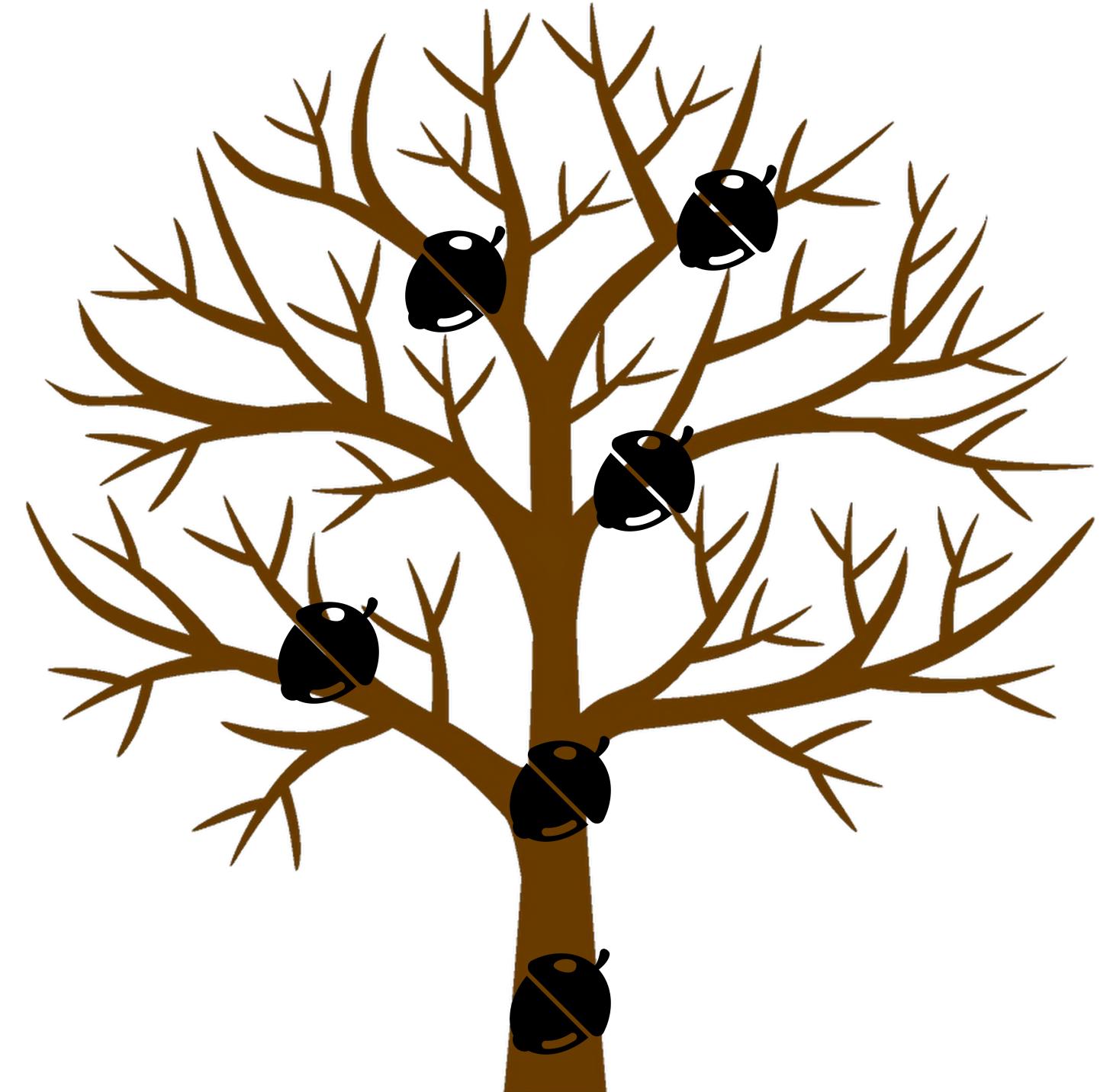
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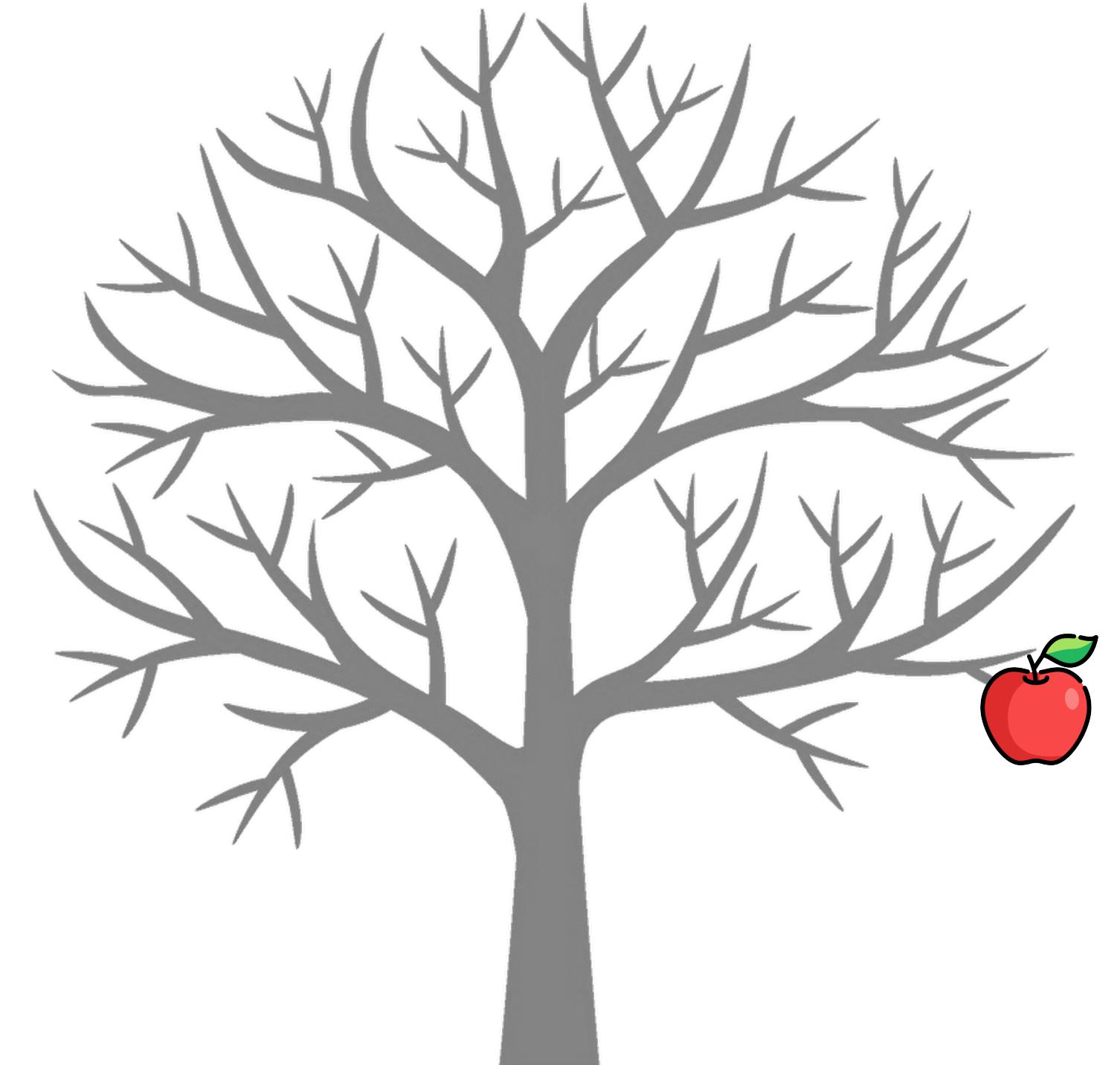
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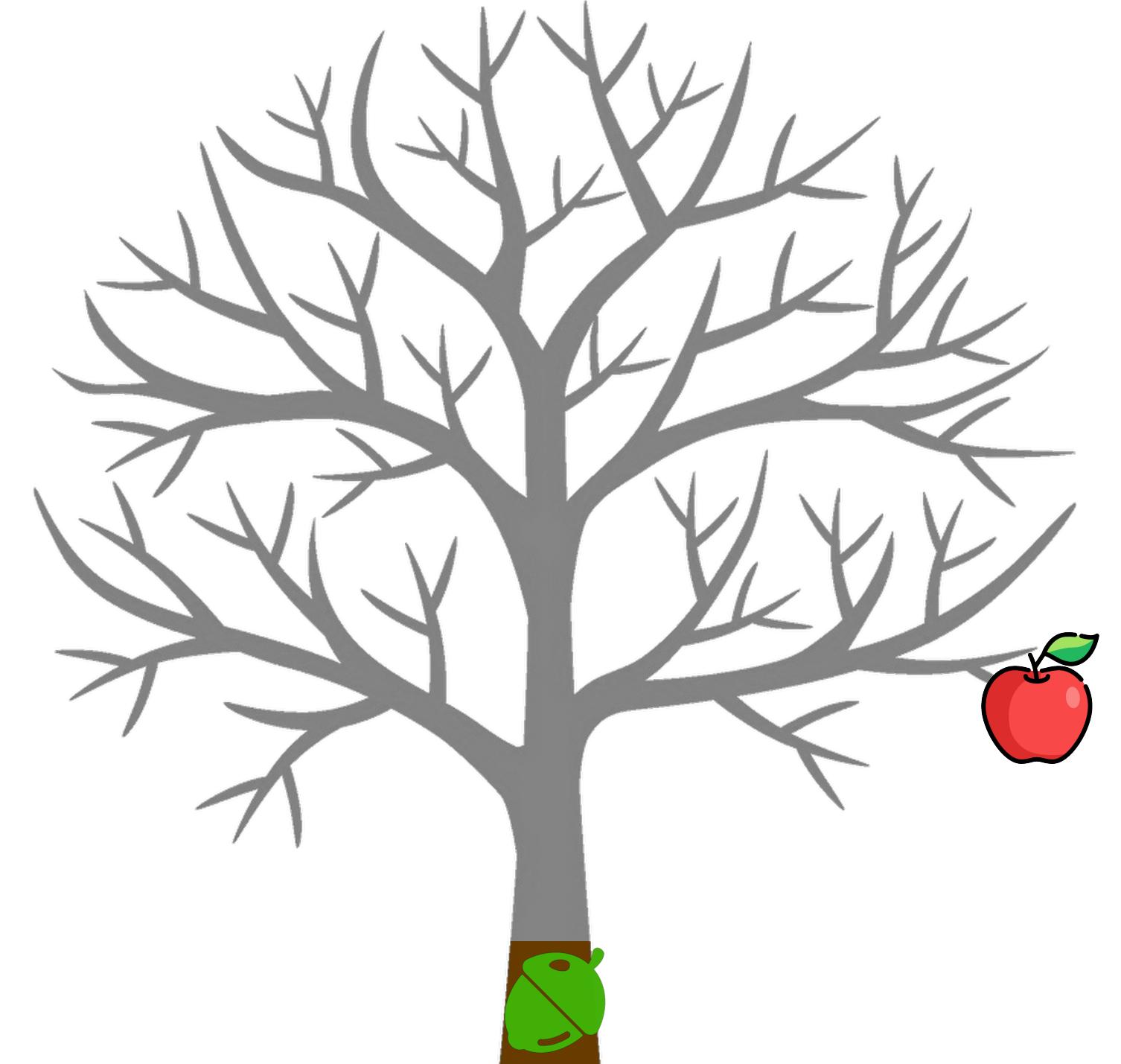
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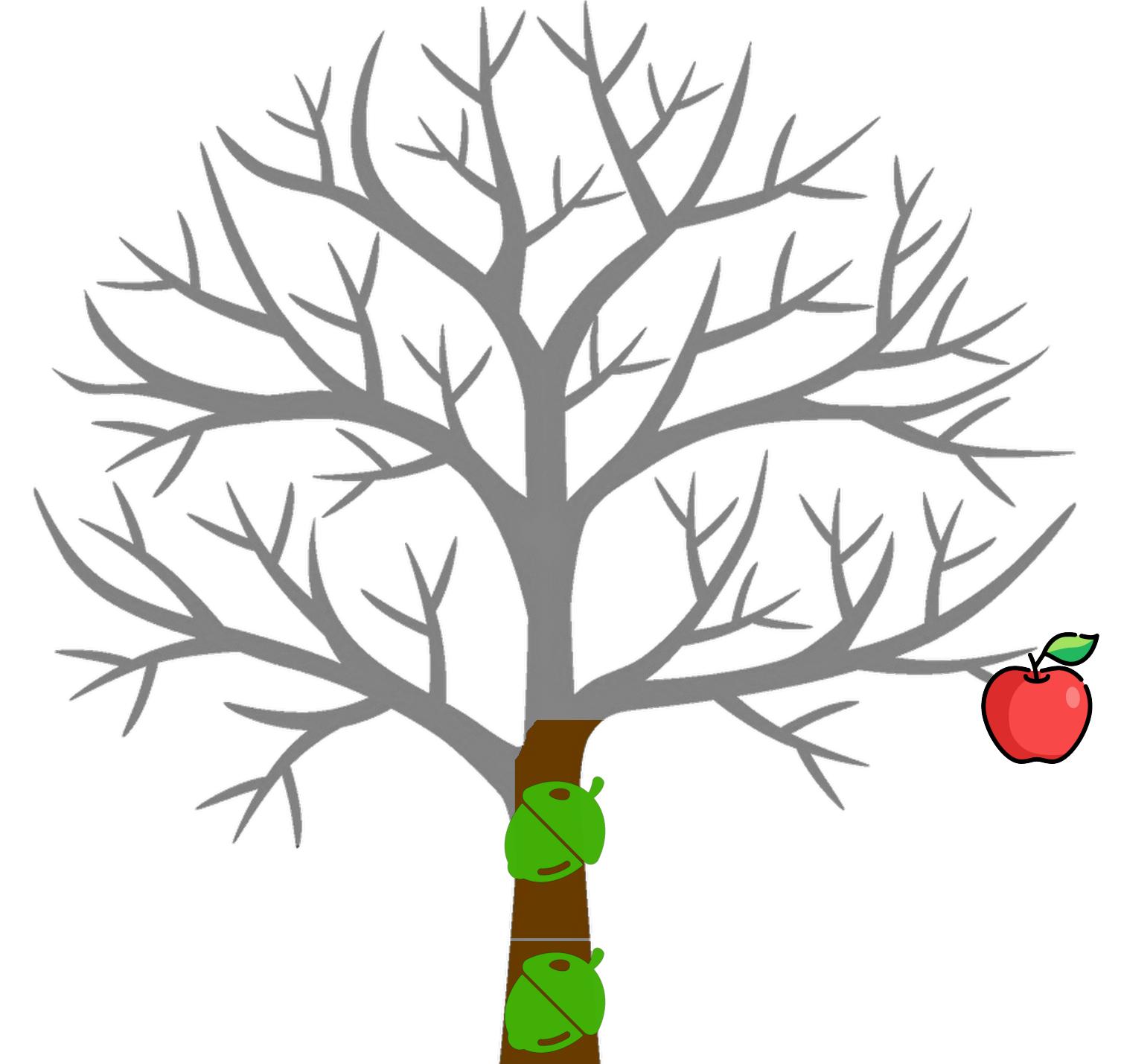
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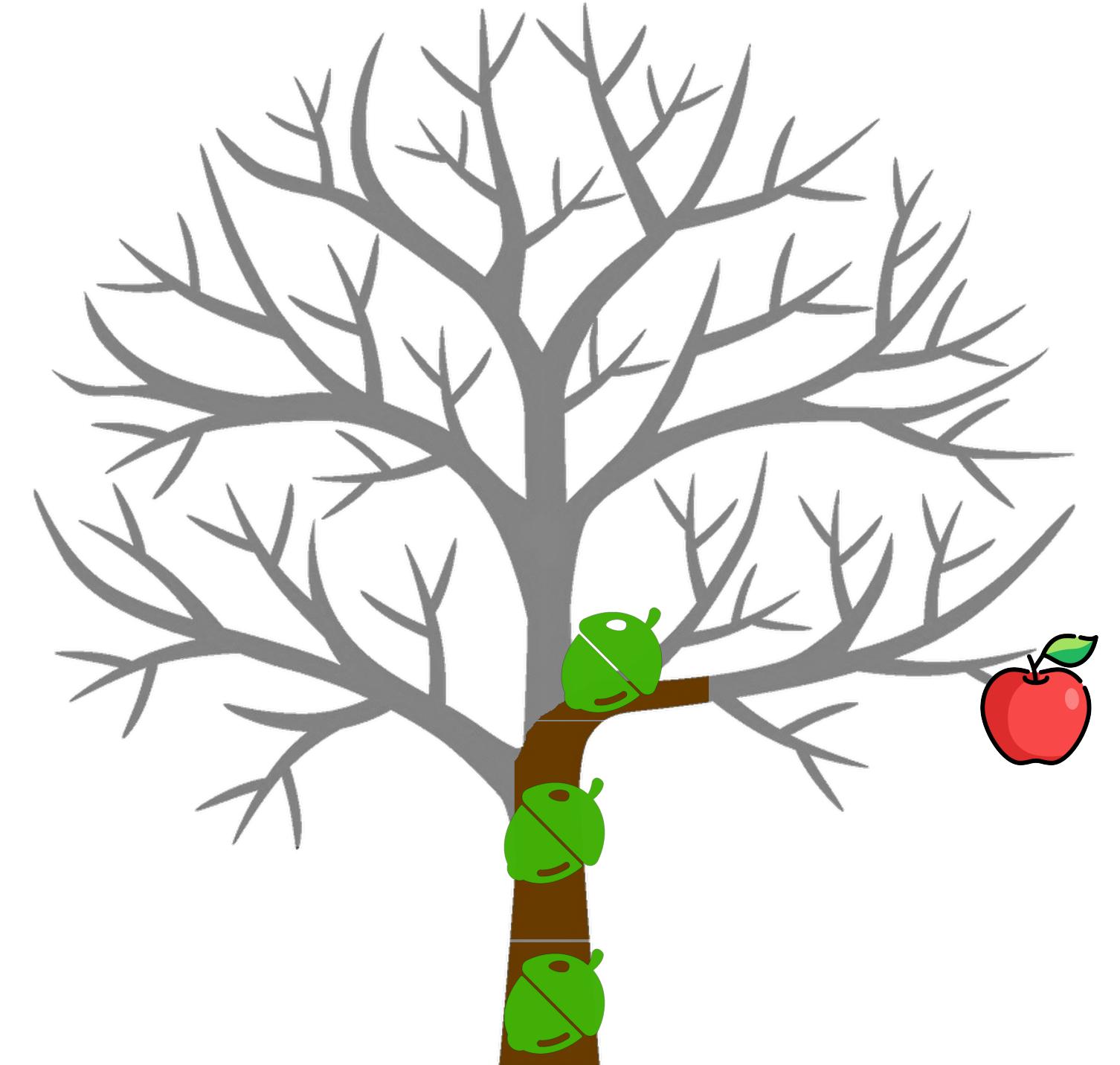
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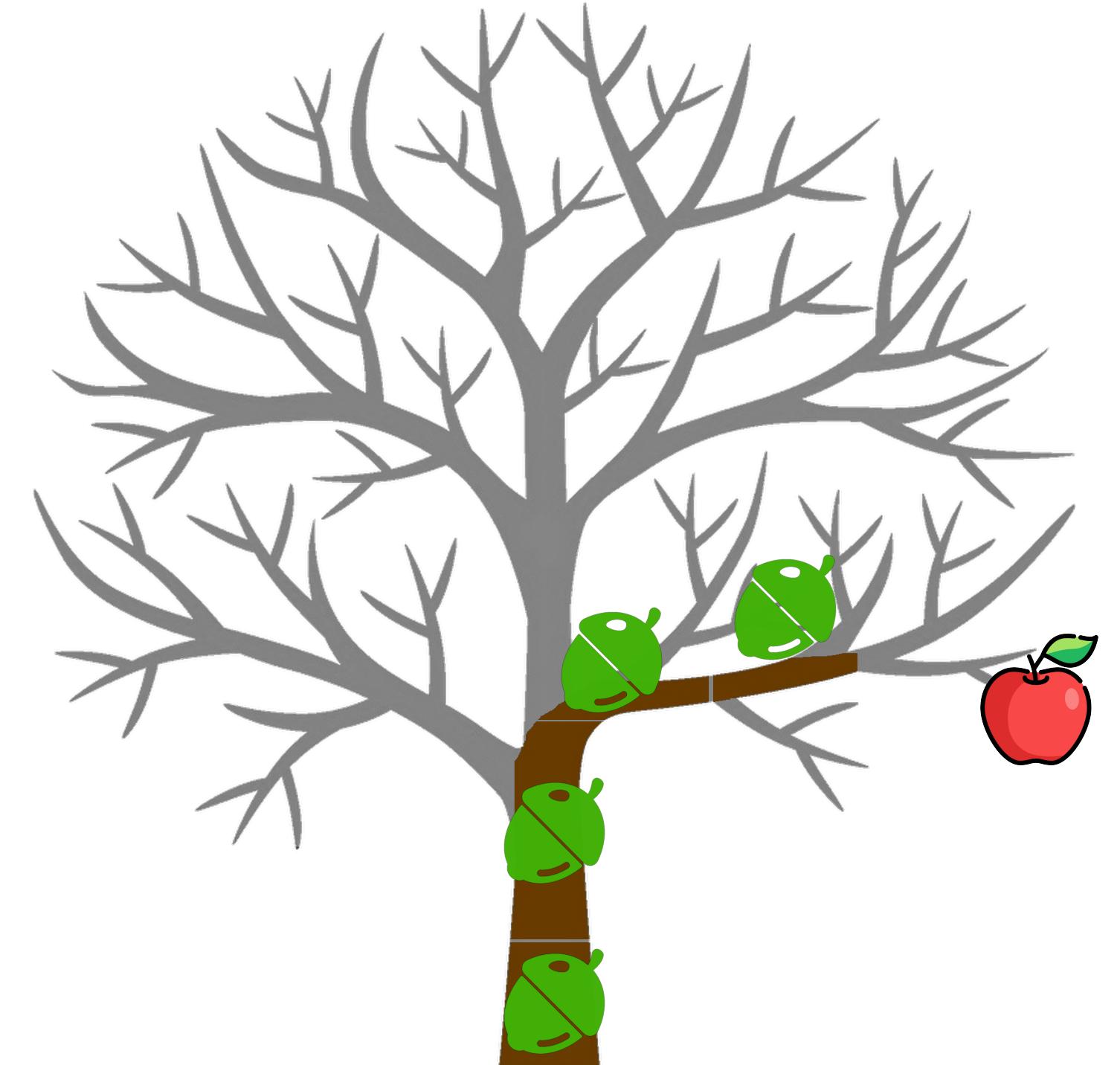
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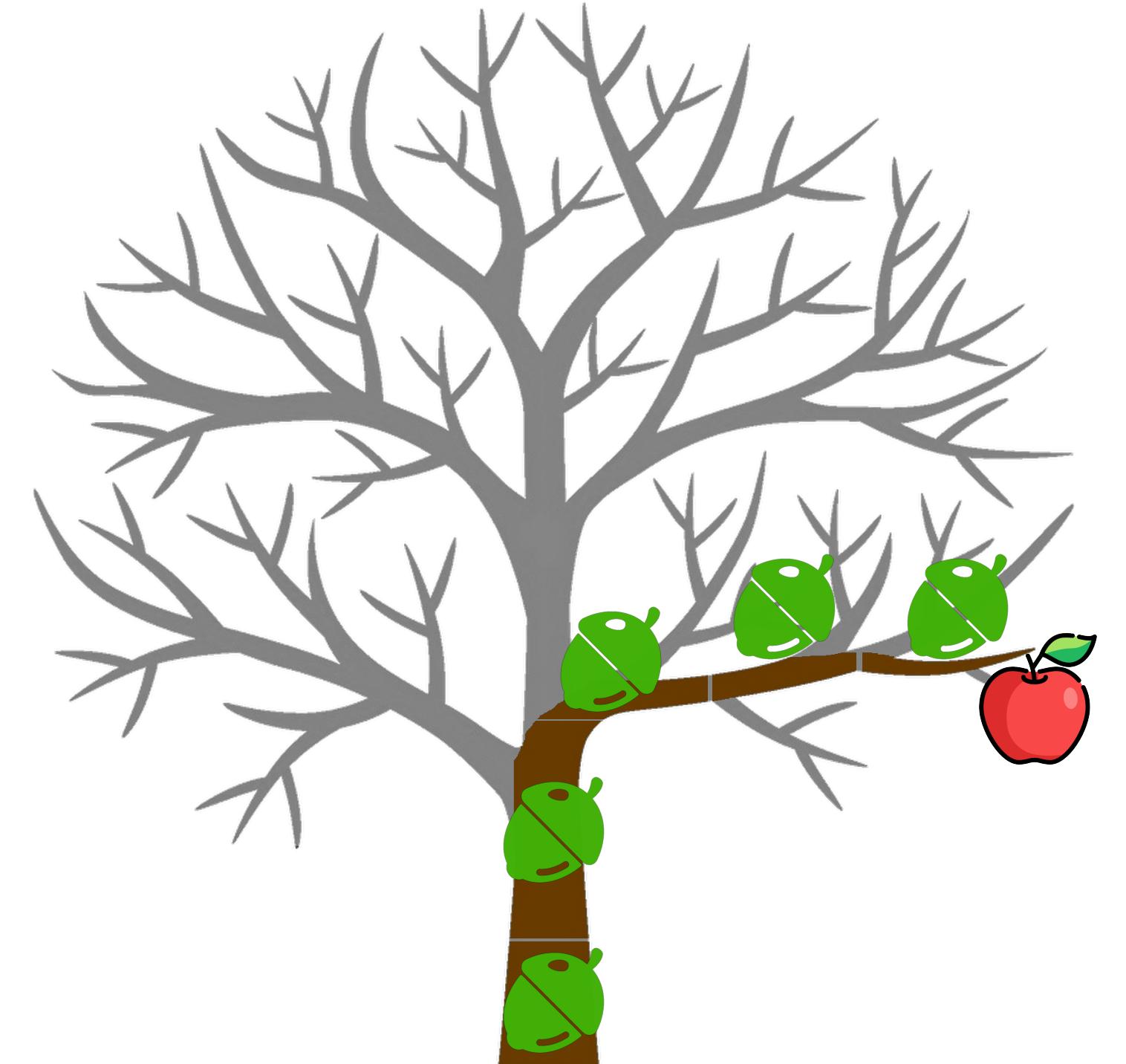
