

A Pass, a Plugin & a Python Hack

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*“The Golden Age of Compilers
in an Era of ...*

— Chris Lattner, ASPLOS 2021

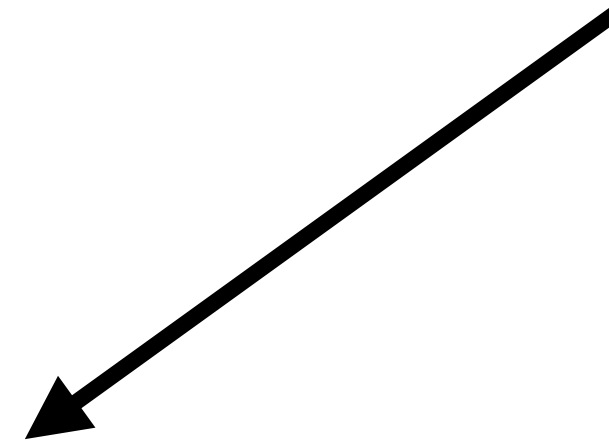
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Fragmentation?

Compiler pass for a niche audience

What are the options for distribution?



Get it into the
mainline
compiler?

This is a niche topic

No mainline maintainer cares about the PR

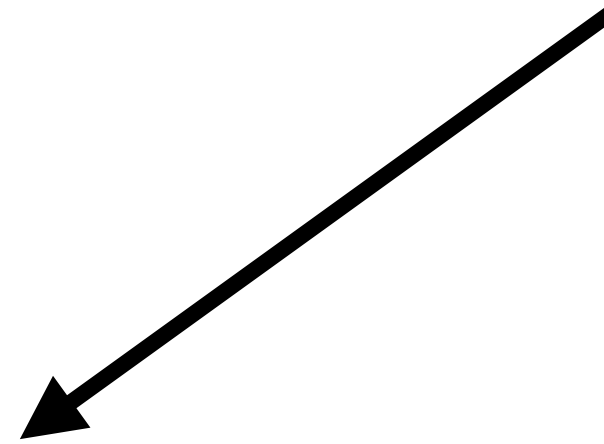
No-one understands the point

Few people will use it, so

why must everyone have it?

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*Good luck surviving
downstream*



Ship your own fork
of the compiler?

*Non-signed compilers
are a security issue*

Compilers are monolithic

and distributed as variants: lang × arch × OS × SDK version

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Make it
pluggable?

Quick tour of what might happen next

Find the docs

<https://llvm.org/docs/WritingAnLLVMNewPMPass.html>

Registering passes as plugins

LLVM provides a mechanism to register pass plugins within various tools like `clang` or `opt`. A pass plugin can add passes to default optimization pipelines or to be manually run via tools like `opt`. For more information, see [Using the New Pass Manager](#).

Create a CMake project at the root of the repo alongside other projects. This project must contain the following minimal `CMakeLists.txt`:

```
add_llvm_pass_plugin(MyPassName source.cpp)
```

See the definition of `add_llvm_pass_plugin` for more CMake details.

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The pass must provide at least one of the entry points for the new pass manager, one for static registration and one for dynamically loaded plugins:

- `llvm::PassPluginLibraryInfo get##Name##PluginInfo();`
- `extern "C" ::llvm::PassPluginLibraryInfo
 llvmGetPassPluginInfo() LLVM_ATTRIBUTE_WEAK;`

Pass plugins are compiled and linked dynamically by default. Setting `LLVM_${NAME}_LINK_INTO_TOOLS` to `ON` turns the project into a statically linked extension.

For an in-tree example, see `llvm/examples/Bye/`.

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Find the Bye 🖐️
example plugin
in llvm-project

🔍 Search: Bye ✕

Bye

files to include

llvm

files to exclude

23 results – 14 files

llvm/examples/CMakeLists.txt:
9 add_subdirectory(SpeculativeJIT)
10: add_subdirectory(Bye)
11

llvm/examples/Bye/Bye.cpp:
18 if (Wave) {
19: errs() << "Bye: ";
20 errs().write_escaped(F.getName()) << '\n';

30
31: struct Bye : PassInfoMixin<Bye> {
32 PreservedAnalyses run(Function &F, FunctionAnalysisManager &) {

42
43: static RegisterPass<LegacyBye> X("goodbye", "Good Bye World Pass",
44 false /* Only looks at CFG */,

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44:                                     false /* Only looks at CFG */,

54: llvm::PassPluginLibraryInfo getByePluginInfo() {
55:     return {LLVM_PLUGIN_API_VERSION, "Bye", LLVM_VERSION_STRING,
56:             [](PassBuilder &PB) {

58:                 [](llvm::FunctionPassManager &PM, OptimizationLevel Level) {
59:                     PM.addPass(Bye());
60:                 });

64:                 if (Name == "goodbye") {
65:                     PM.addPass(Bye());
66:                     return true;

```

llvm/examples/Bye/CMakeLists.txt:

```
9  if (NOT WIN32)
10:  add_llvm_pass_plugin(Bye
11:      Bye.cpp
12:      DEPENDS

```

llvm/test/CMakeLists.txt:

```
182  list(APPEND LLVM_TEST_DEPENDS
183:      Bye
184:  )

```

llvm/test/lit.cfg.py:

```
230  config.substitutions.append(('%loadbye',
231:                                '-load={}/Bye{}'.format(config.llvm_shlib_dir,

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231:                                   '-load={} /Bye{}'.format(config.llvm_shlib_dir,
232:                                                           config.llvm_shlib_ext)))
233     config.substitutions.append(('%loadnewpmbye',
234:                                   '-load-pass-plugin={} /Bye{}'.format(config.llvm_shlib_dir,
```

llvm/test/Feature/load_extension.ll:

```
9  ; UNSUPPORTED: windows
10: ; CHECK: Bye
11
```

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What libs to link?