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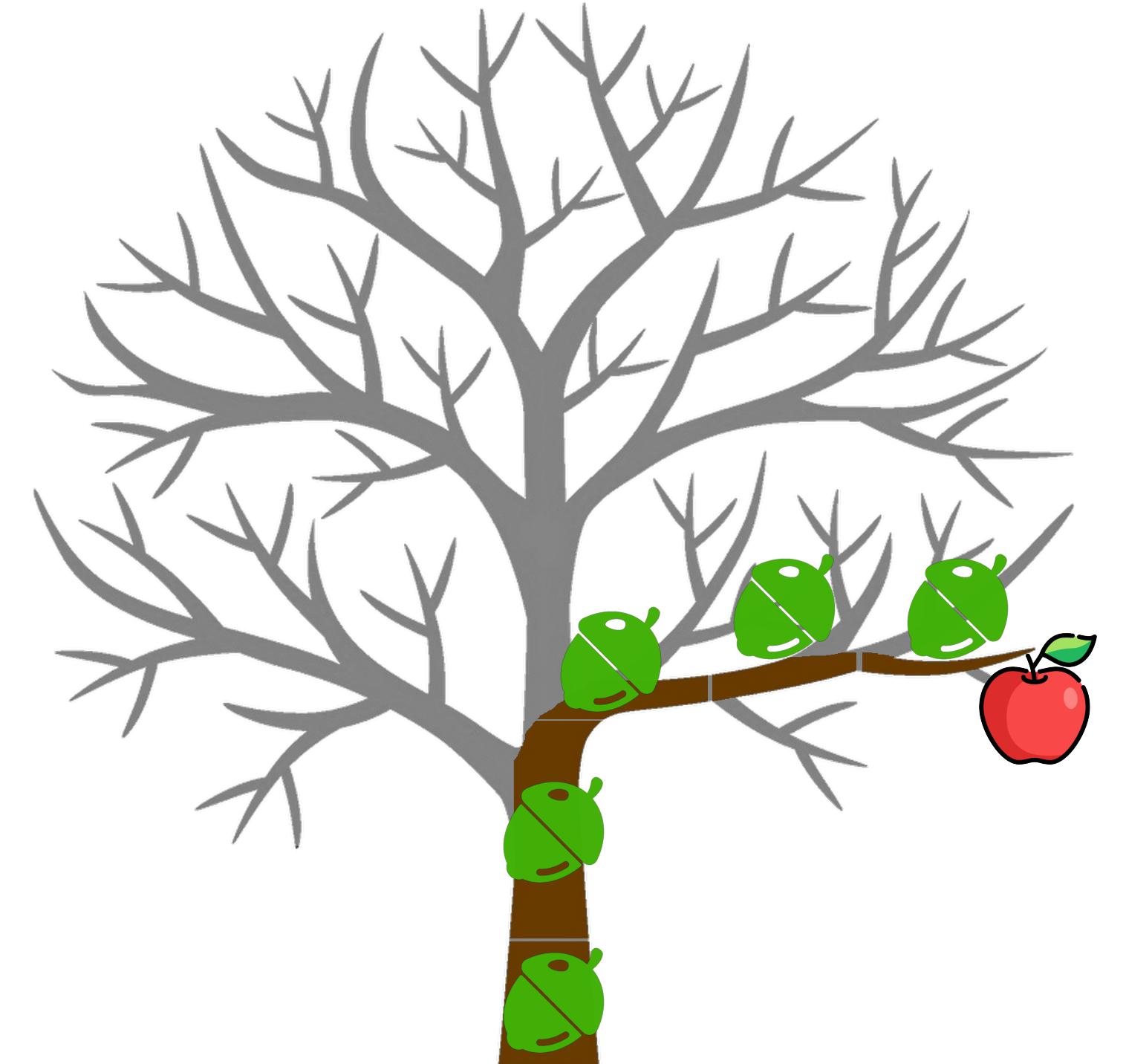
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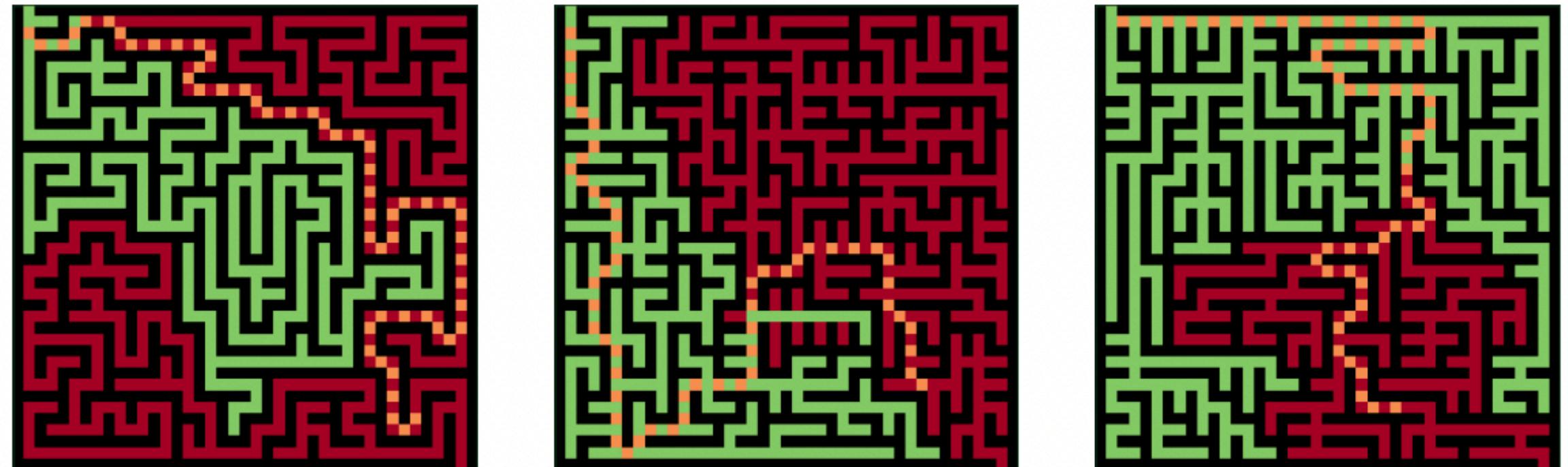
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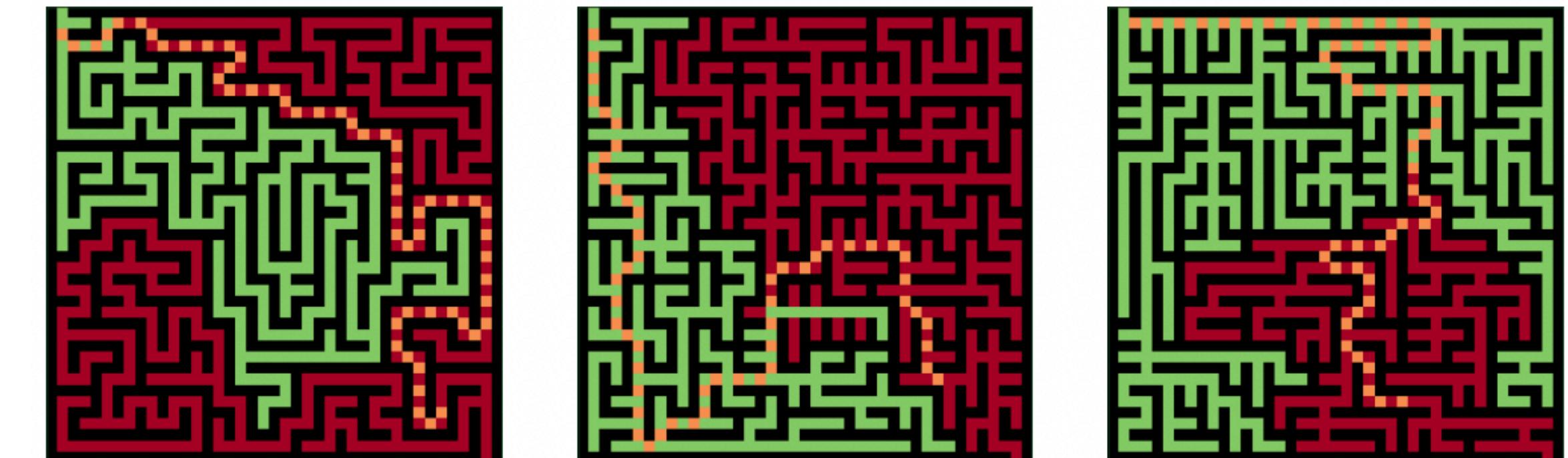
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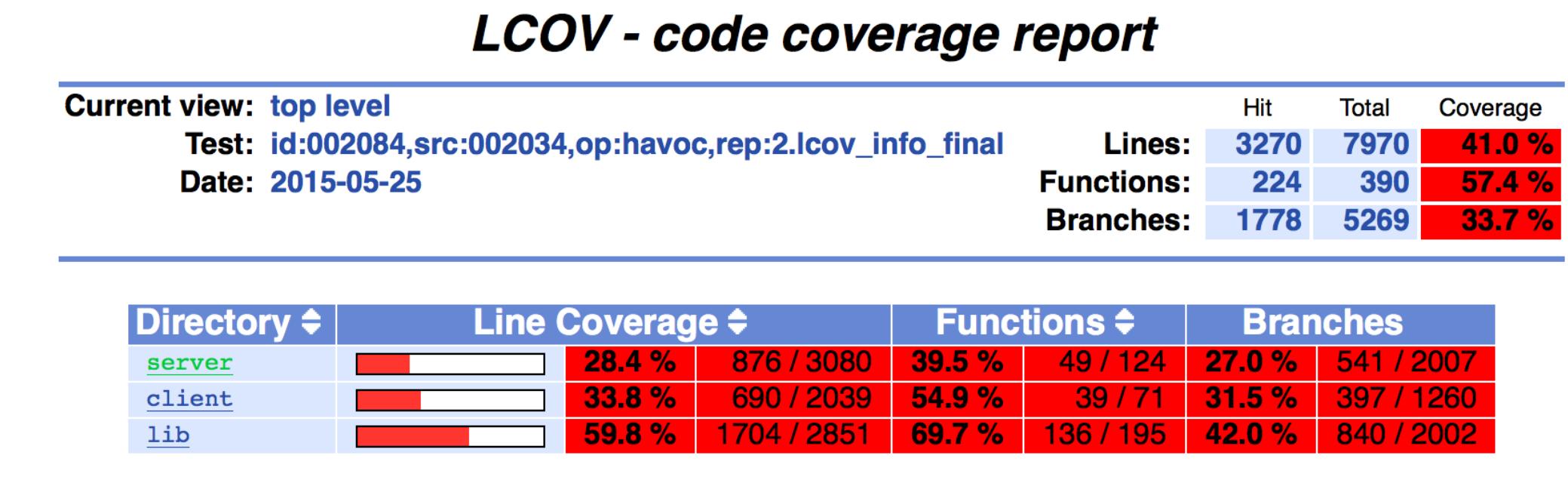
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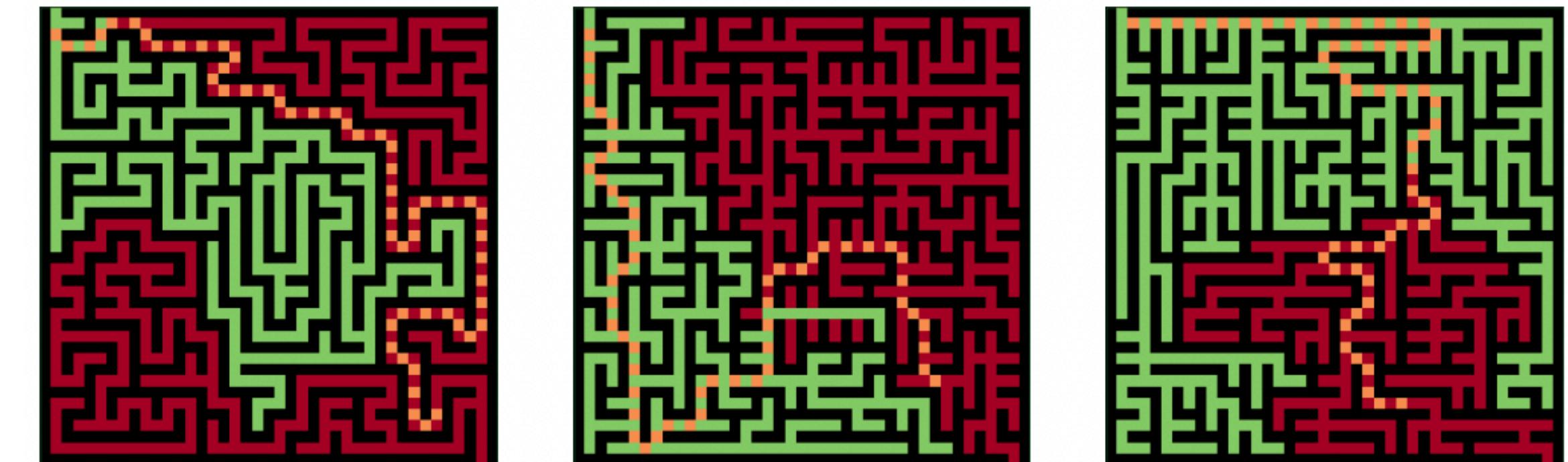
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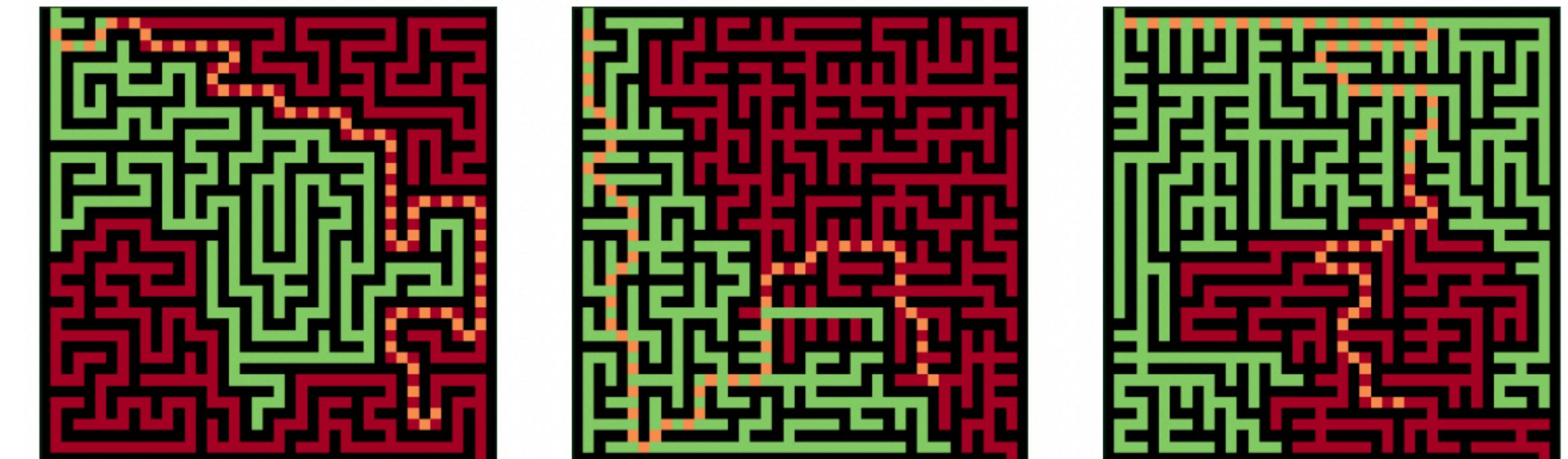
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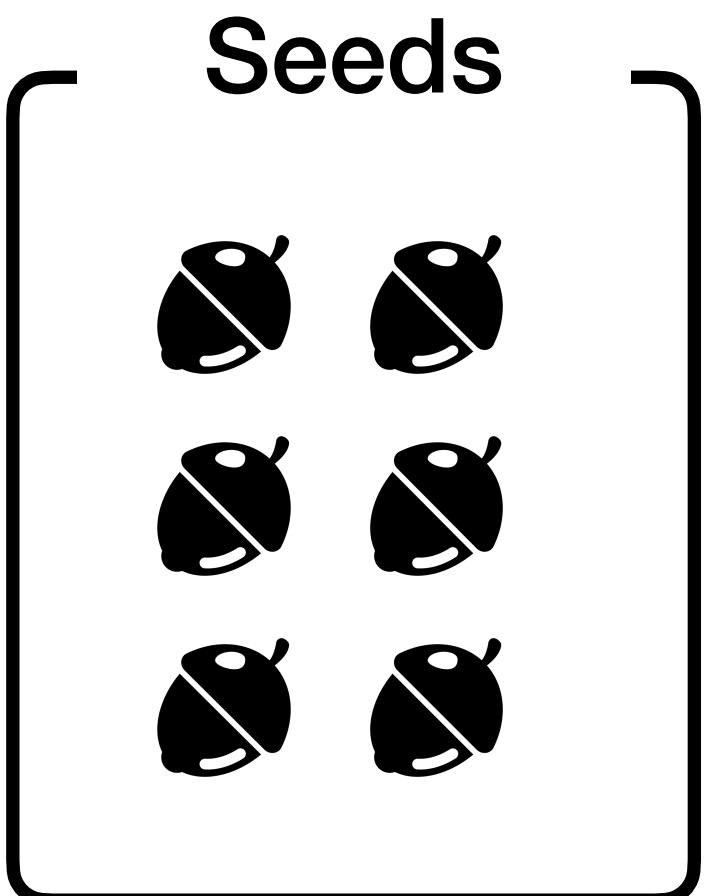
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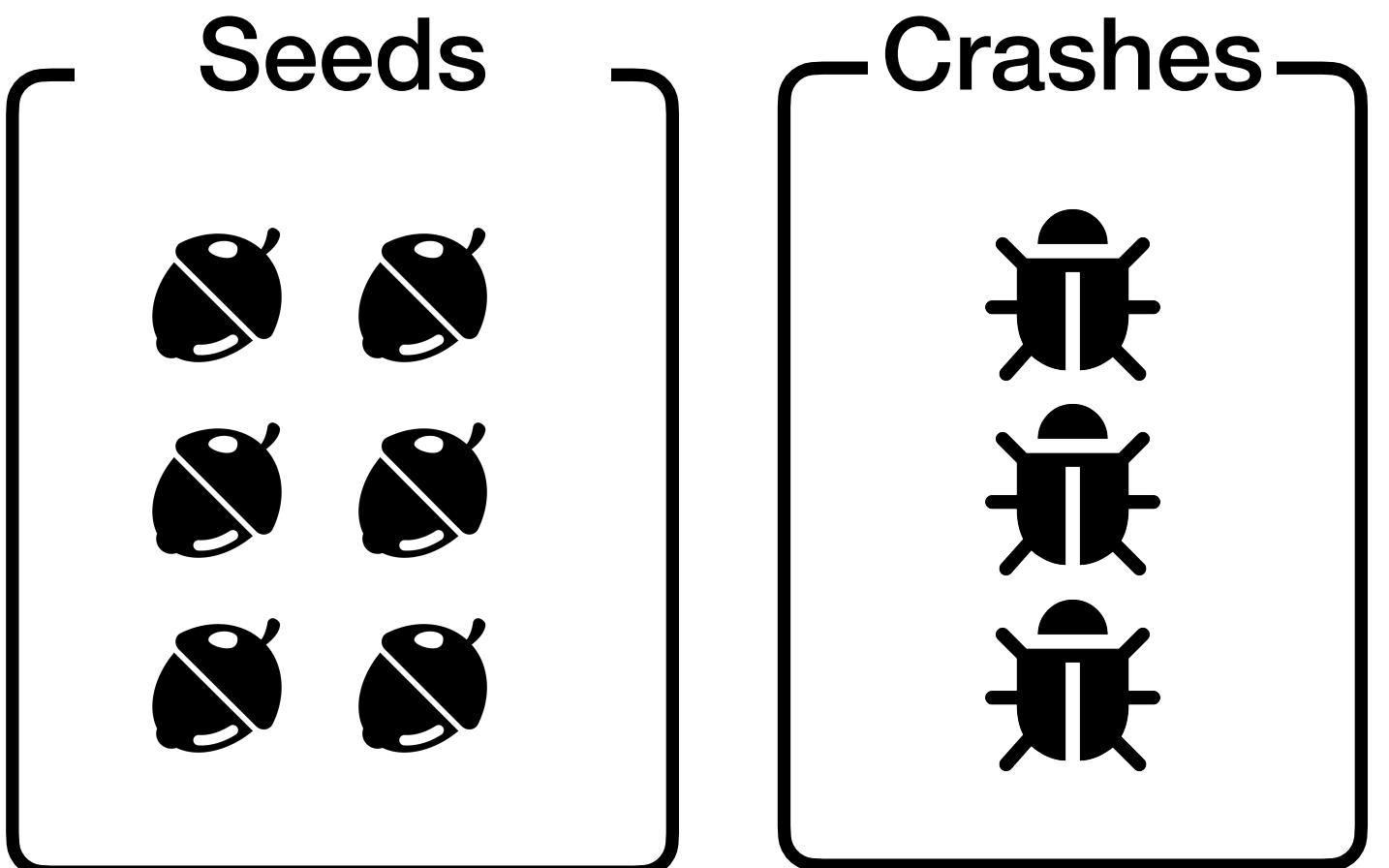
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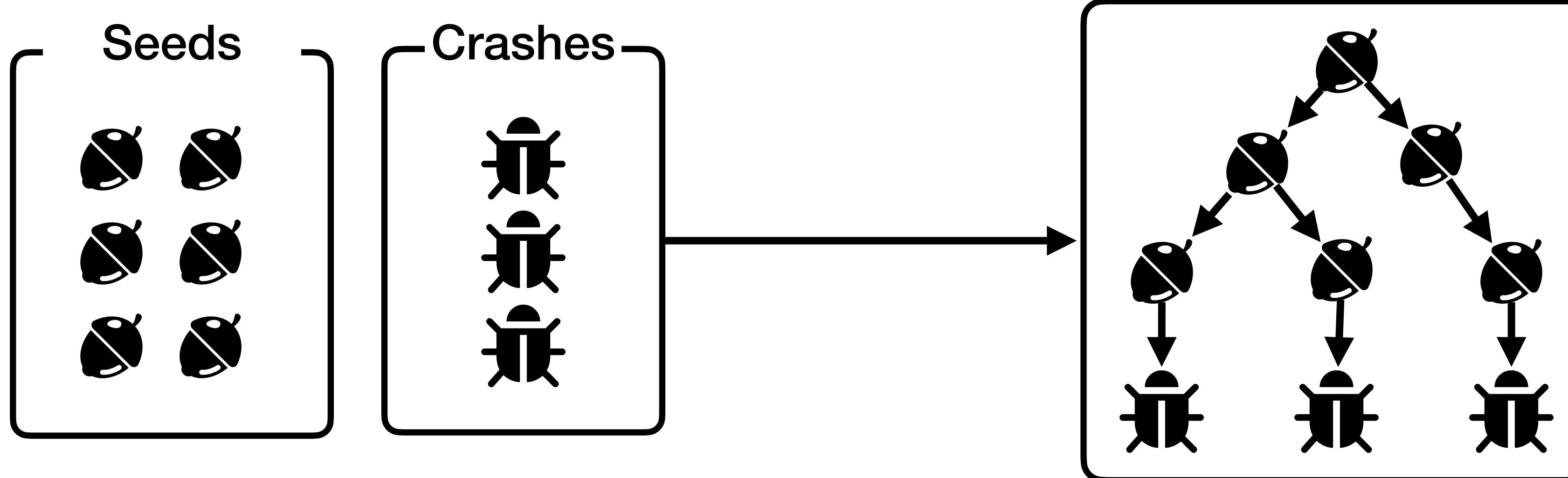
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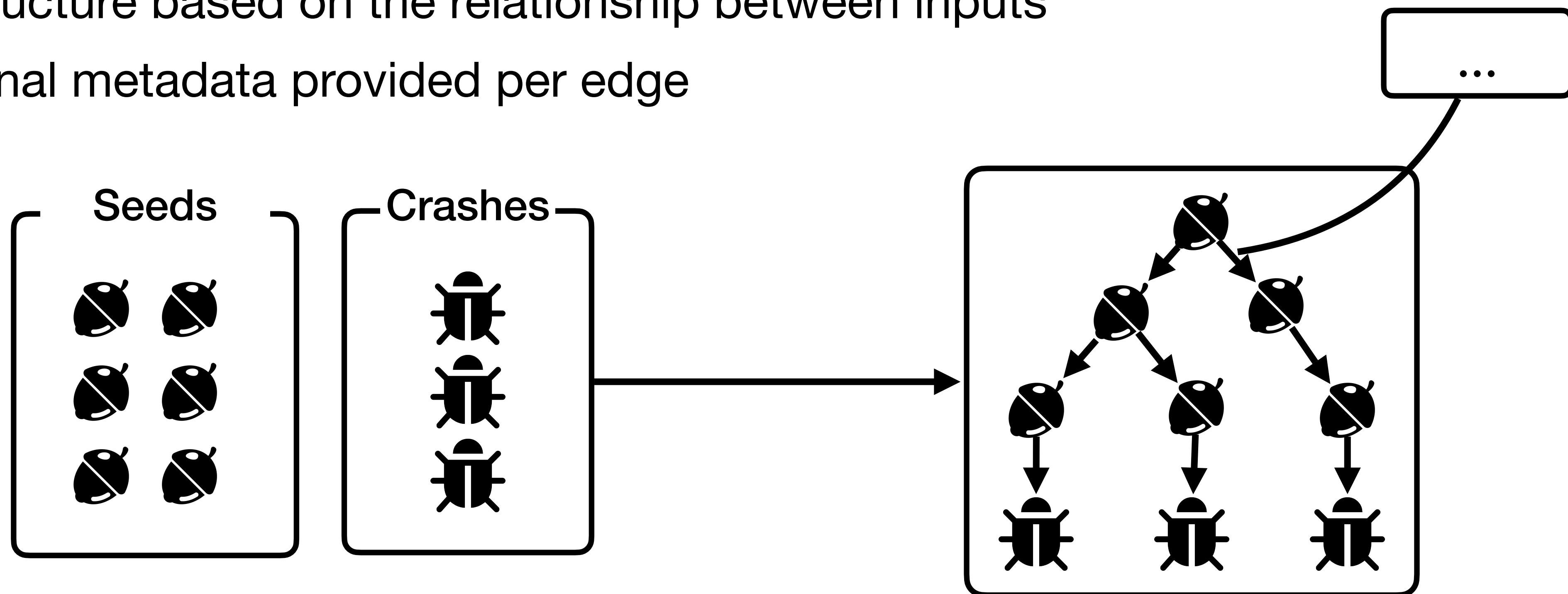
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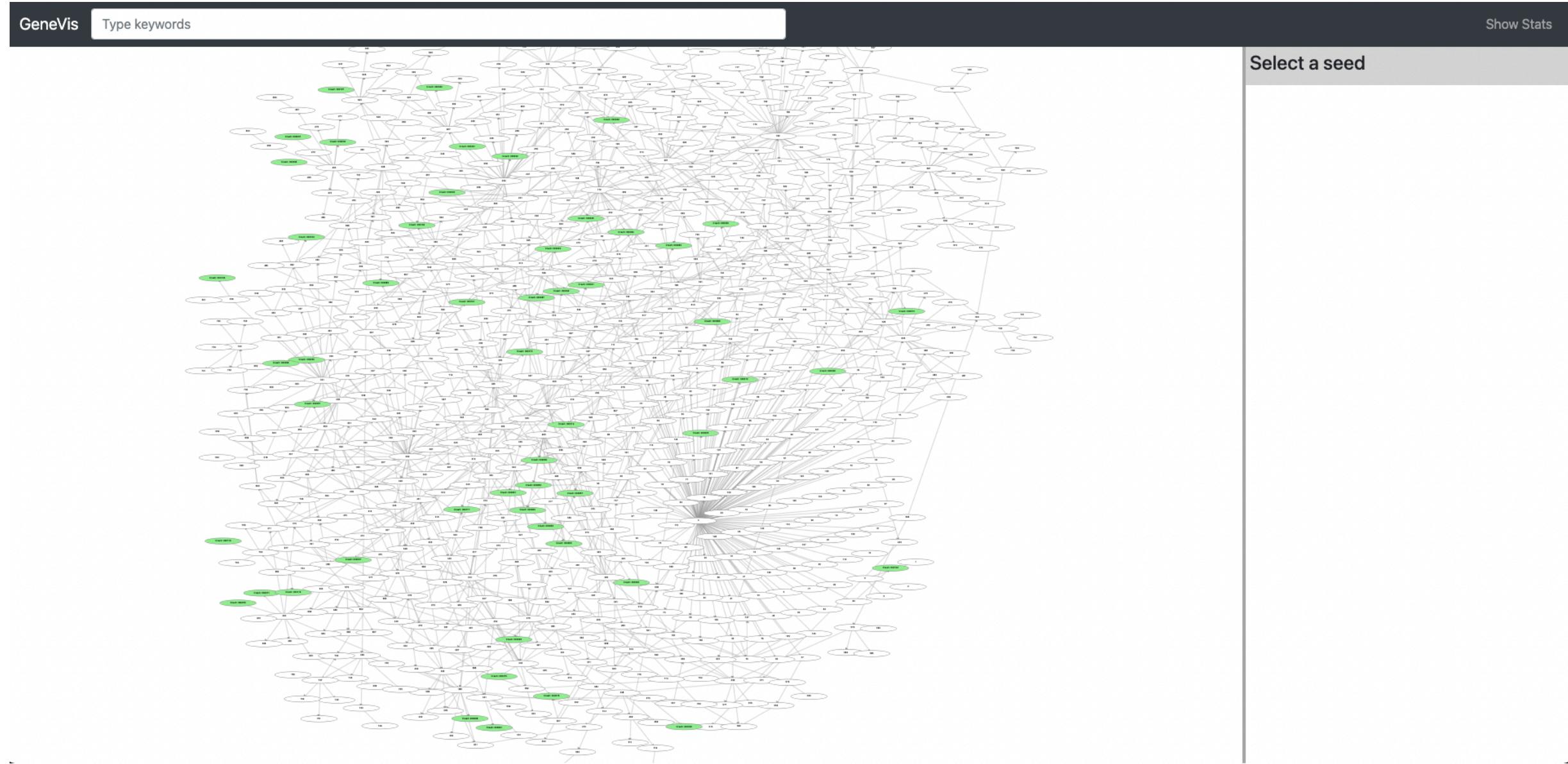
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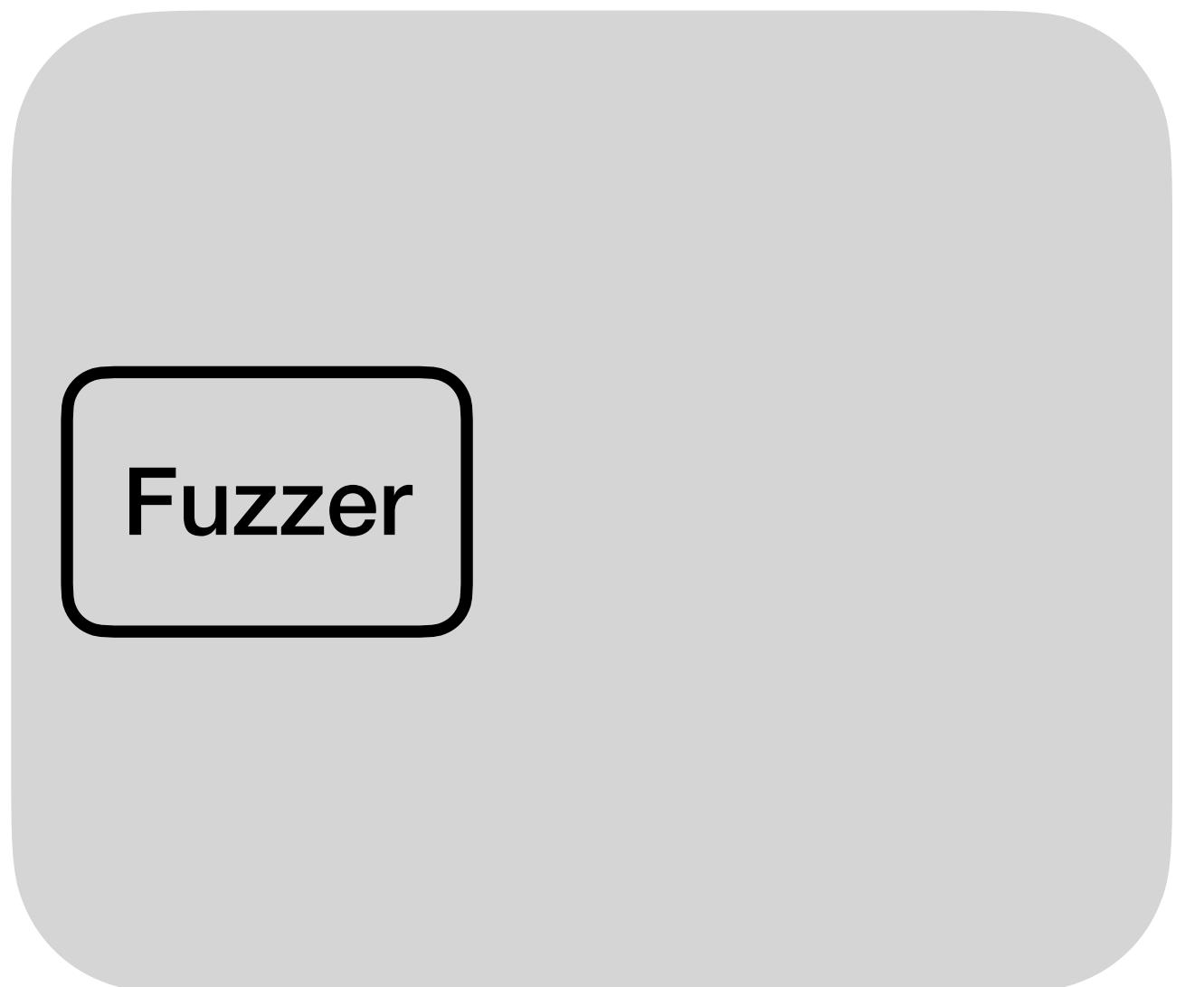
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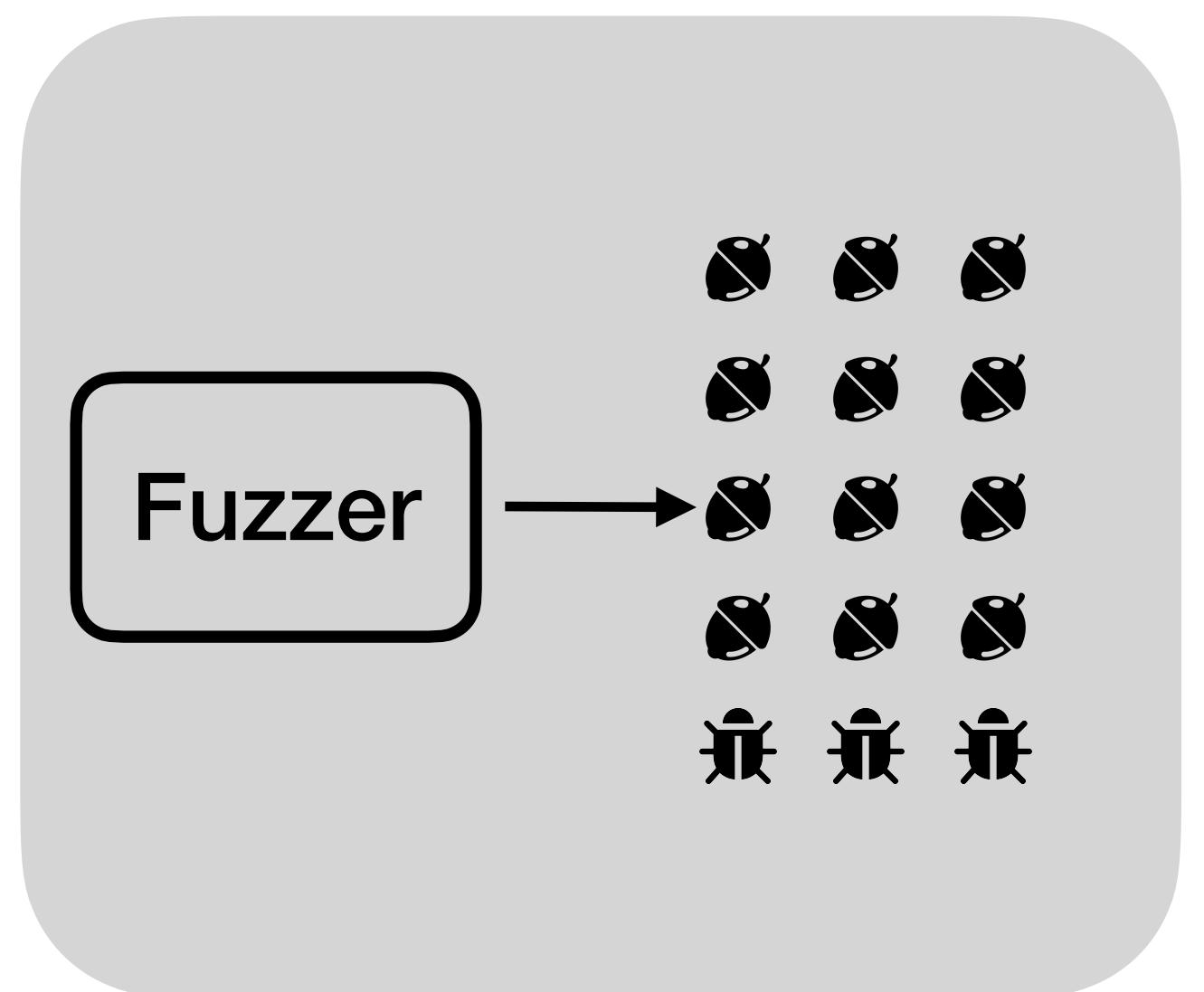