```
971 function(add_llvm_pass_plugin name)
972   cmake_parse_arguments(ARG
973     "NO_MODULE" "SUBPROJECT" ""
974     ${ARGN})
975
976   string(TOUPPER ${name} name_upper)
977
978   # Enable the plugin by default if it was explicitly enabled by the user.
979   # Note: If was set to "all", LLVM's CMakeLists.txt replaces it with a
980   # list of all projects, counting as explicitly enabled.
981   set(link_into_tools_default OFF)
982   if (ARG_SUBPROJECT AND LLVM_TOOL_${name_upper}_BUILD)
983     set(link_into_tools_default ON)
984   endif()
985   option(LLVM_${name_upper}_LINK_INTO_TOOLS "Statically link ${name} into tools
986
987   # If we statically link the plugin, don't use llvm dylib because we're going
988   # to be part of it.
989   if(LLVM_${name_upper}_LINK_INTO_TOOLS)
990     list(APPEND ARG_UNPARSED_ARGUMENTS DISABLE_LLVM_LINK_LLVM_DYLIB)
991   endif()
992
993   if(LLVM_${name_upper}_LINK_INTO_TOOLS)
994     list(REMOVE_ITEM ARG_UNPARSED_ARGUMENTS BUILDTREE_ONLY)
```

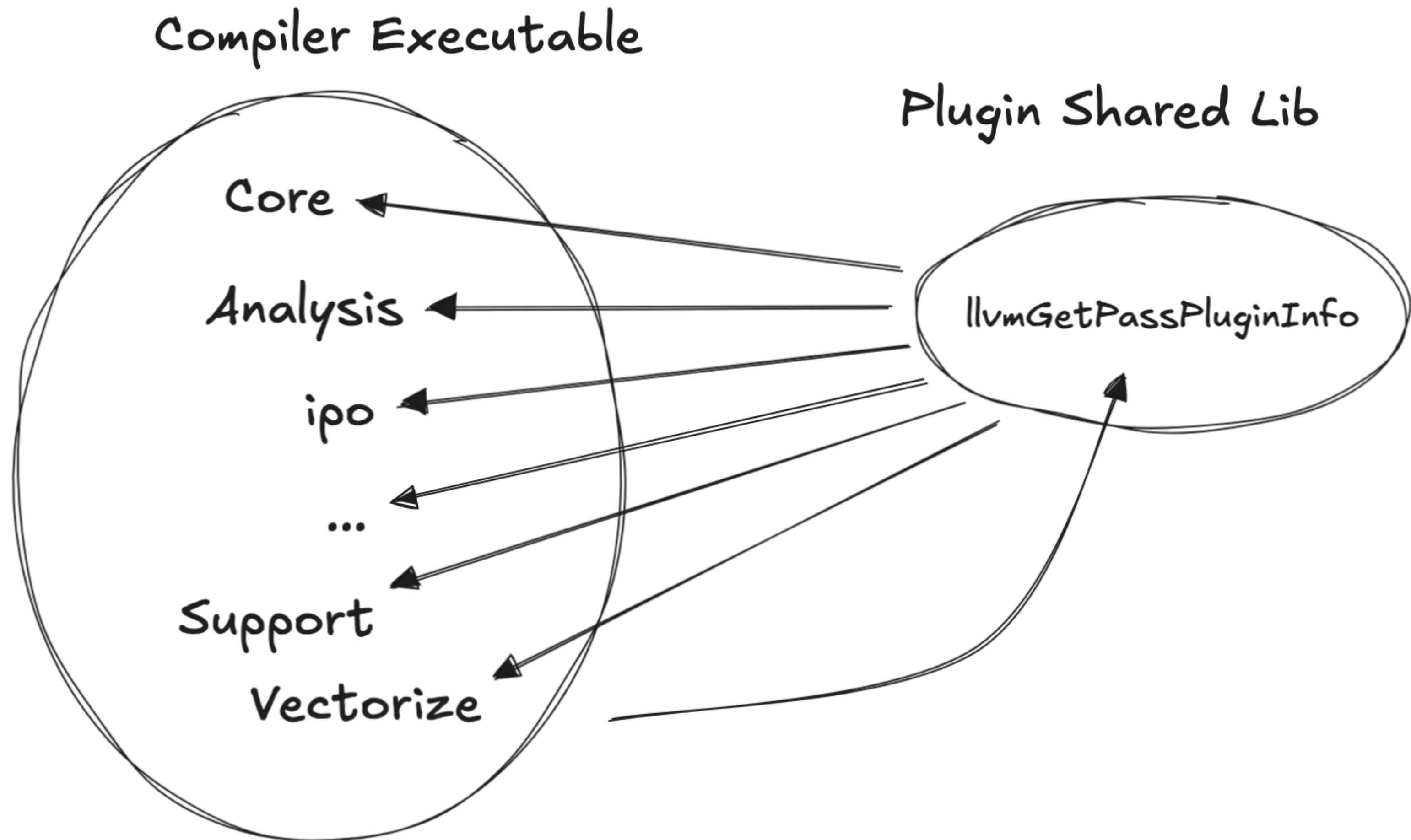
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build → ninja -t commands Bye.dylib | tail -1
: && /Applications/Xcode_15.2.app/Contents/Developer/Toolchains/
XcodeDefault.xctoolchain/usr/bin/c++ -fPIC -fvisibility-inlines-
hidden -Werror=date-time -Werror=unguarded-availability-new
-Wall -Wextra -Wno-unused-parameter -Wwrite-strings -Wcast-qual
-Wmissing-field-initializers -pedantic -Wno-long-long -Wc++98-
compat-extra-semi -Wimplicit-fallthrough -Wcovered-switch-
default -Wno-noexcept-type -Wnon-virtual-dtor -Wdelete-non-