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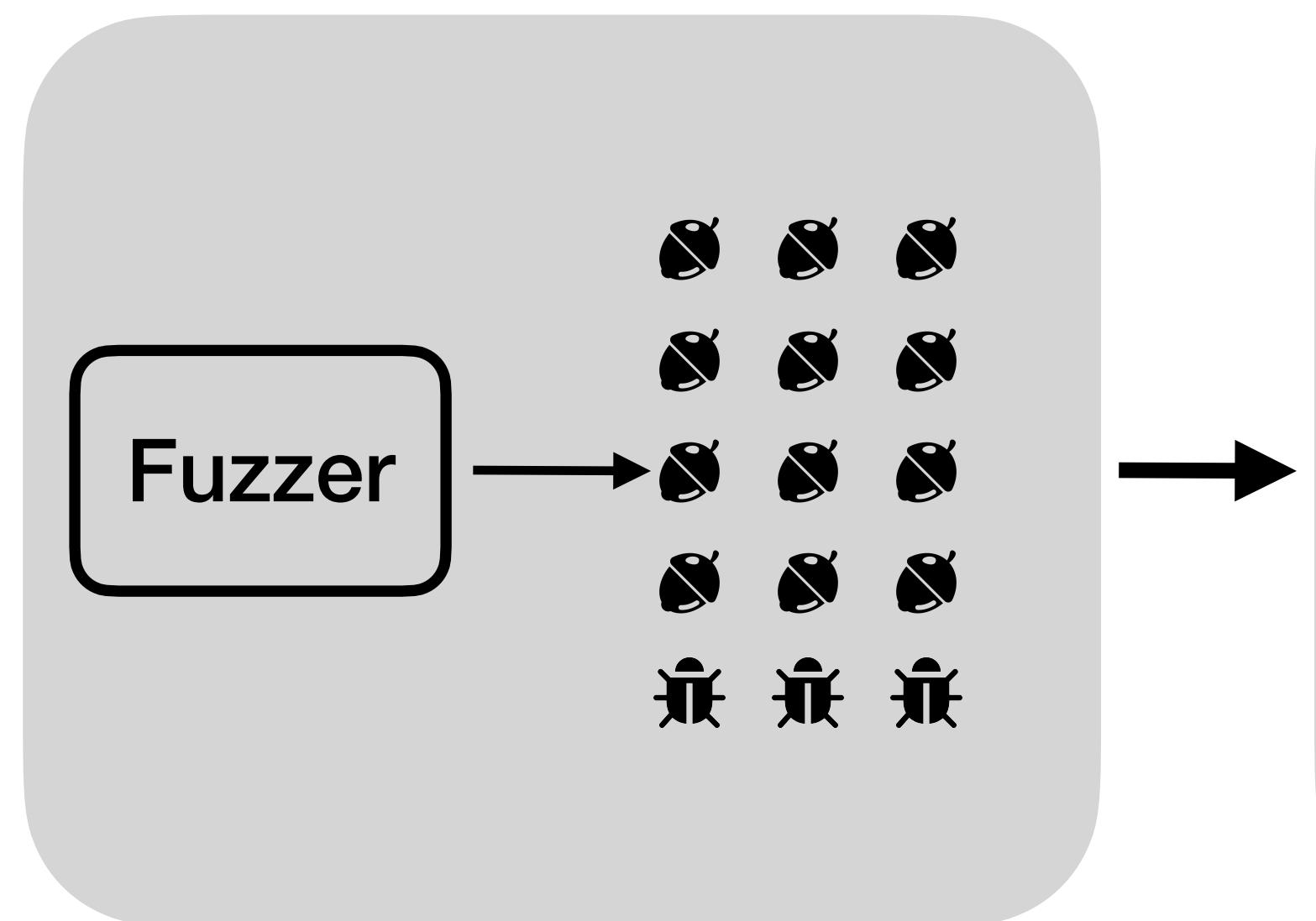
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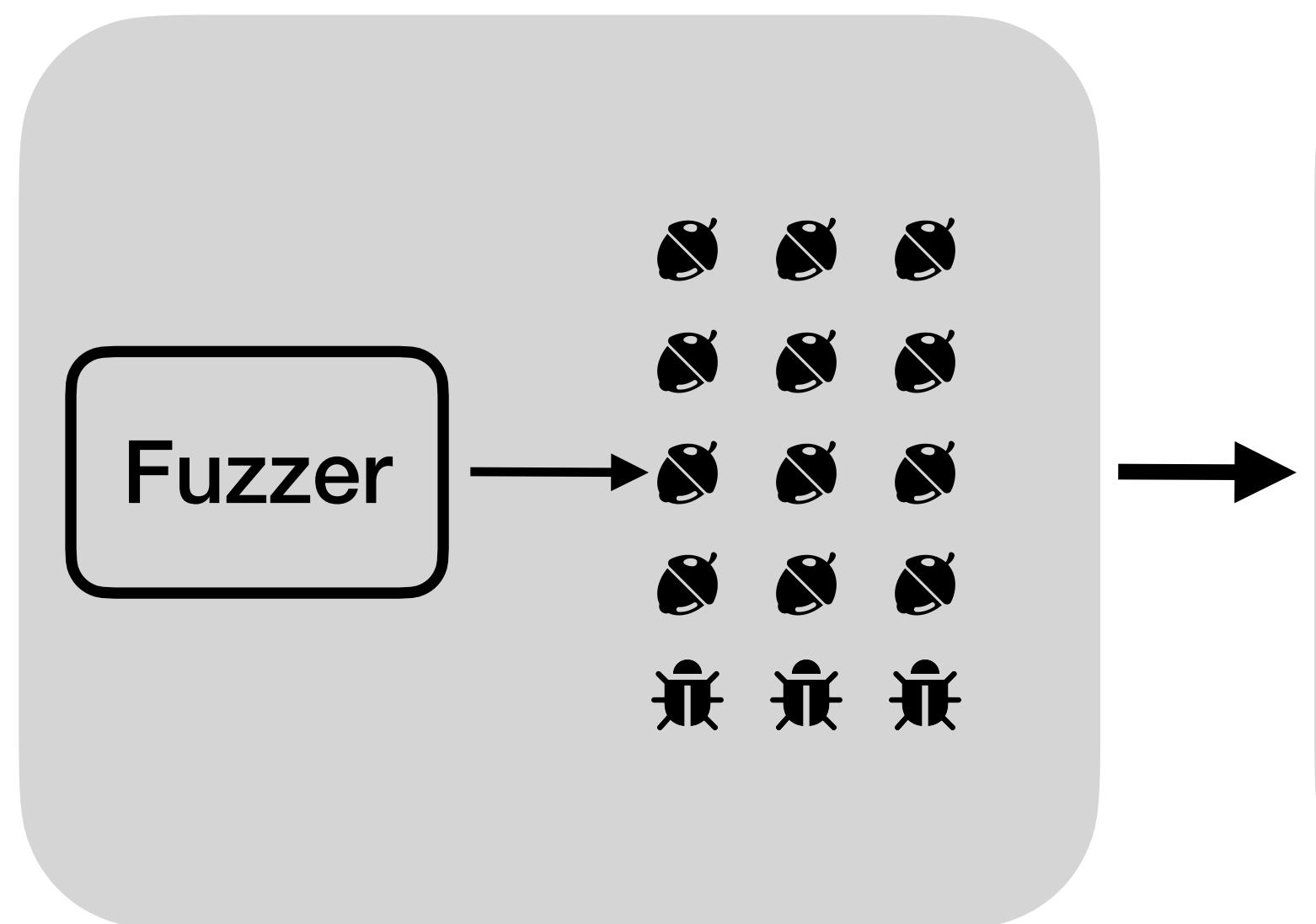


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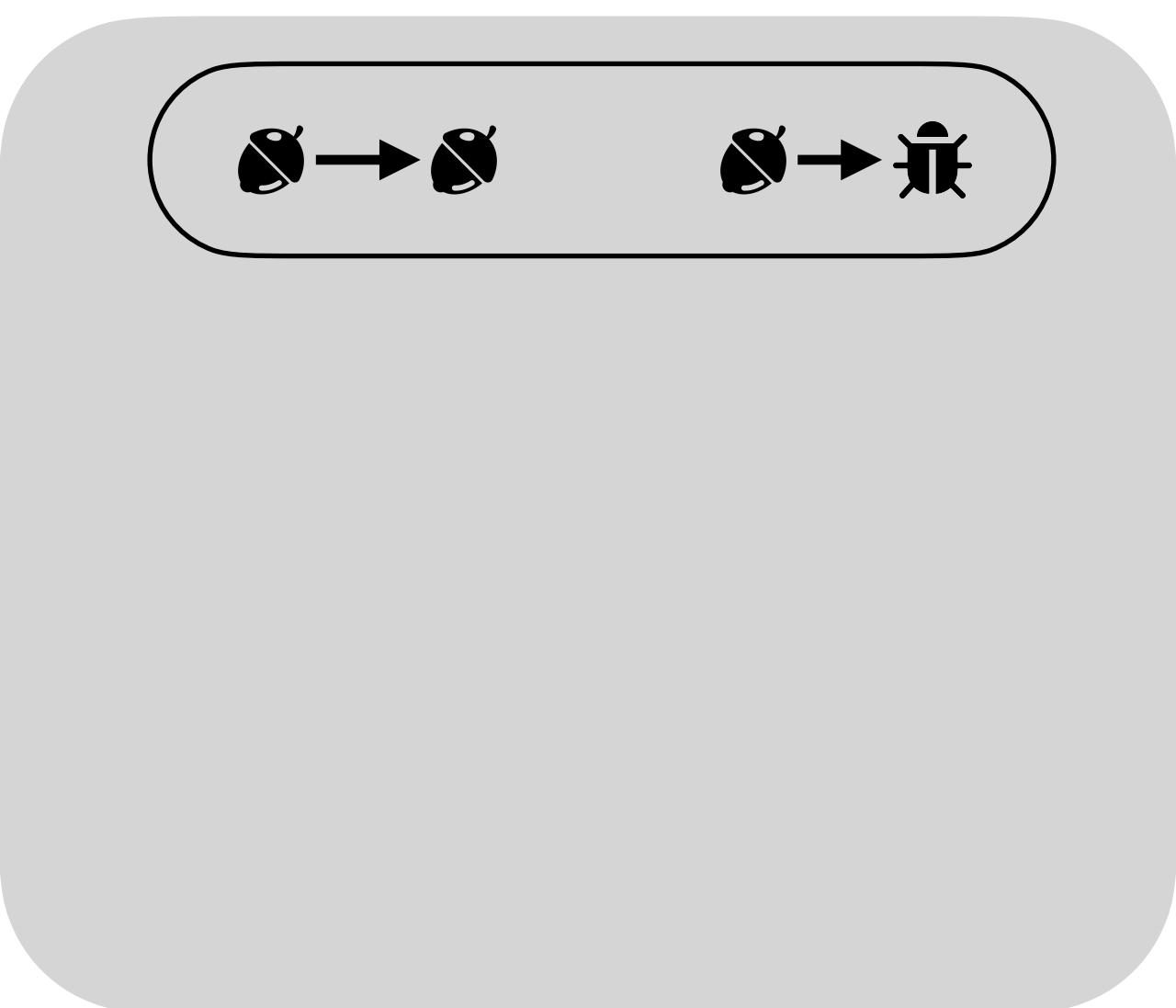


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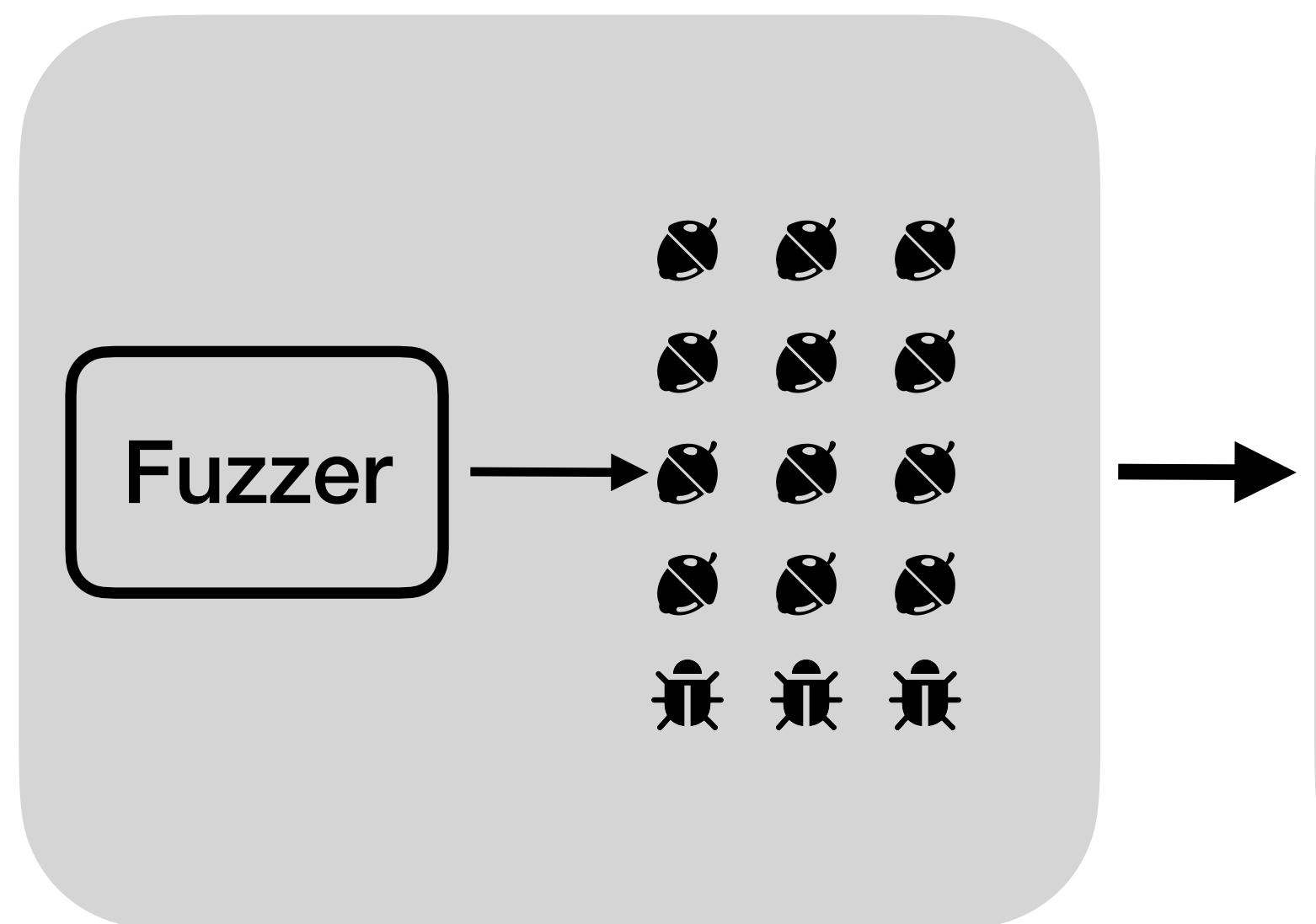


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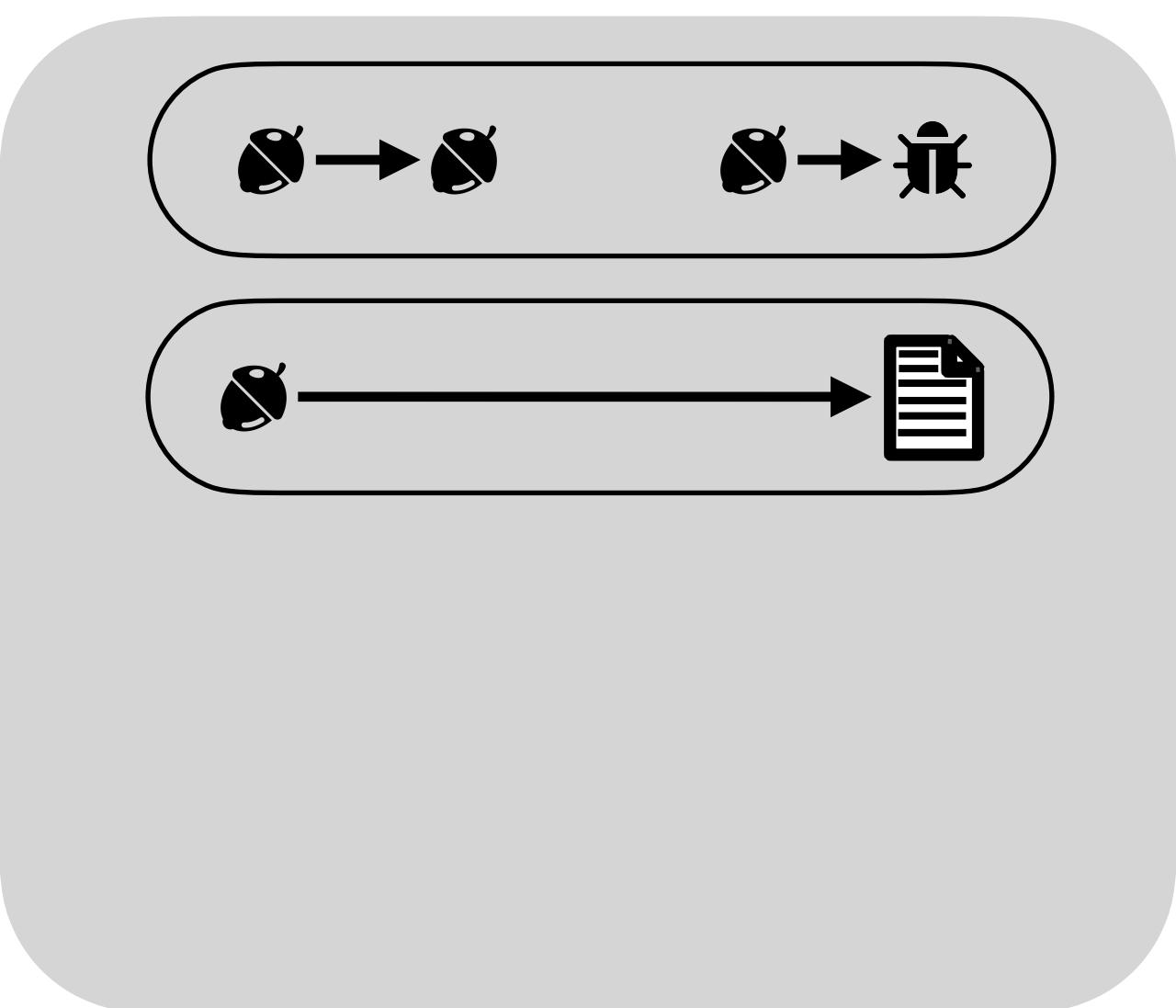


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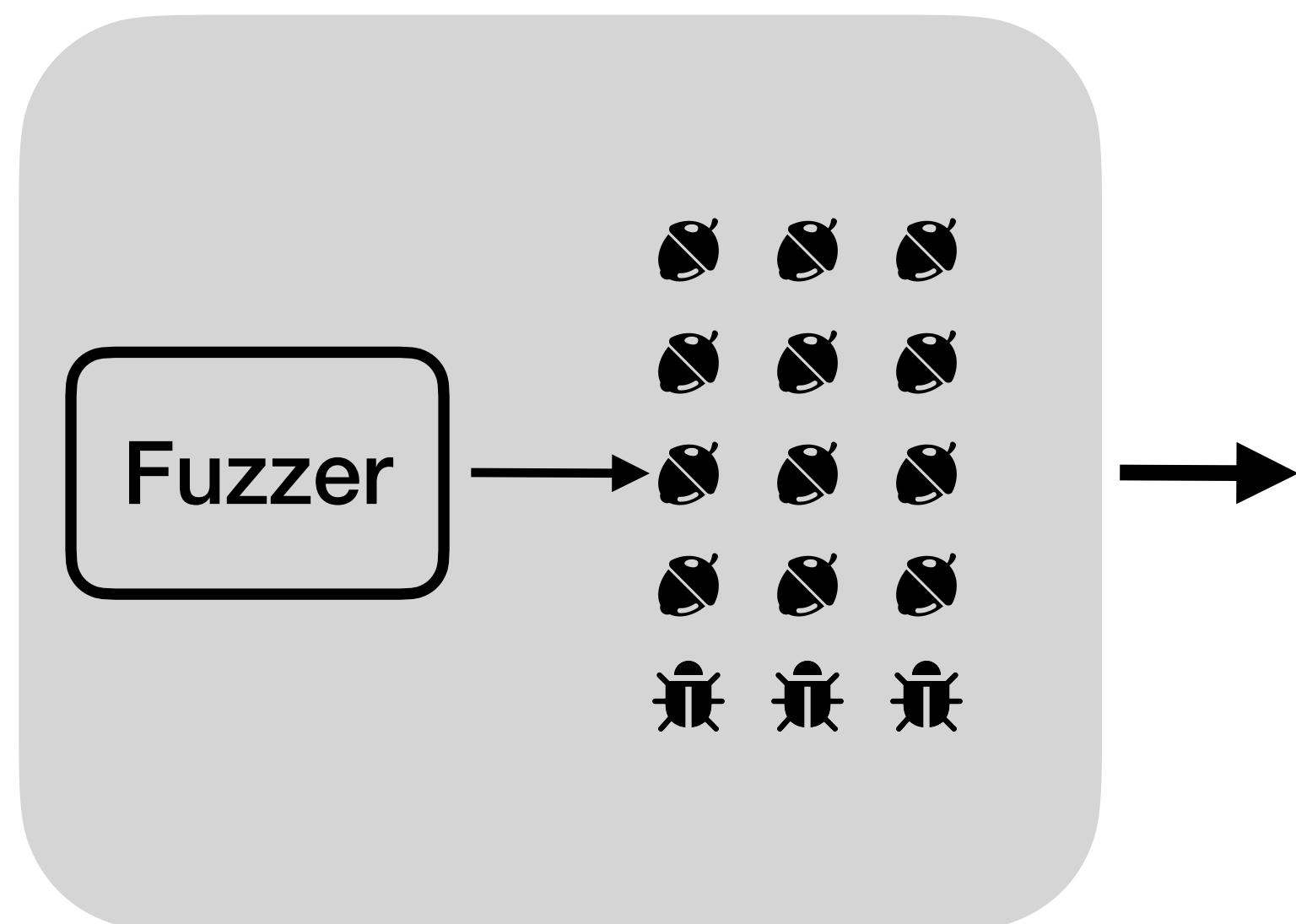


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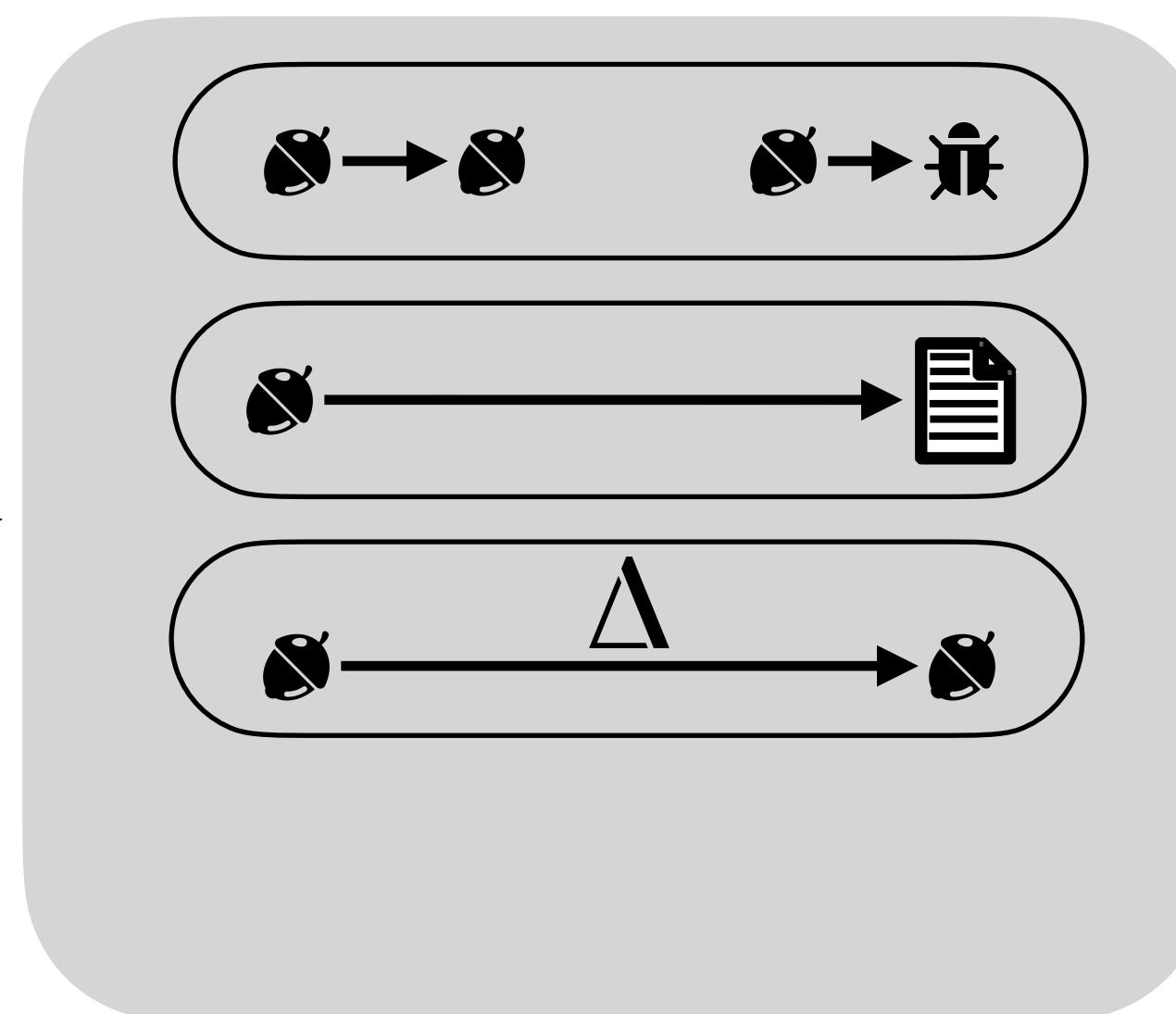


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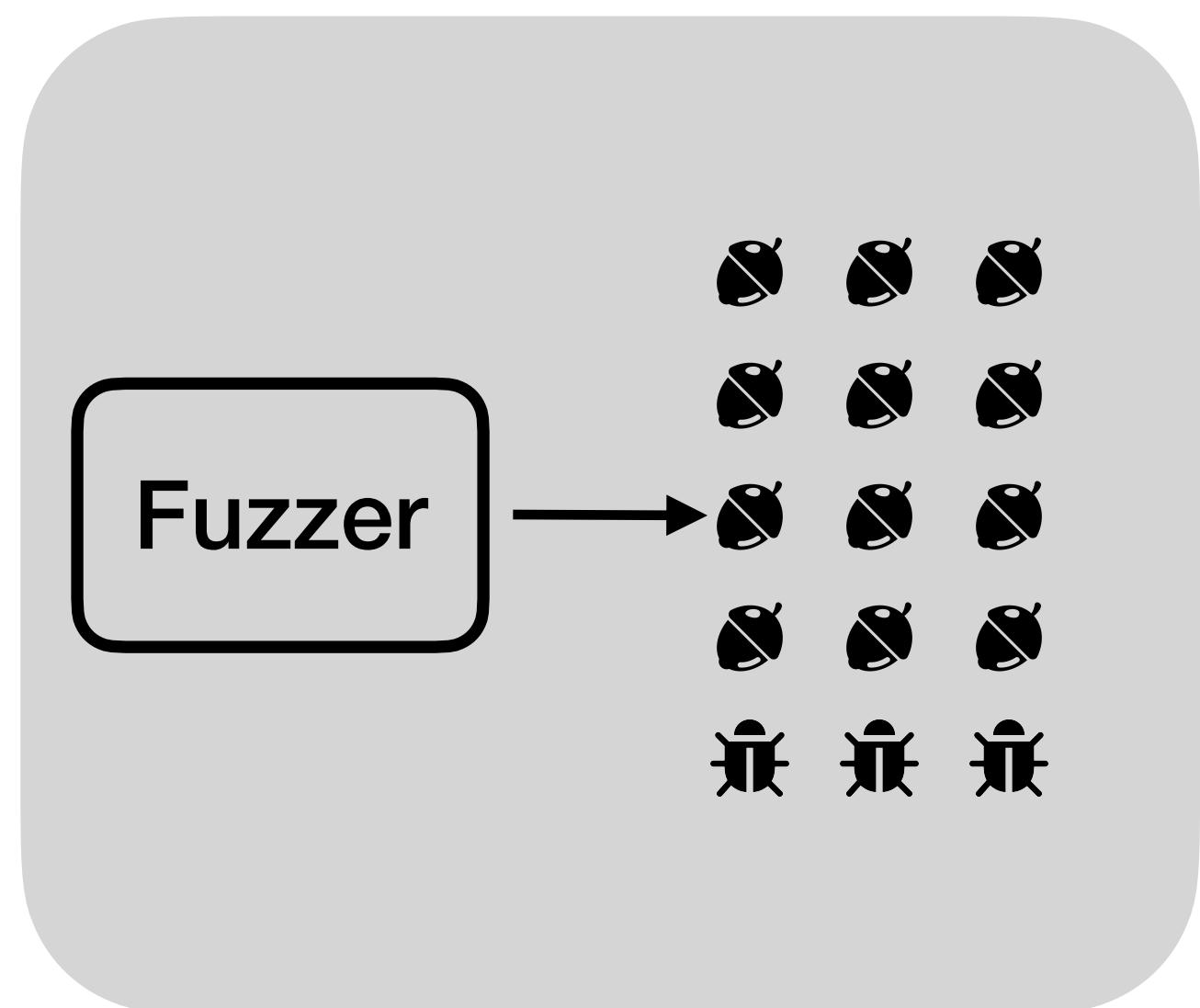


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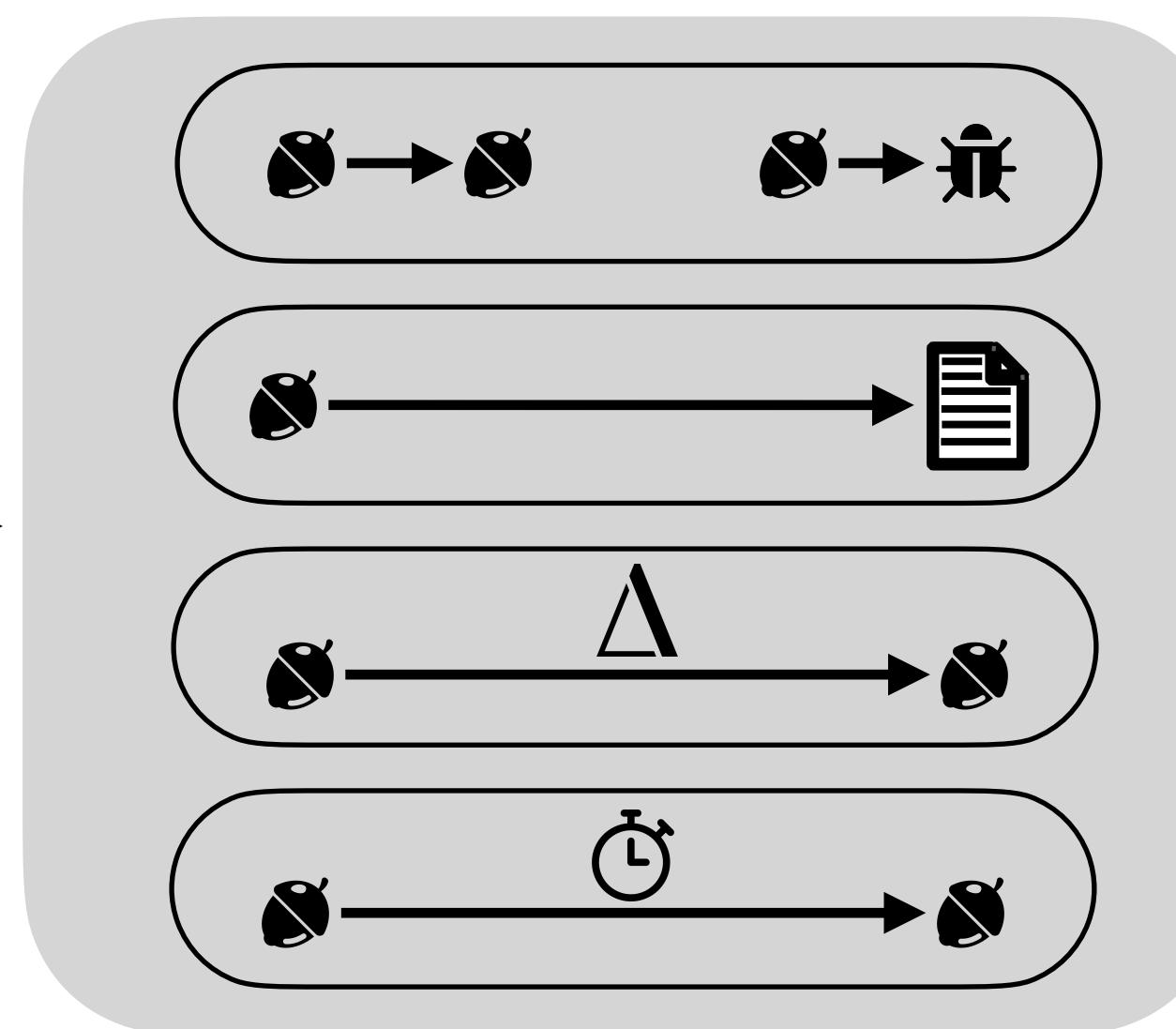


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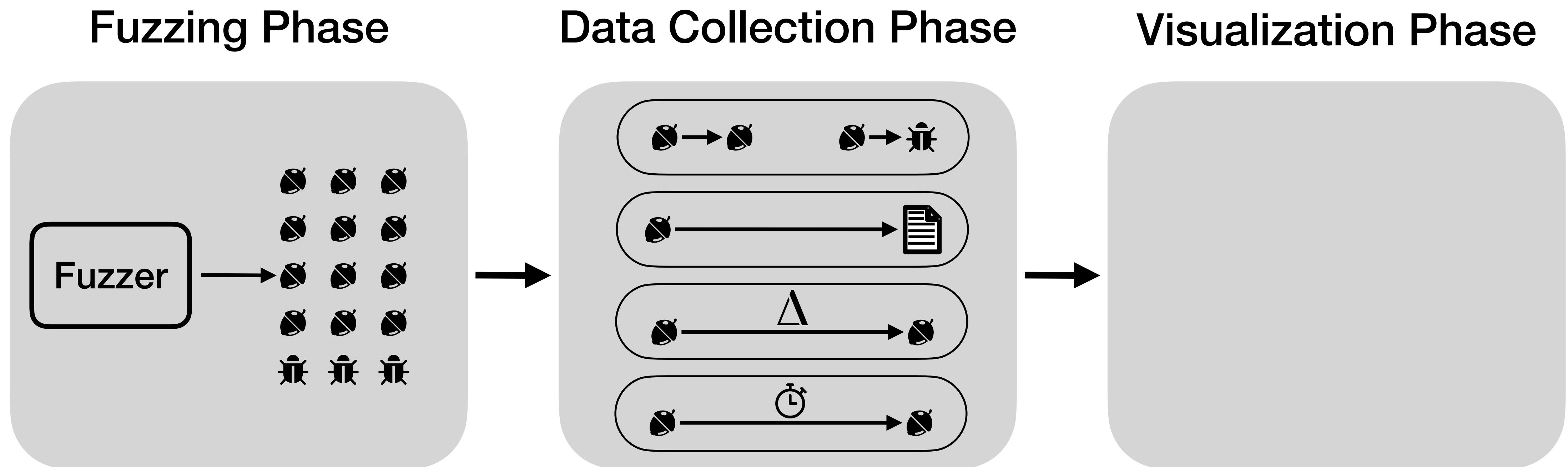
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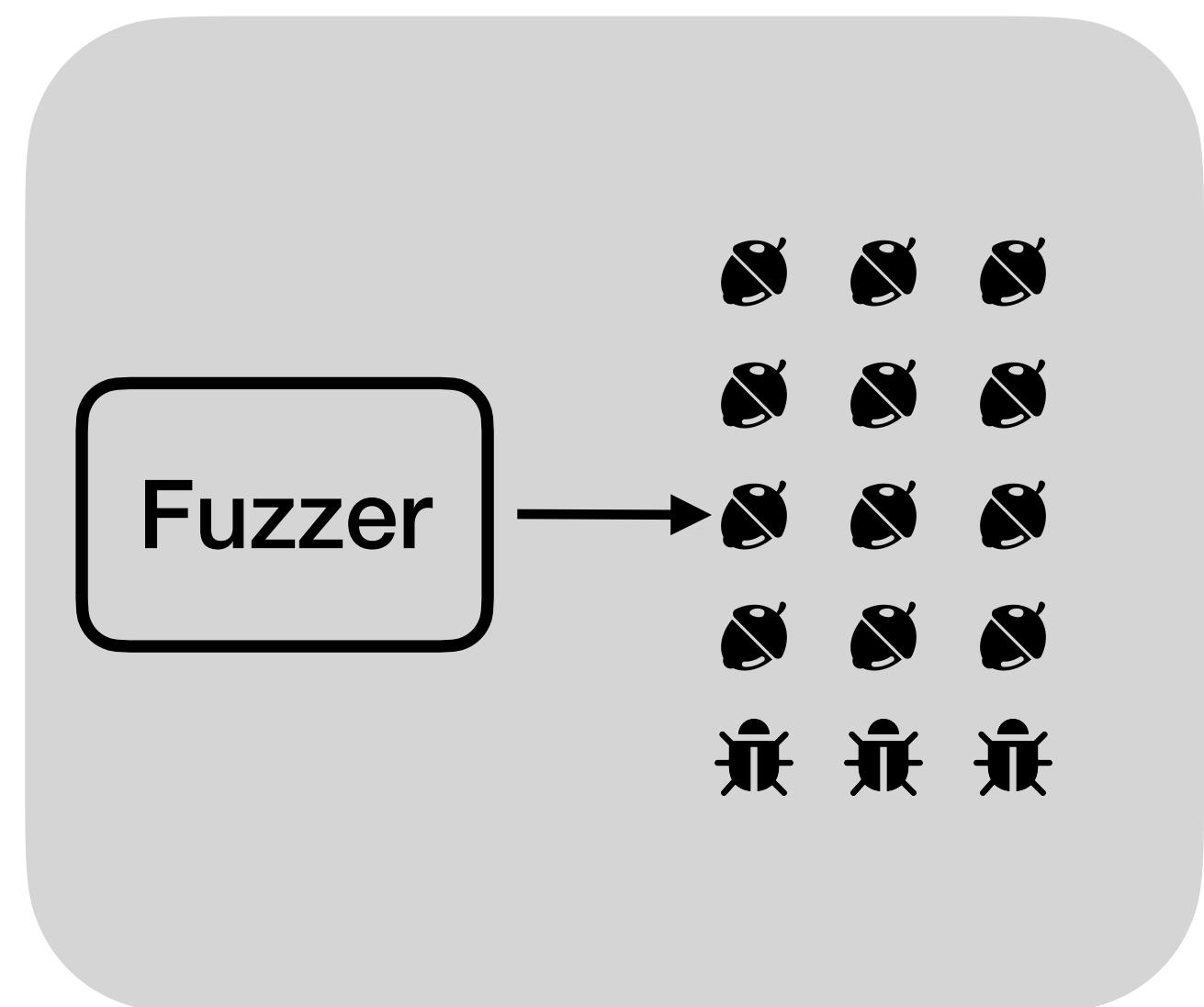


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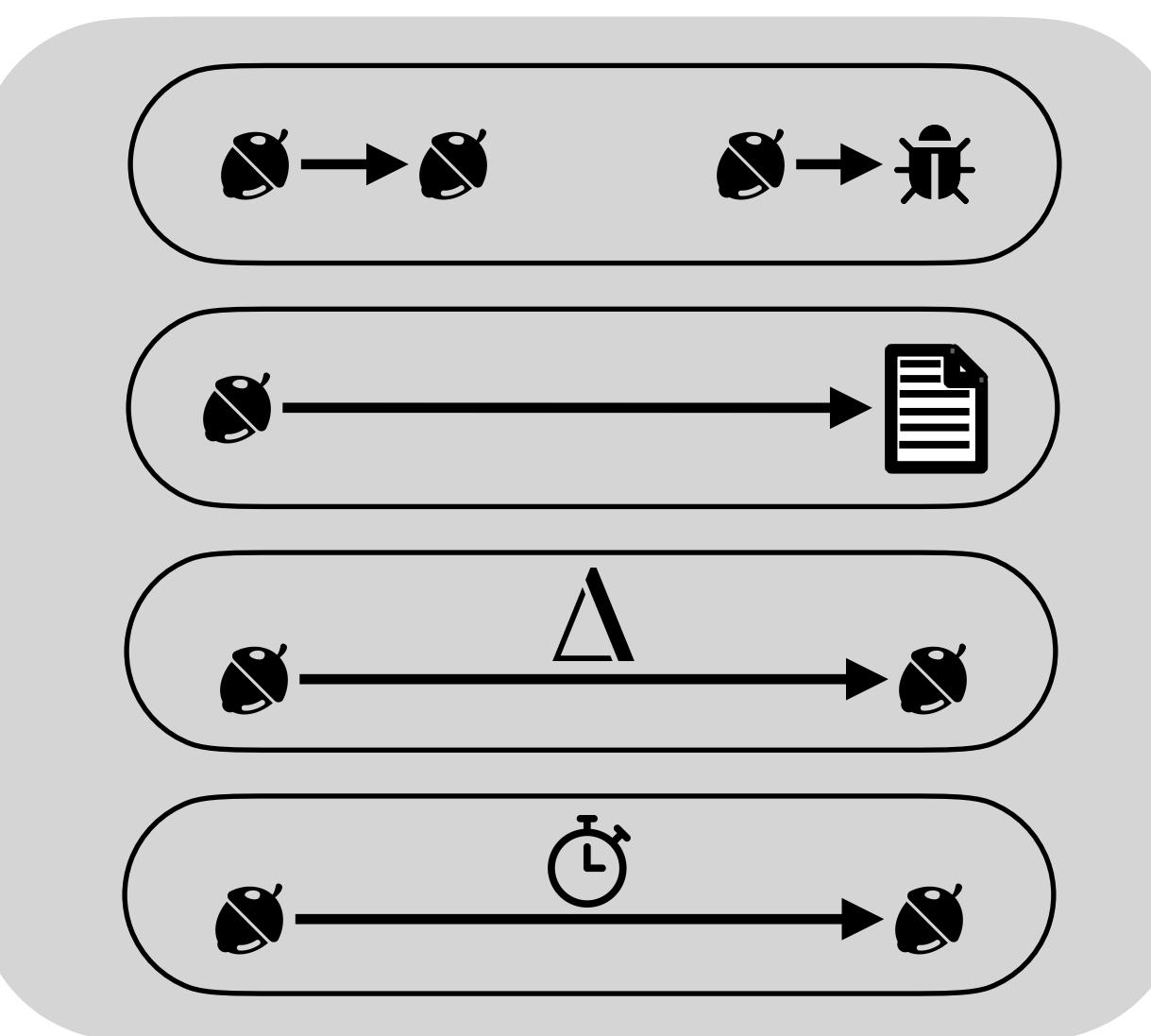