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-Wmisleading-indentation -Wctad-maybe-unsupported -fdiagnostics-
color -g -isysroot /Applications/Xcode_15.2.app/Contents/
Developer/Platforms/MacOSX.platform/Developer/SDKs/
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flat_namespace -Wl,-undefined -Wl,suppress    -Wl,-
no_warn_duplicate_libraries -o lib/Bye.dylib examples/Bye/
CMakeFiles/Bye.dir/Bye.cpp.o -Wl,-rpath,@loader_path/../lib
&& :
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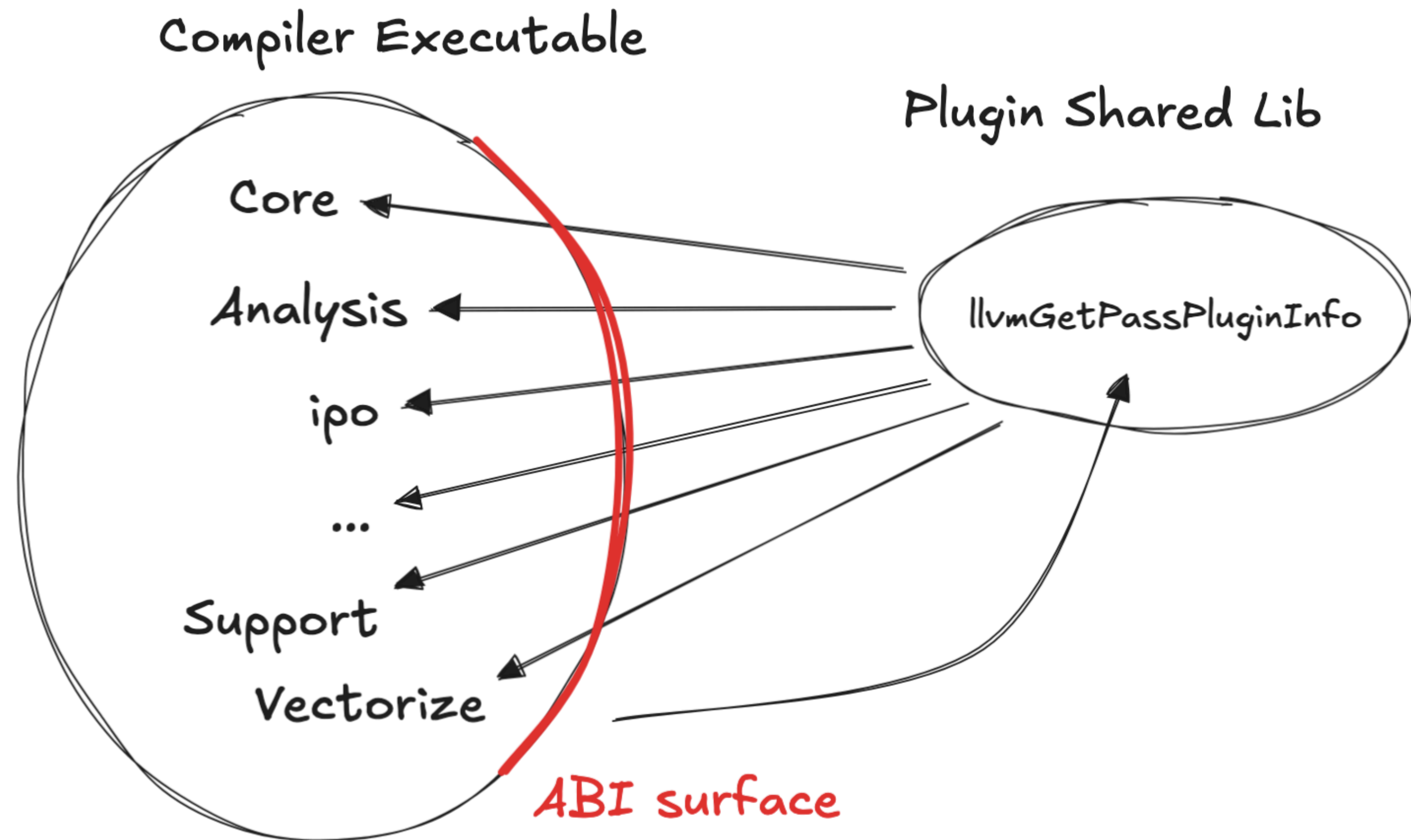
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DEMO: example pass

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**Build and run
Works!**



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ABI surface