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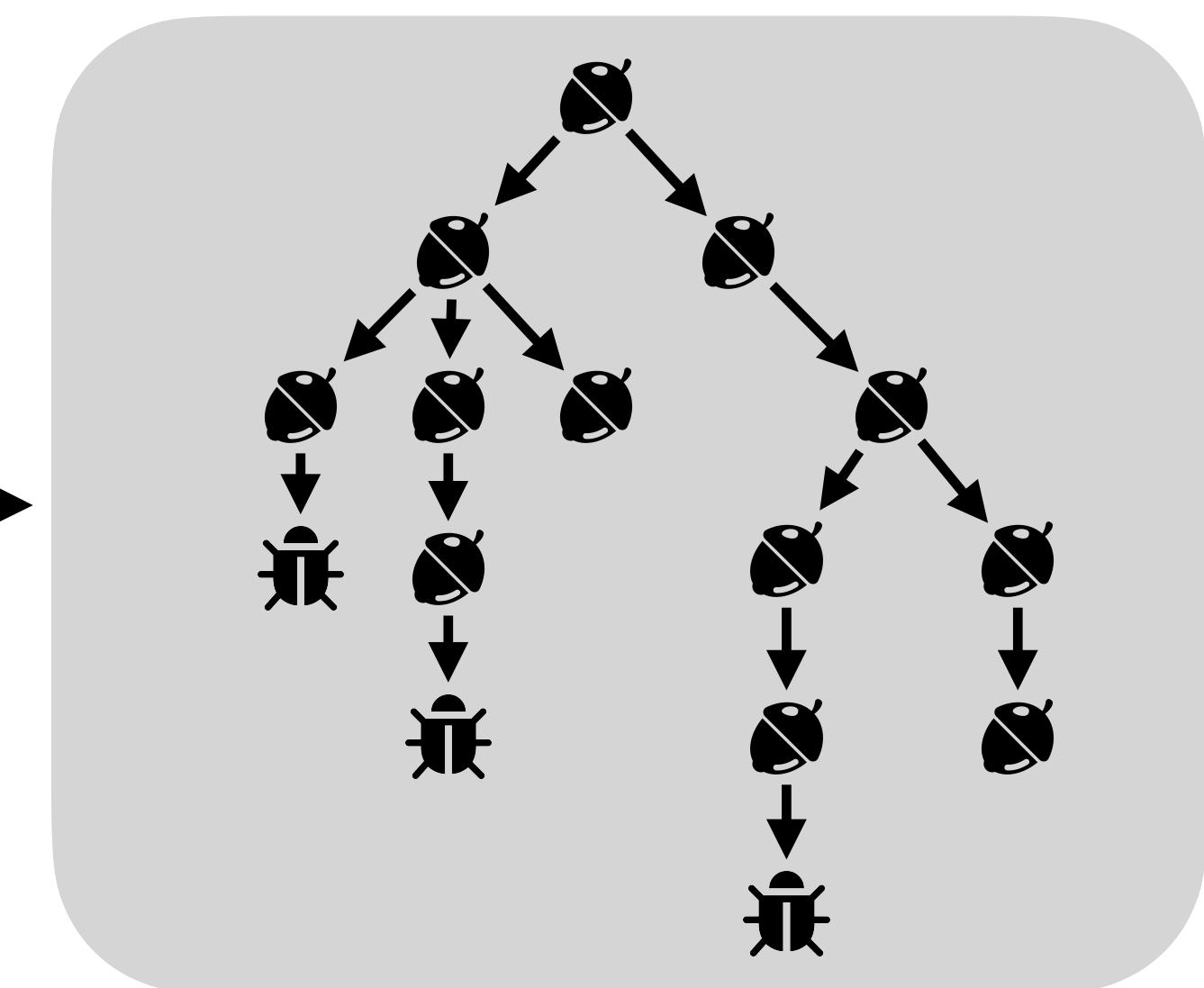
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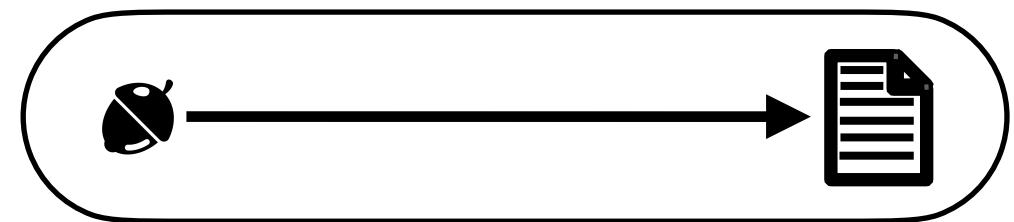
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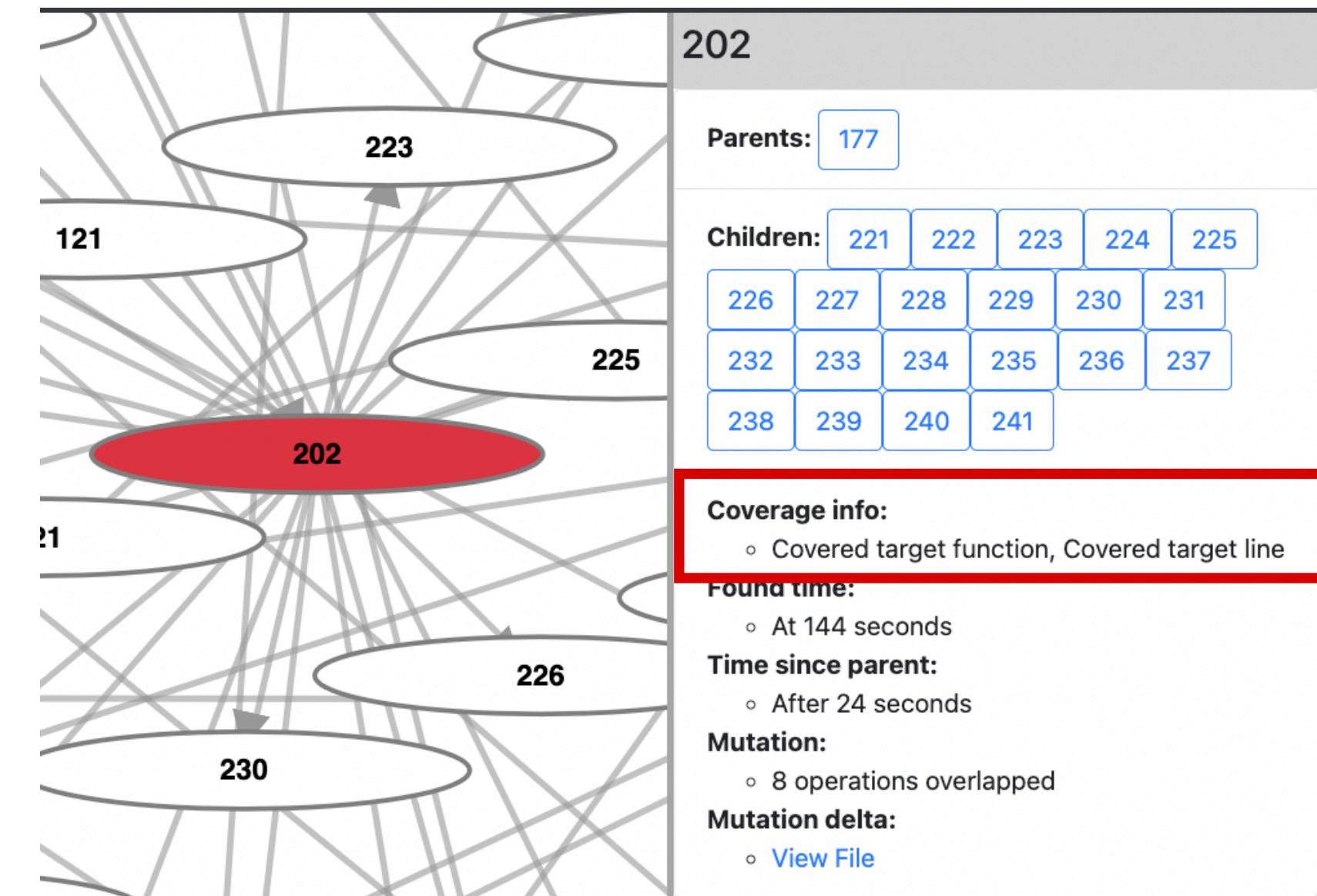
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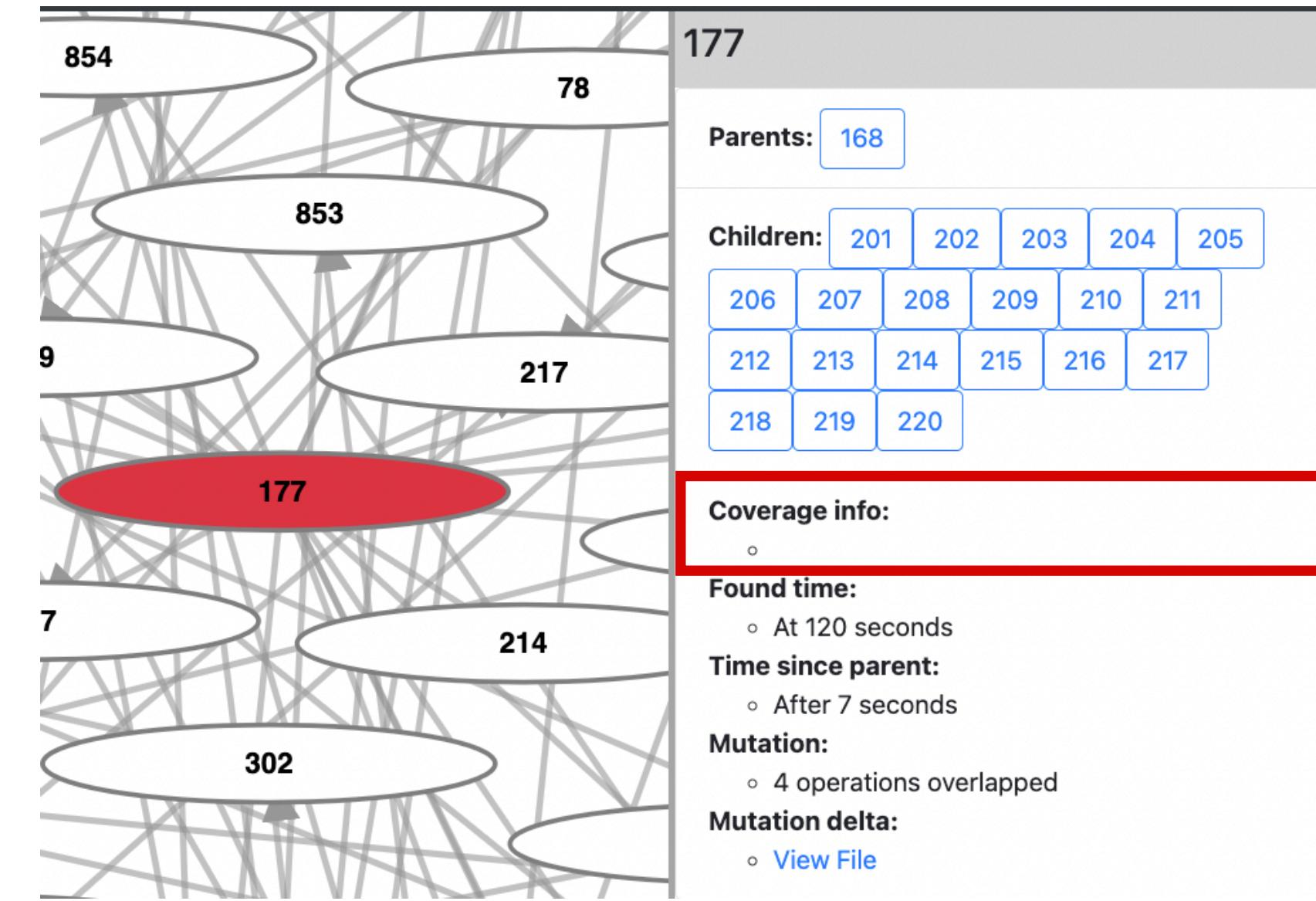
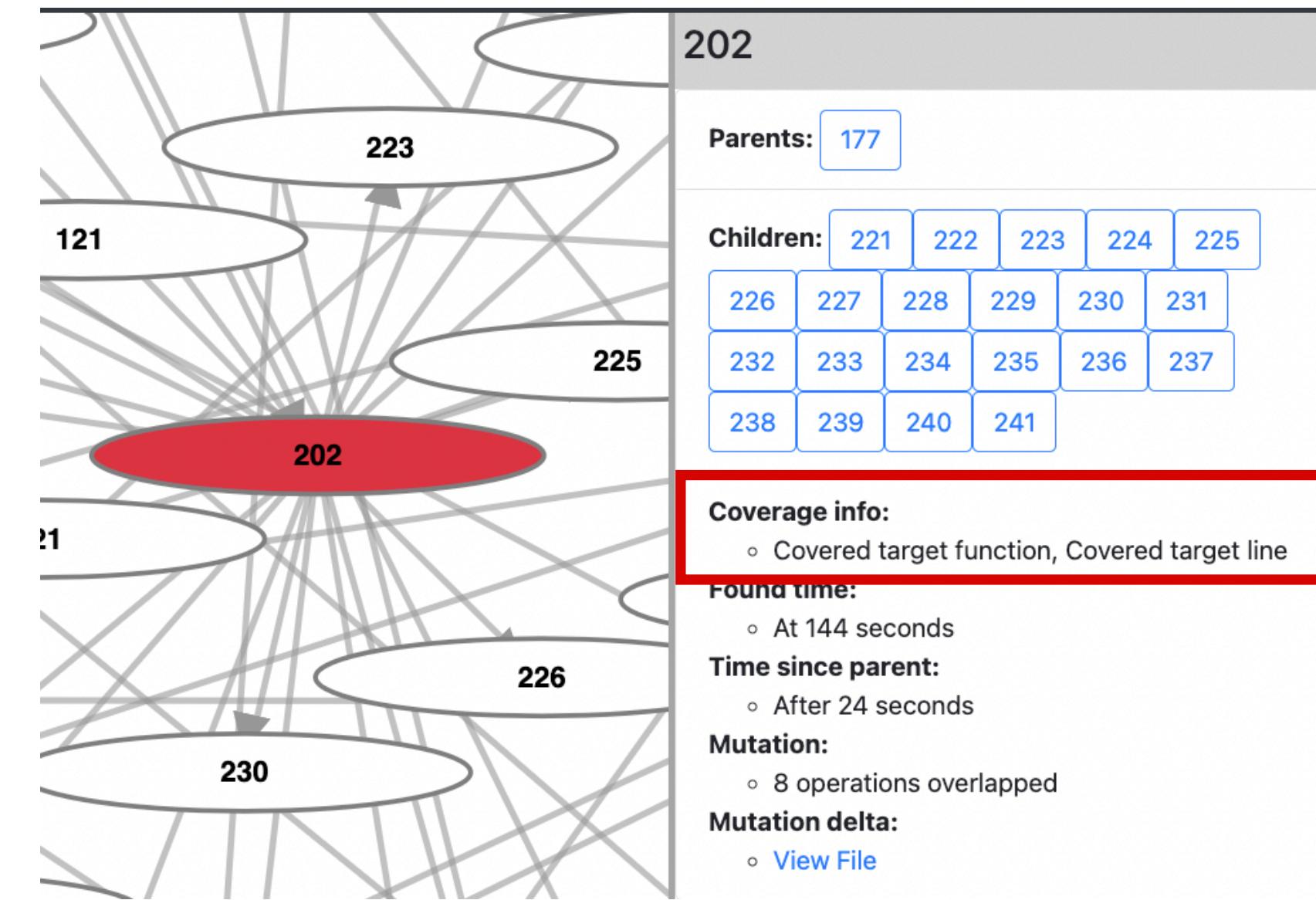
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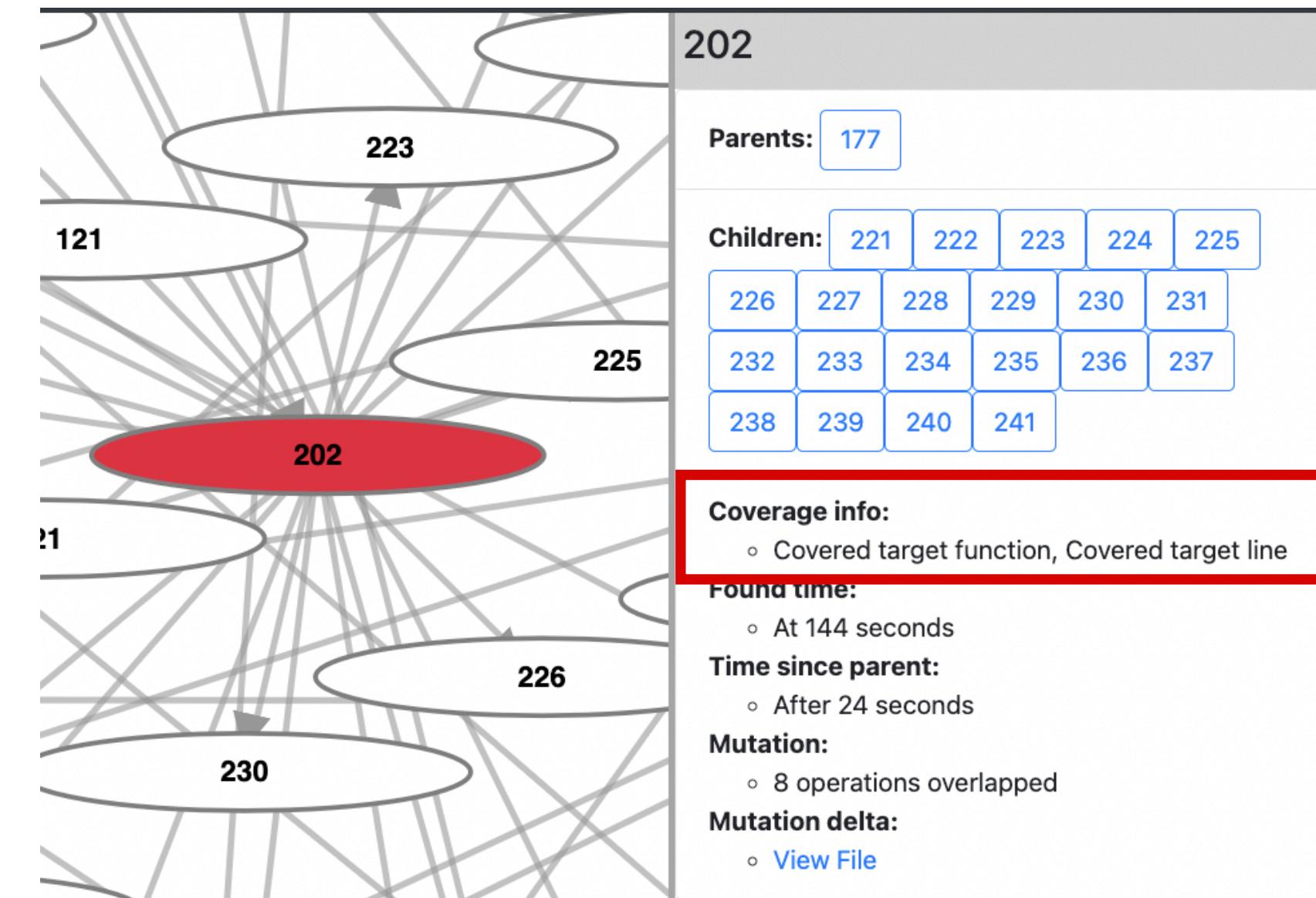
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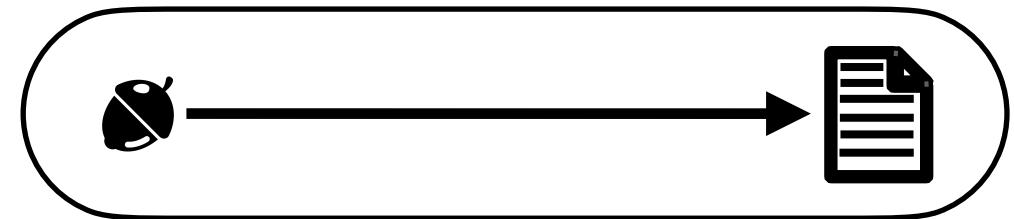
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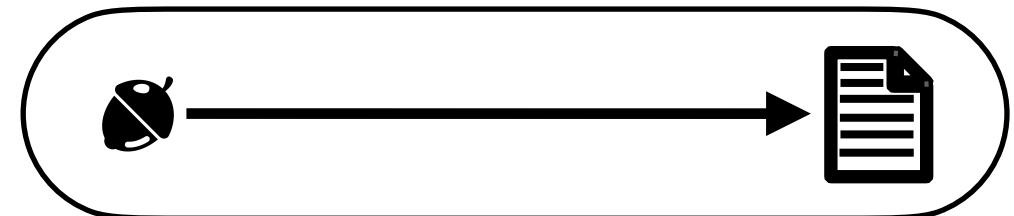
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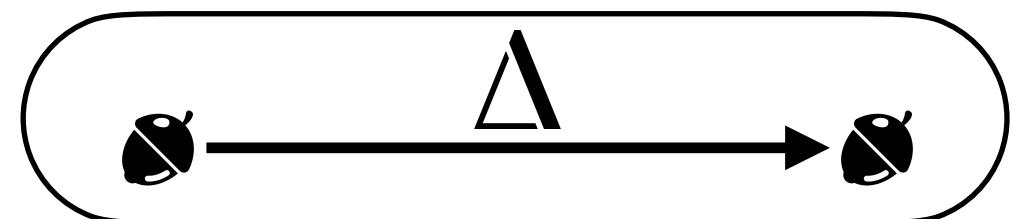
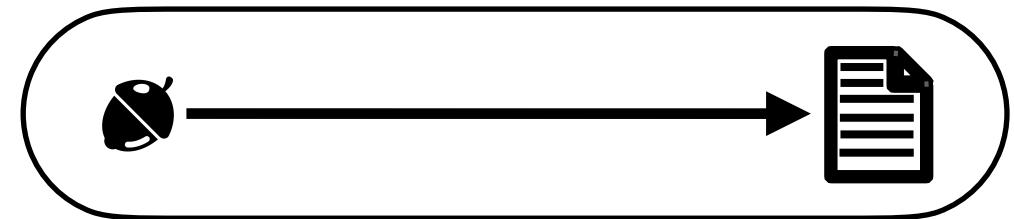
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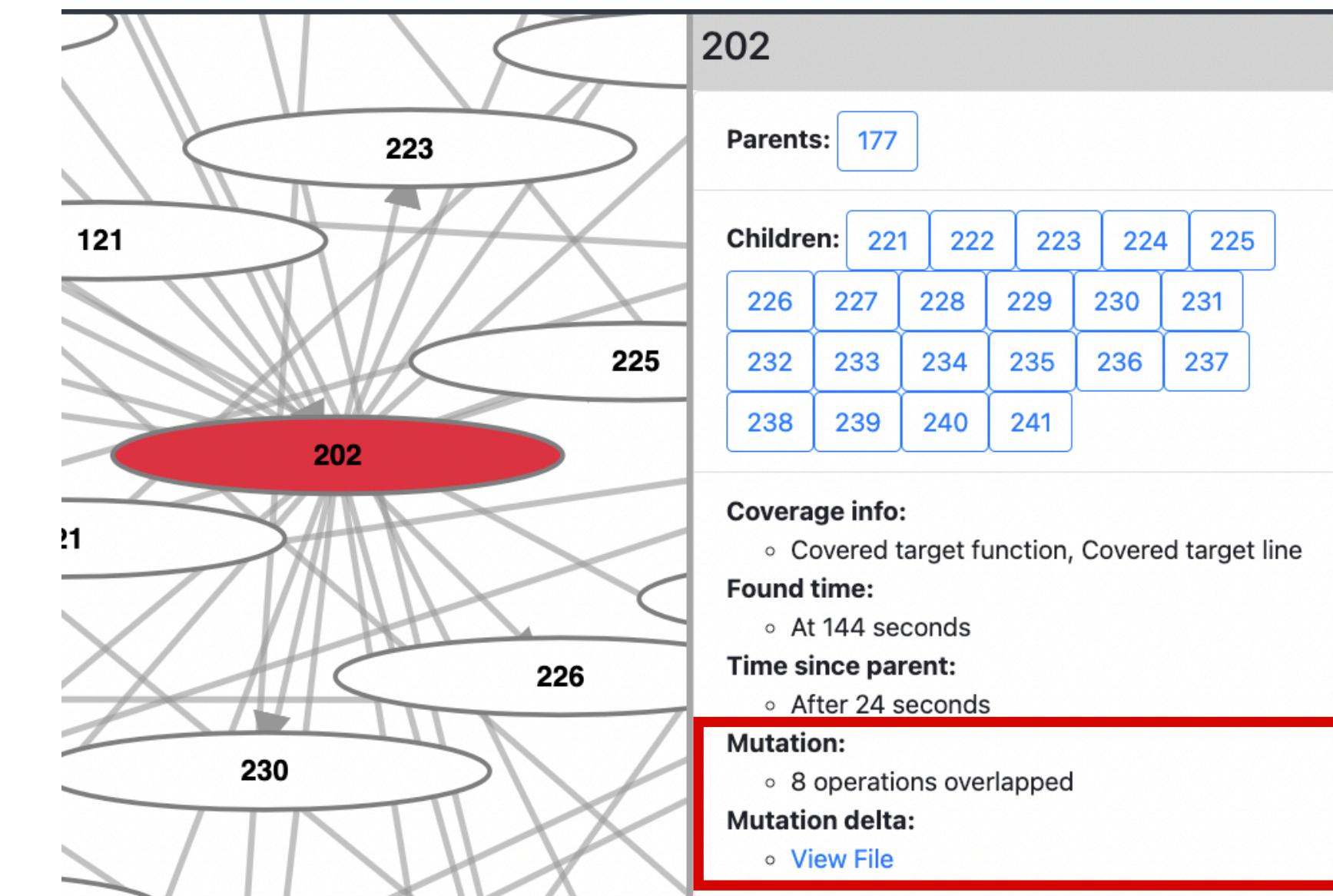
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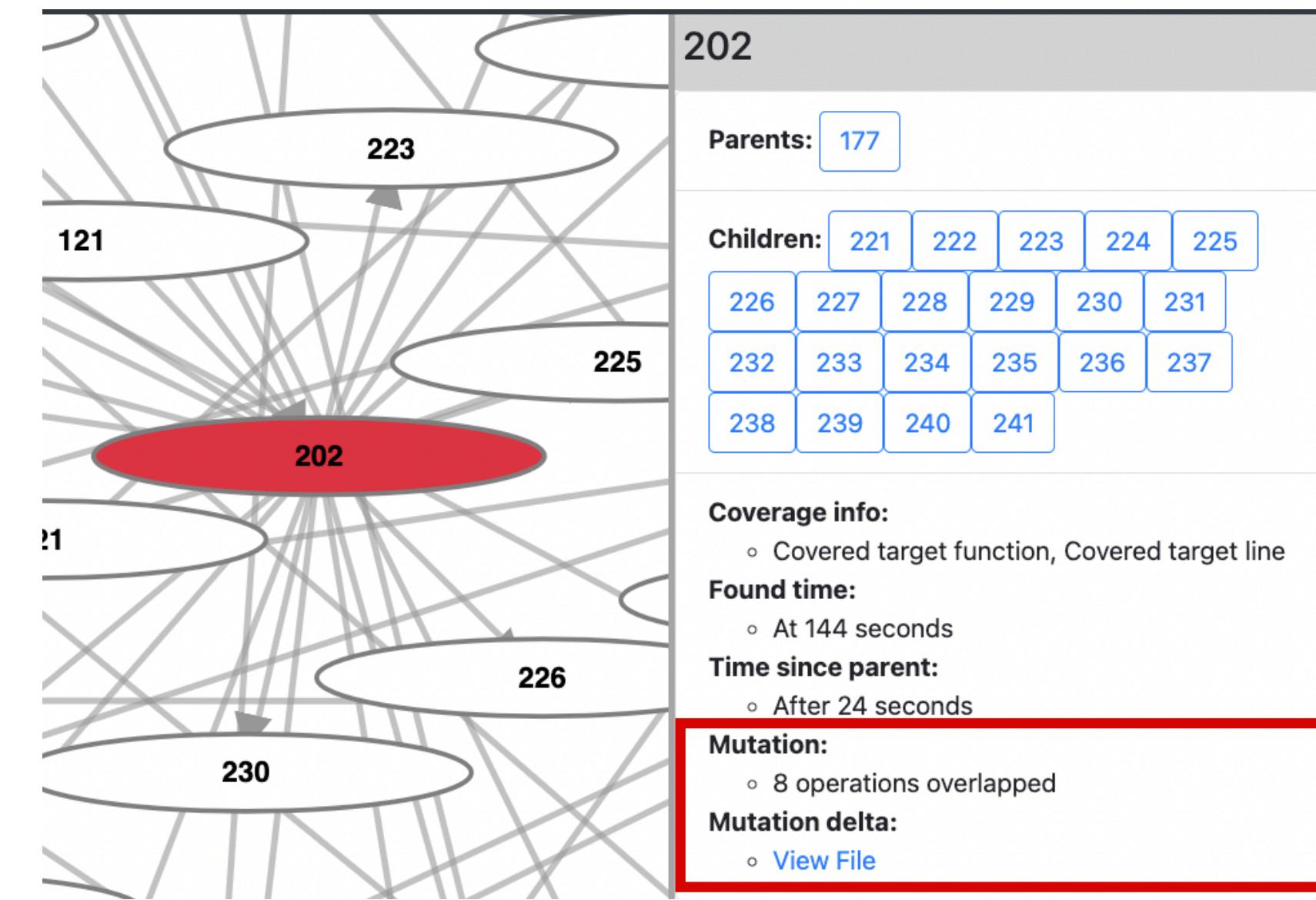
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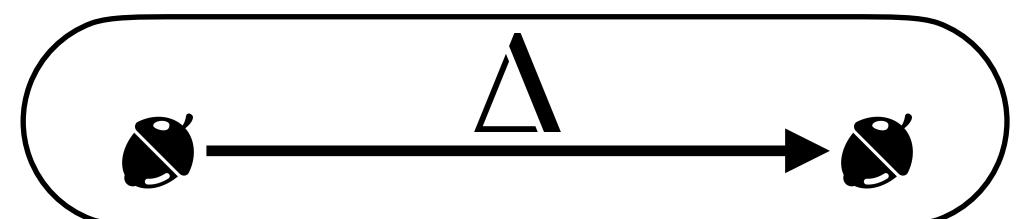
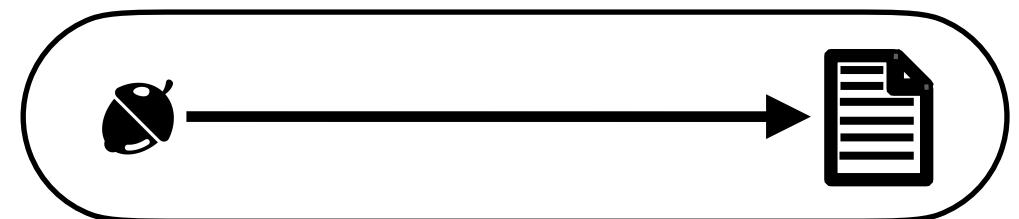


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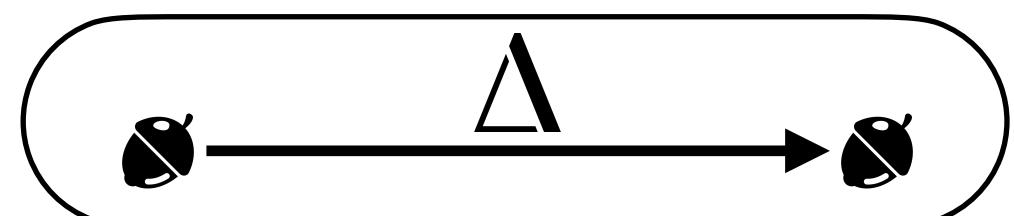