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U __ZN4llvm11raw_ostream5writeEPKcm
U __ZN4llvm15SmallVectorBaseIjE13mallocForGrowEmmRm
U __ZN4llvm17PreservedAnalyses14AllAnalysesKeyE
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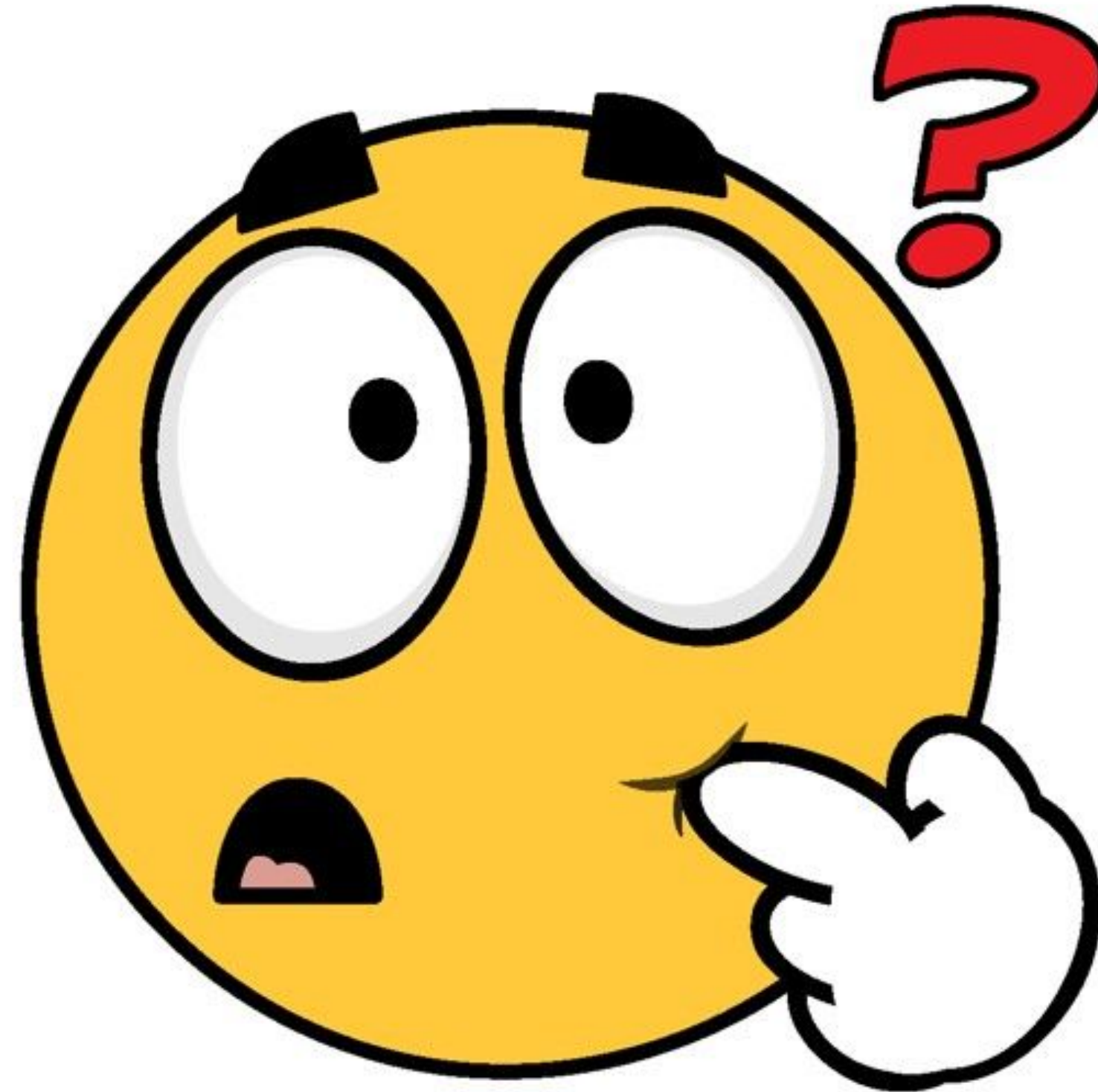

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12 lib/libLLVMARMUtils.a
13 lib/libLLVMAggressiveInstCombine.a
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22 lib/libLLVMCFIVerify.a
23 lib/libLLVMCodeGen.a
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25 lib/libLLVMCoroutines.a
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37 lib/libLLVMDlltoolDriver.a
38 lib/libLLVMExecutionEngine.a
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44- lib/libLLVMFrontendOpenACC.a