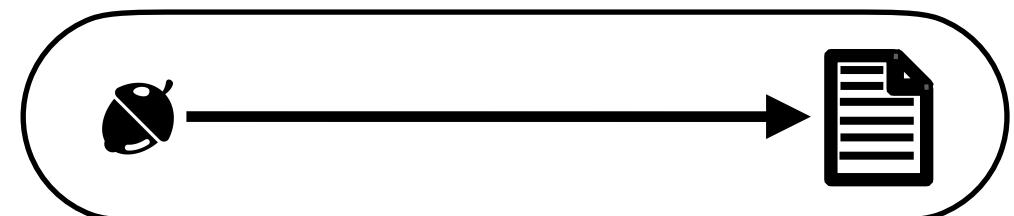
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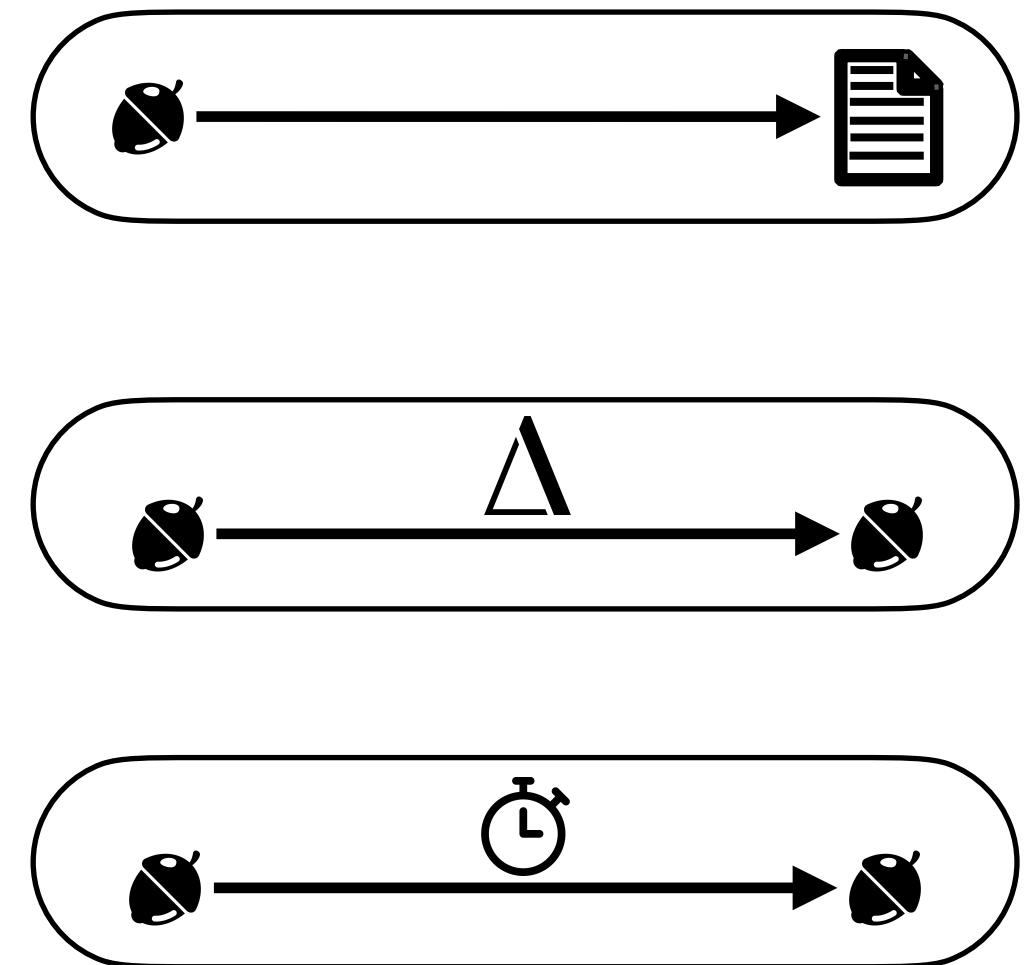
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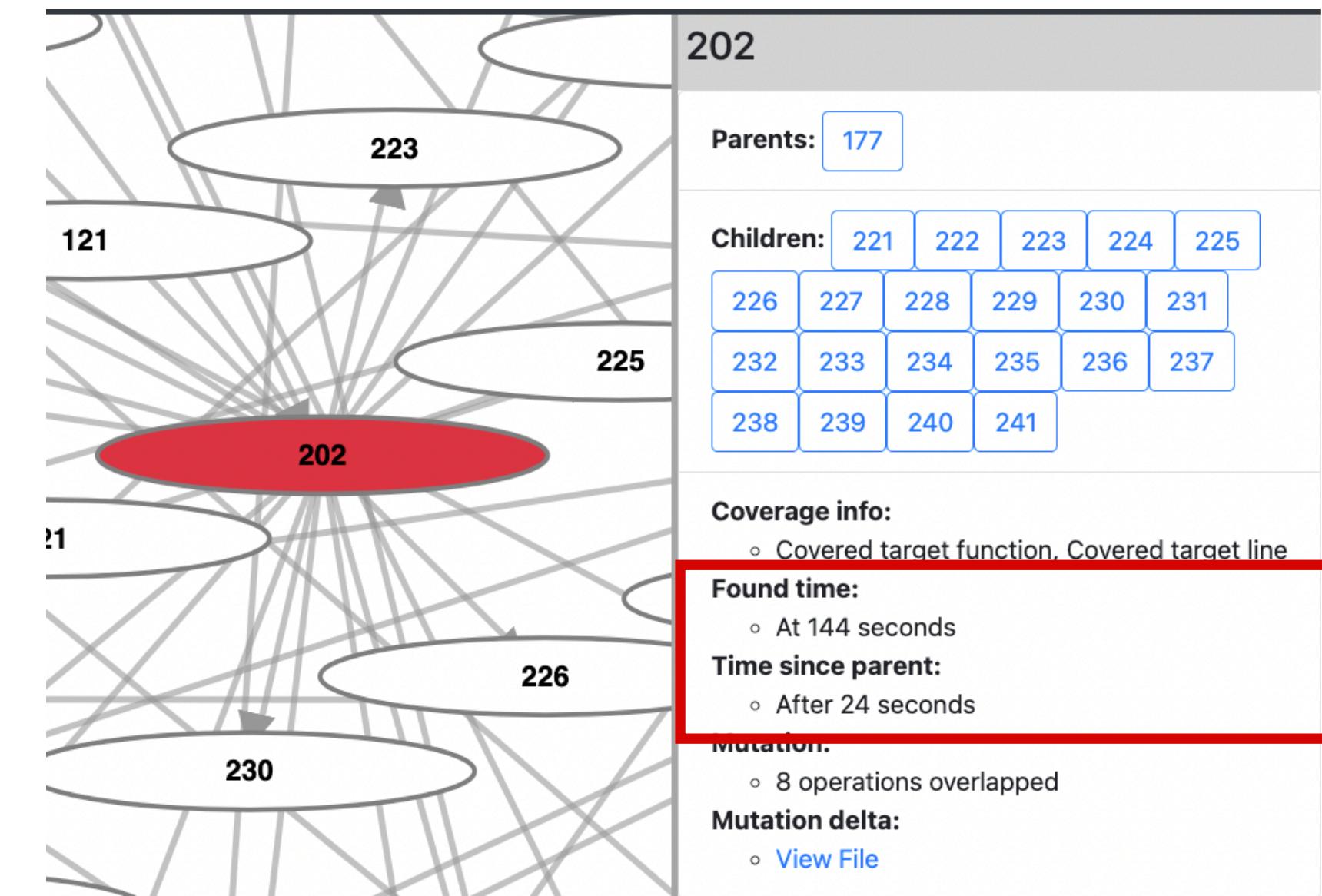
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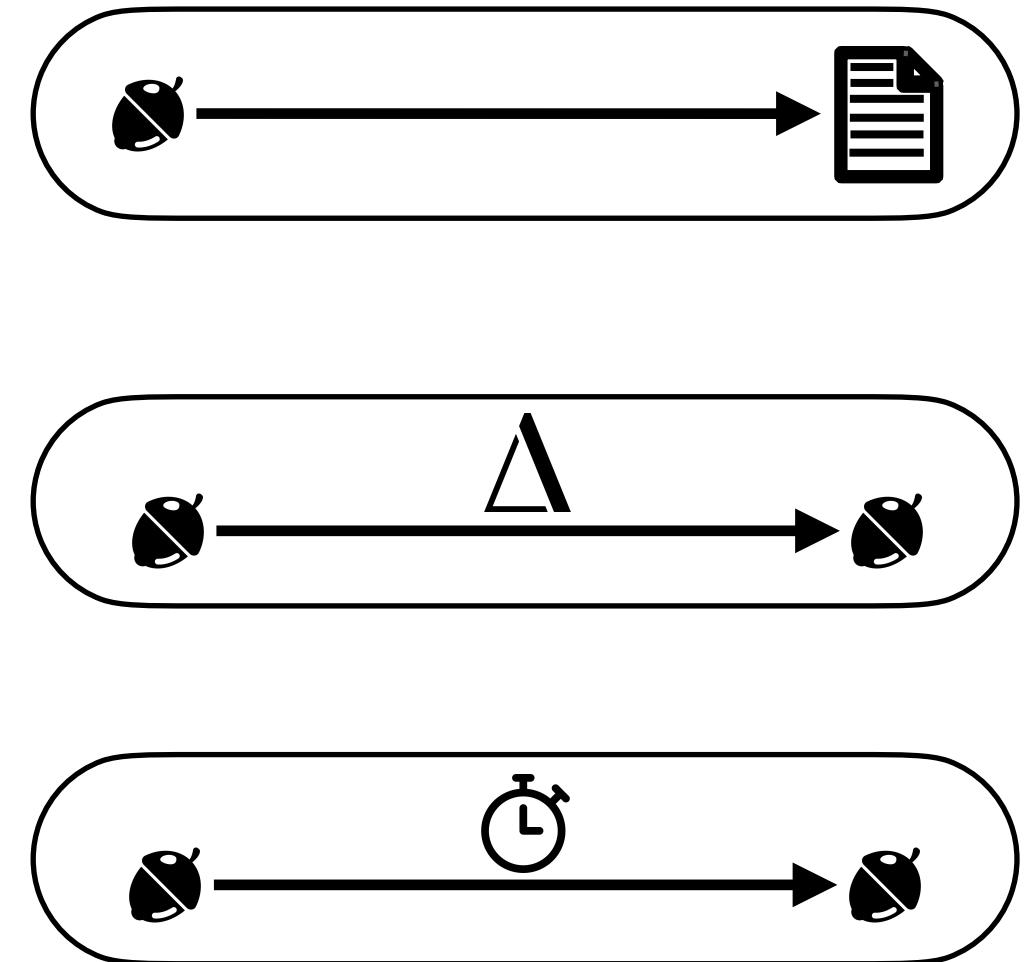
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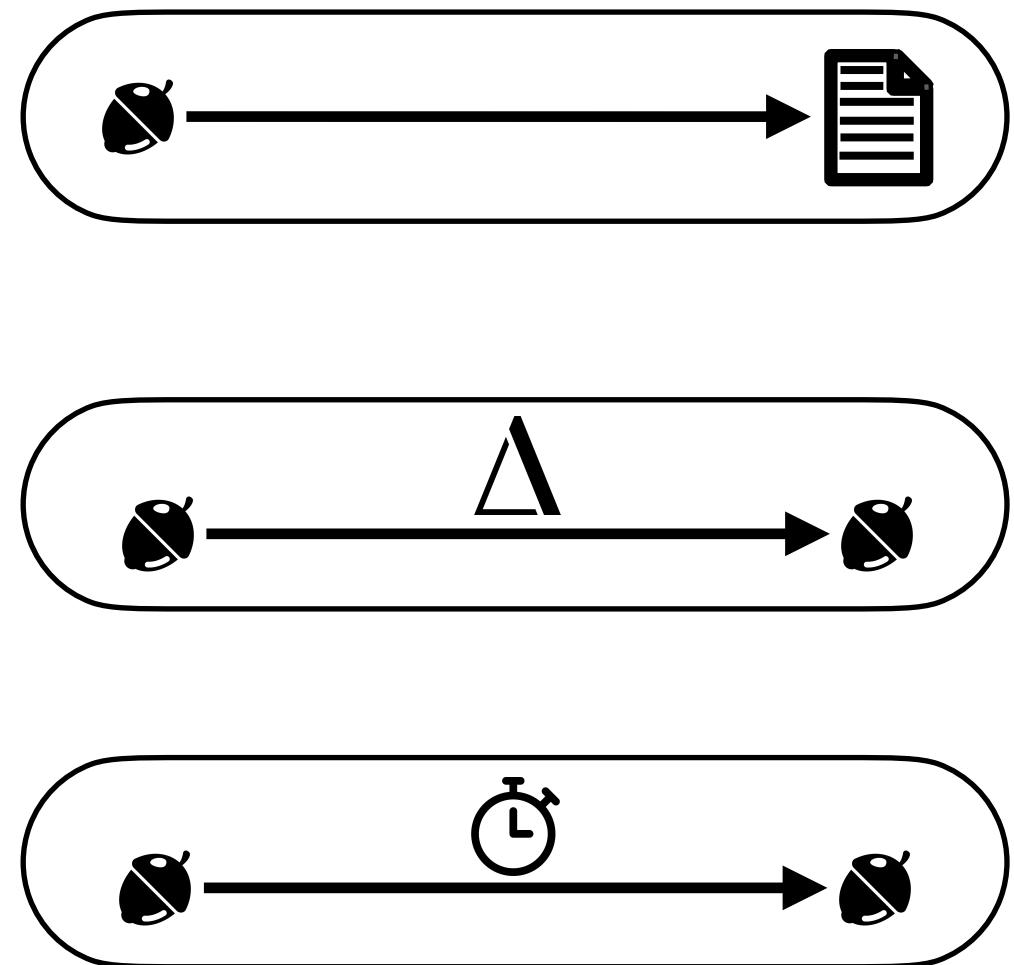
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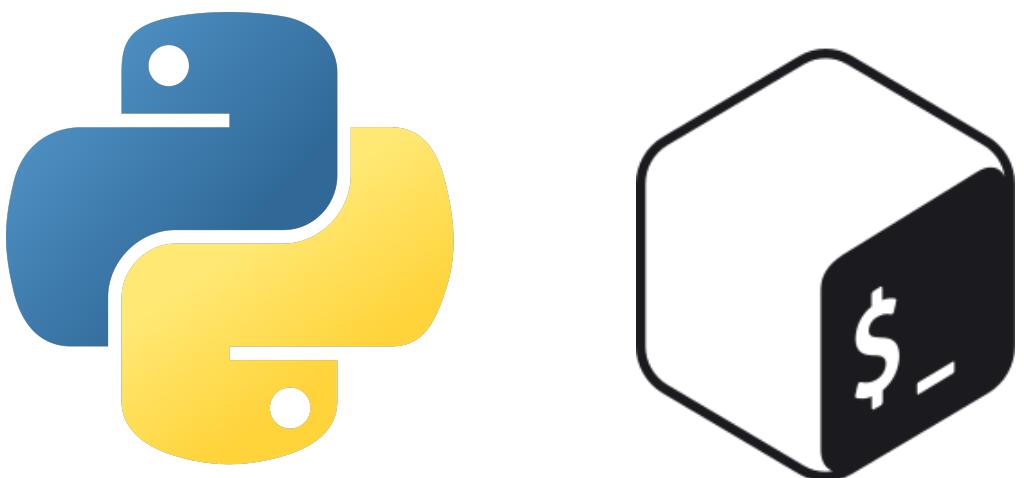
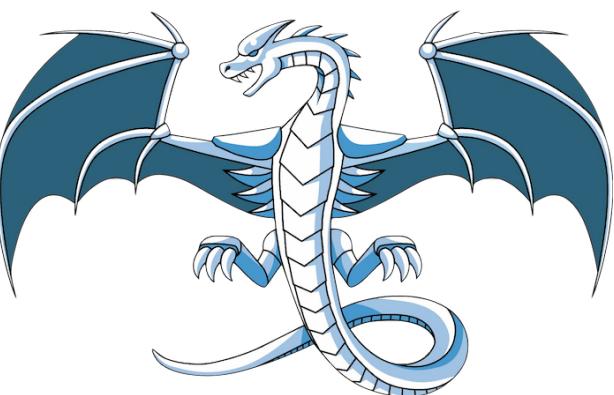
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