45- lib/libLLVMFrontendOpenMP.a
46- lib/libLLVMFuzzMutate.a
47- lib/libLLVMGlobalISel.a
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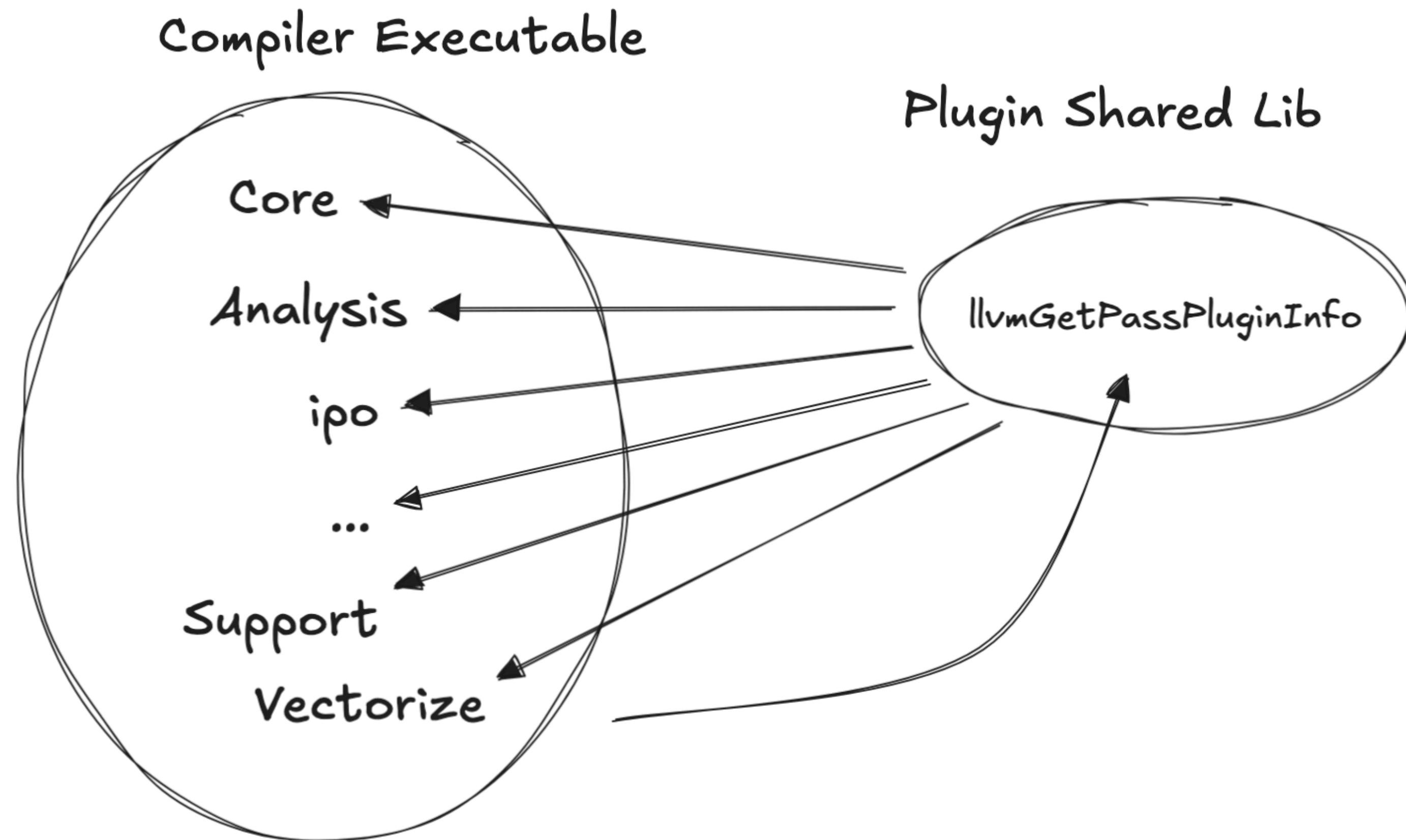
Different targets,
different libs..?! —————

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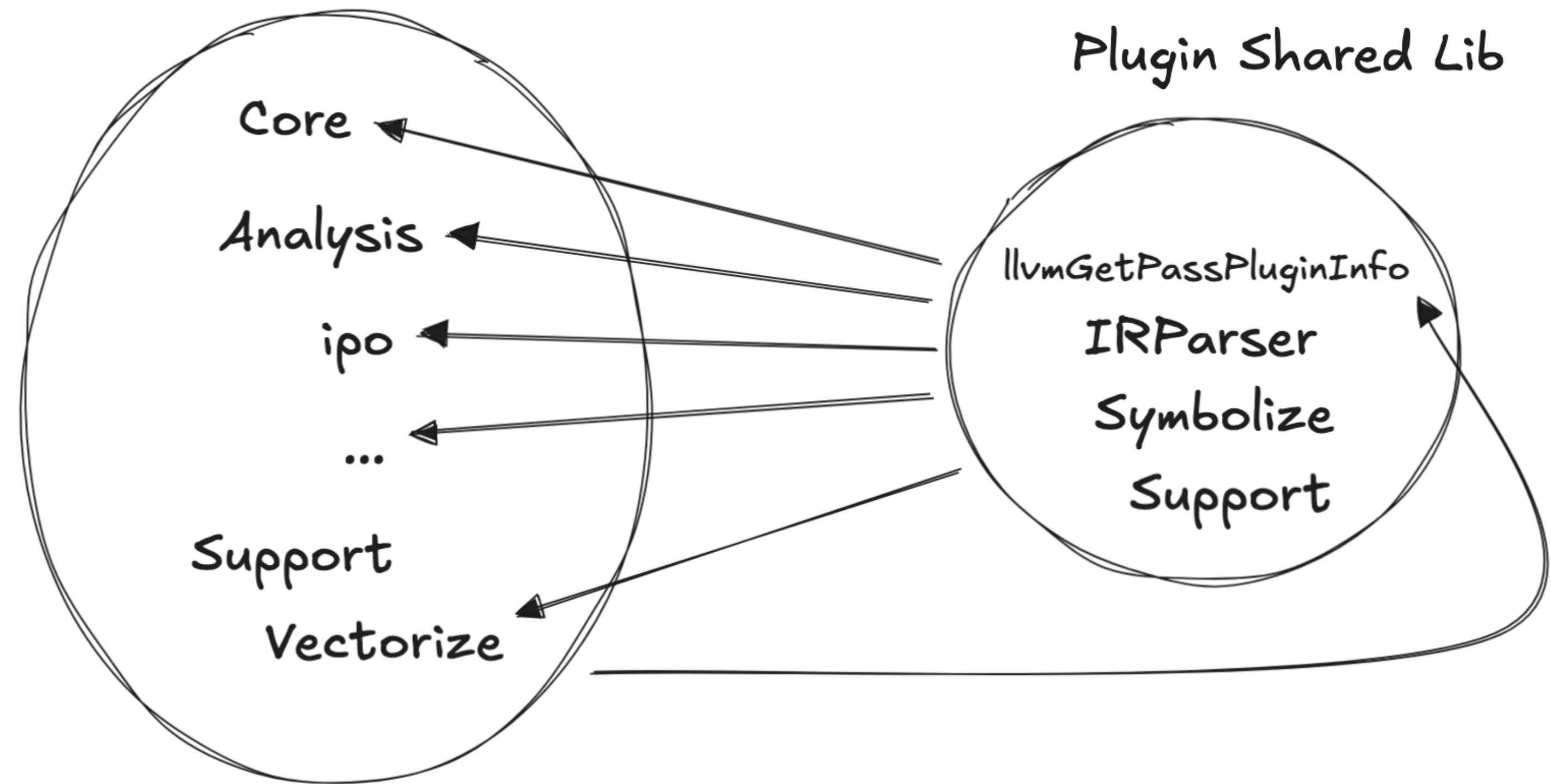


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Link some libs?

Compiler Executable

Plugin Shared Lib



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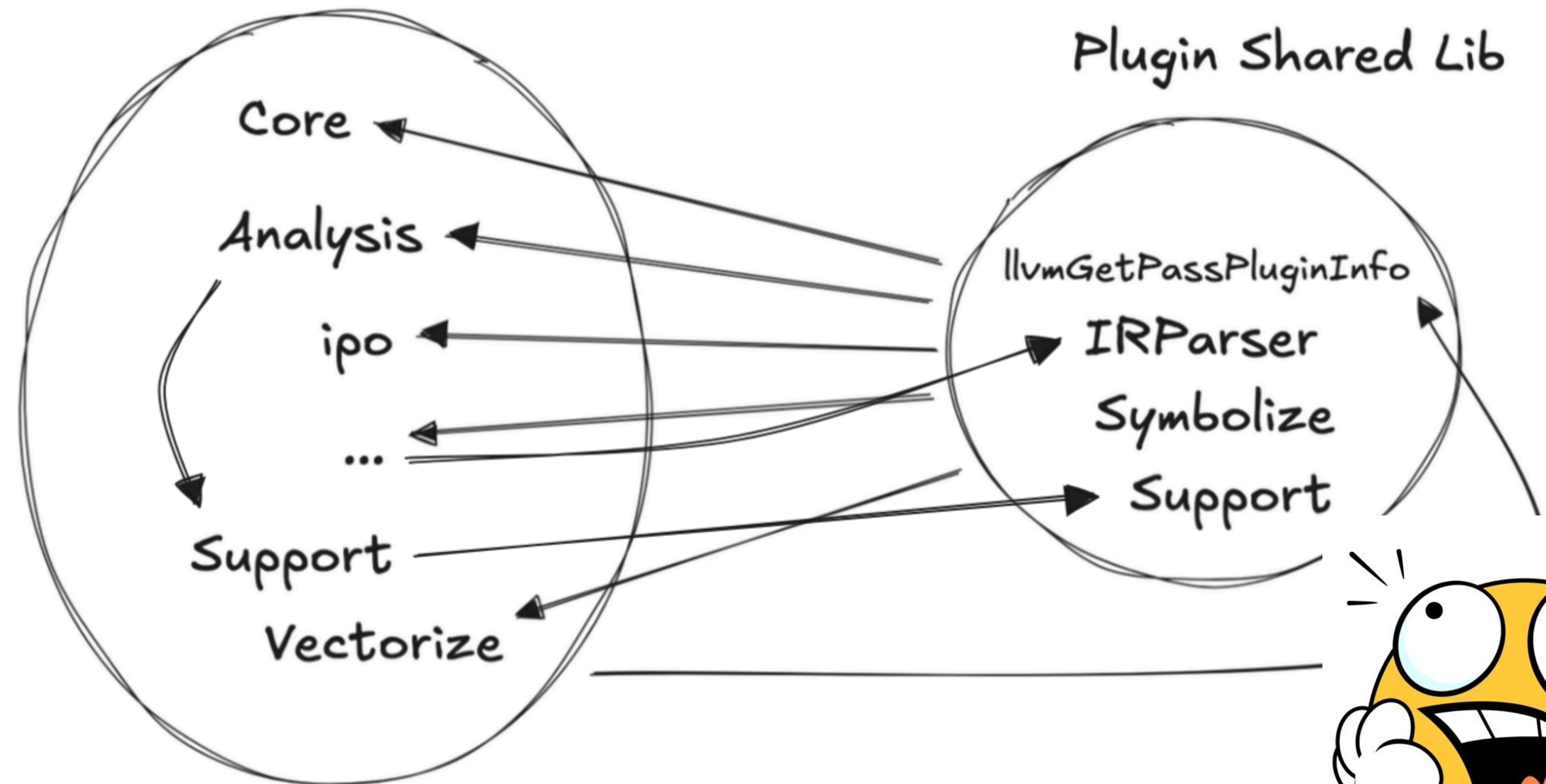
Global variables

Static init

Weak symbols

Duplicate options

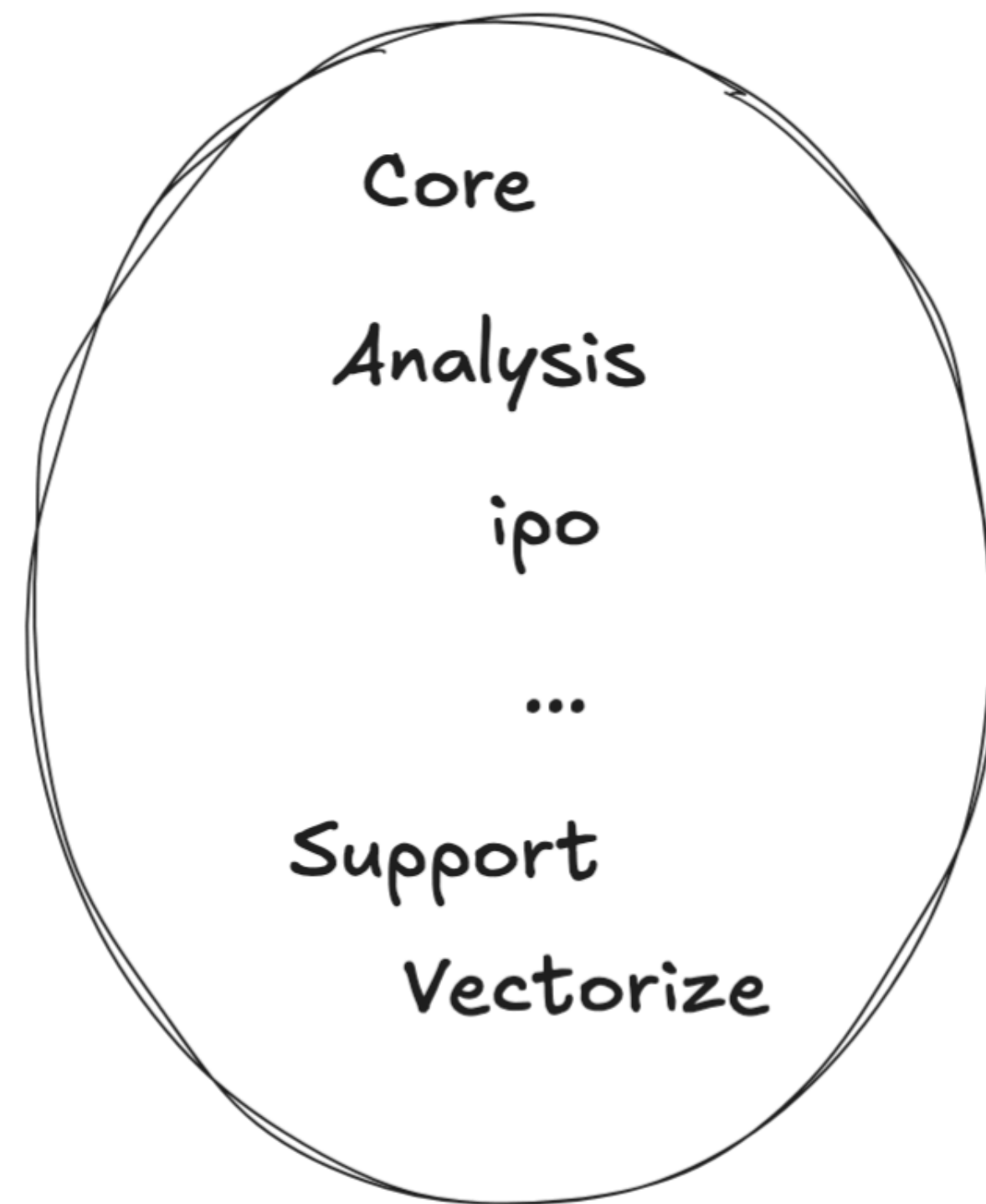
Compiler Executable



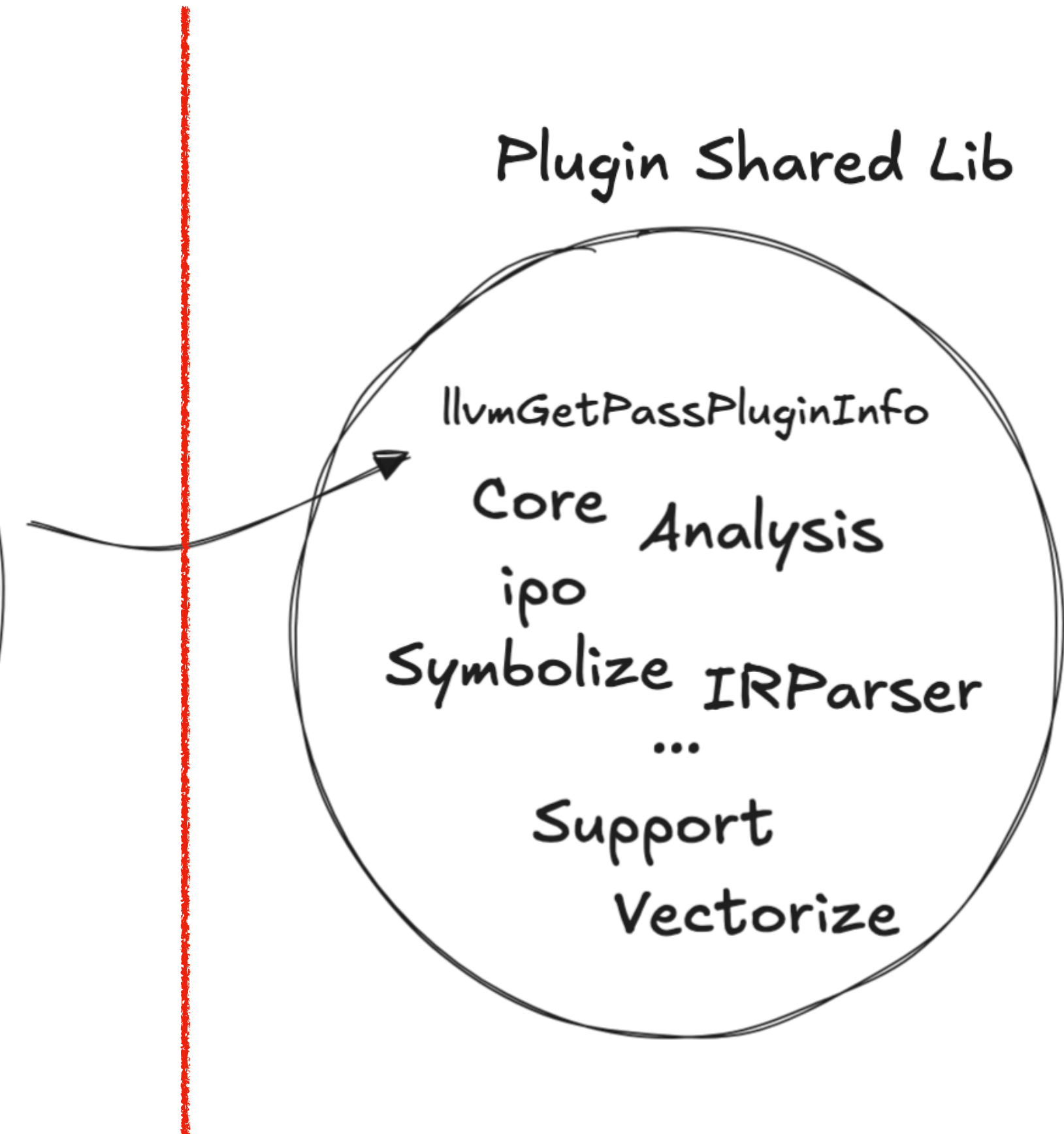
Quick tour of what might happen next

Link all of
LLVM

Compiler Executable



Plugin Shared Lib



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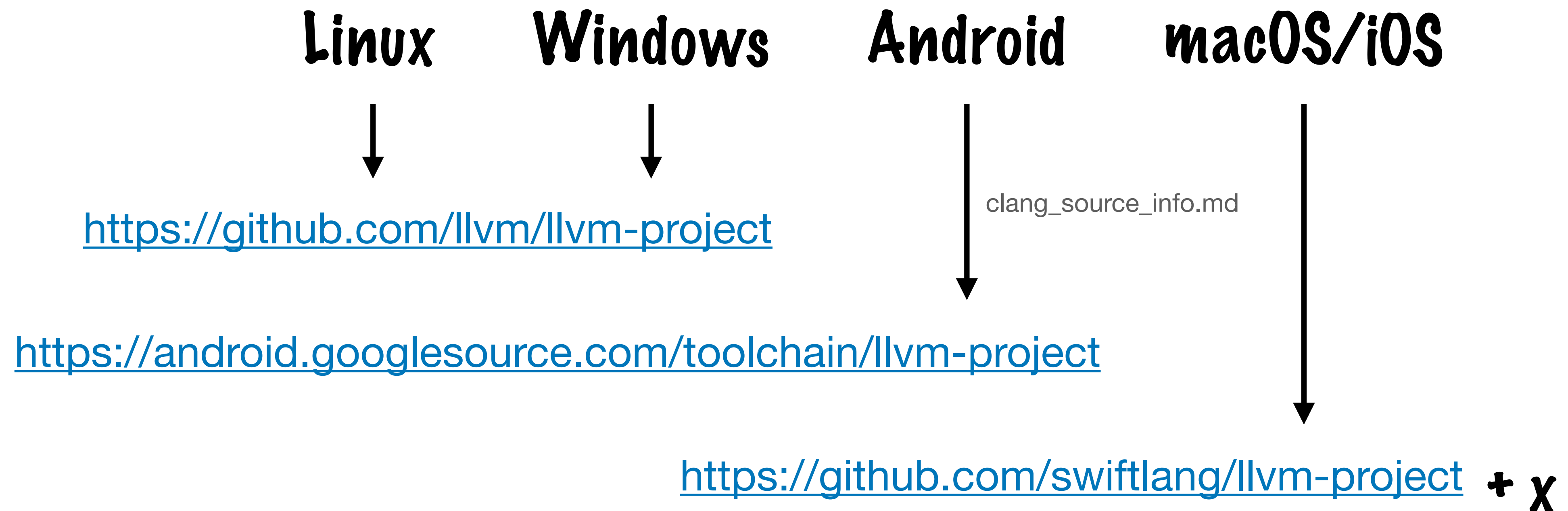
**All ABI
questions
solved?**

No

 **Demo**

Quick tour of what might happen next

What sources to
build against?



Quick tour of what might happen next

**What SDK to
build with?**

Released compilers are stage-2 builds right?

So, whatever they produce should be compatible..

Quick tour of what might happen next

What SDK to
build with?

Well.. random example

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5 398         time stamp 2 Thu Jan  1 01:00:02 1970
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The version clang links against

The version clang is linking
binaries against

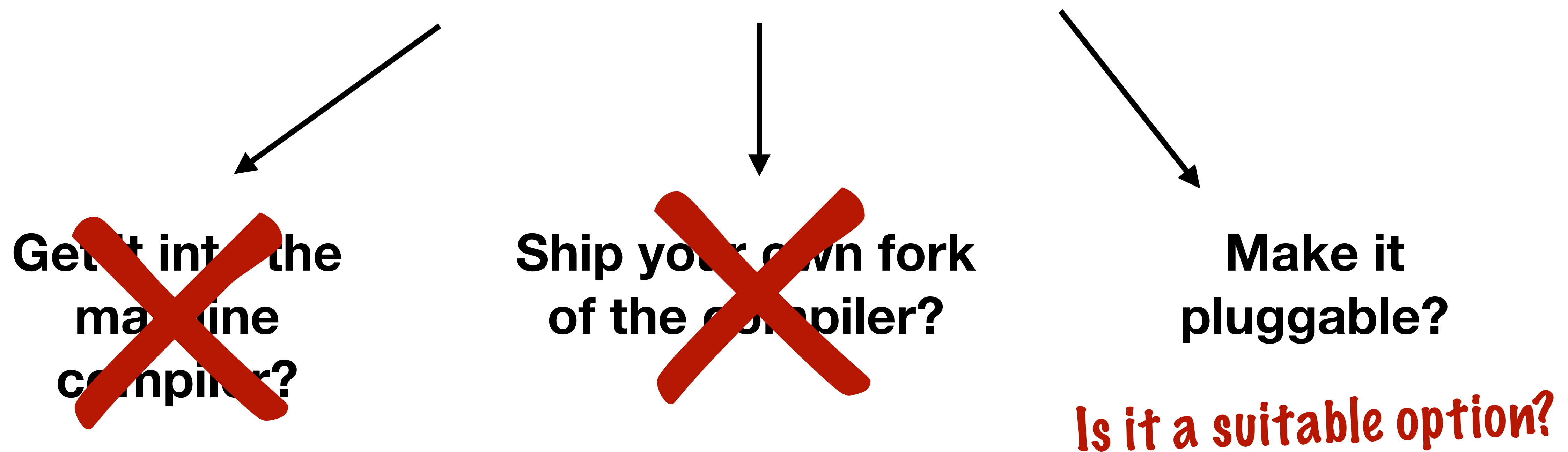
Quick tour of what might happen next

**What was it
again that we
wanted to do?**



Compiler pass for a niche audience

What are the options for distribution?



Get it into the
mainline
compiler?

Ship your own fork
of the compiler?

Make it
pluggable?

Is it a suitable option?

Compiler pass for a niche audience

What could we do?

A generic plugin container with a Python programming layer?

- build once for each: LLVM version \times arch \times OS \times SDK version
- supported in Clang, [Swift](#), Rust [unofficial](#)
- compatible with LLVM tools like opt, [clang-repl](#)

DEMO: llvm-py-pass

Questions?

Is that compatible with MLIR?

Why do we use LLVM 14?

Is llvmlite the only option on the Python side?

Why isn't the ABI surface sufficient to determine ABI compatibility?