

An introduction to

WebAssembly



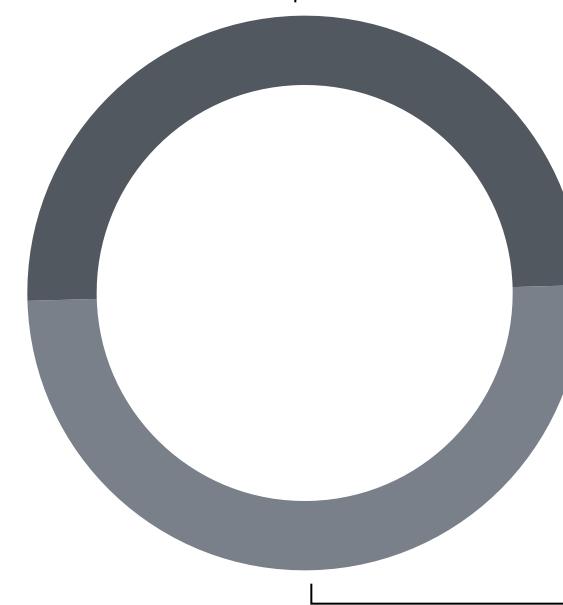
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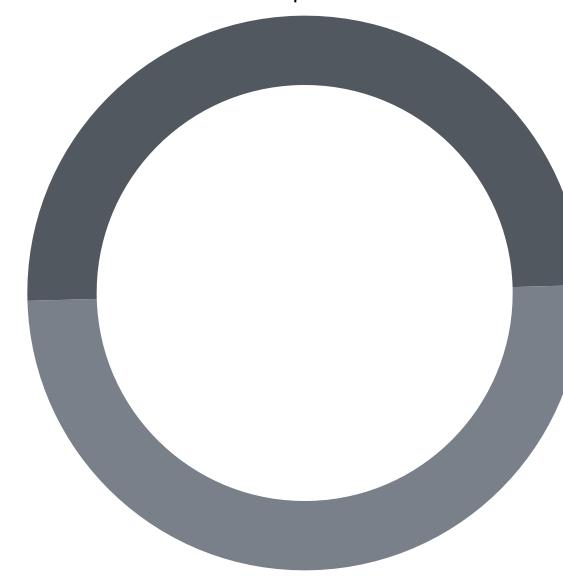
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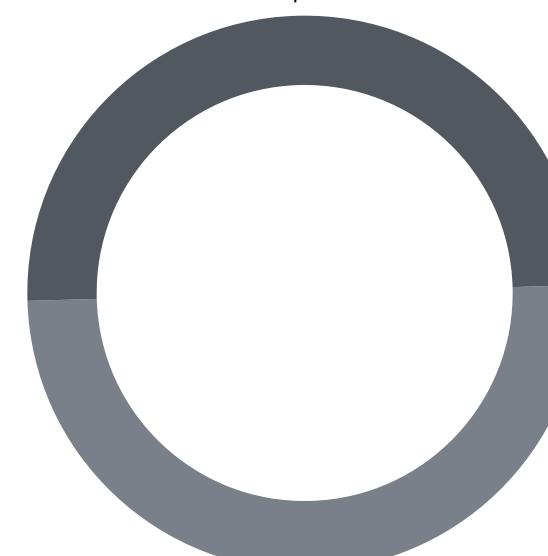
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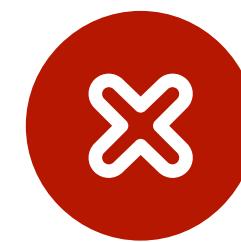


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An **Assembly** language for **Web** browser.



Its not Assembly, its **bytecode**.



But, its a solution to a problem.

```
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2  // -> false  
3  parseInt("parham");  
4  // -> NaN  
5  parseInt("alvani", 16);  
6  // -> 10  
7  console.log.call.call.apply(a => a, [1, 2]);  
8  // -> 2  
9  Math.min() > Math.max();  
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FAQ

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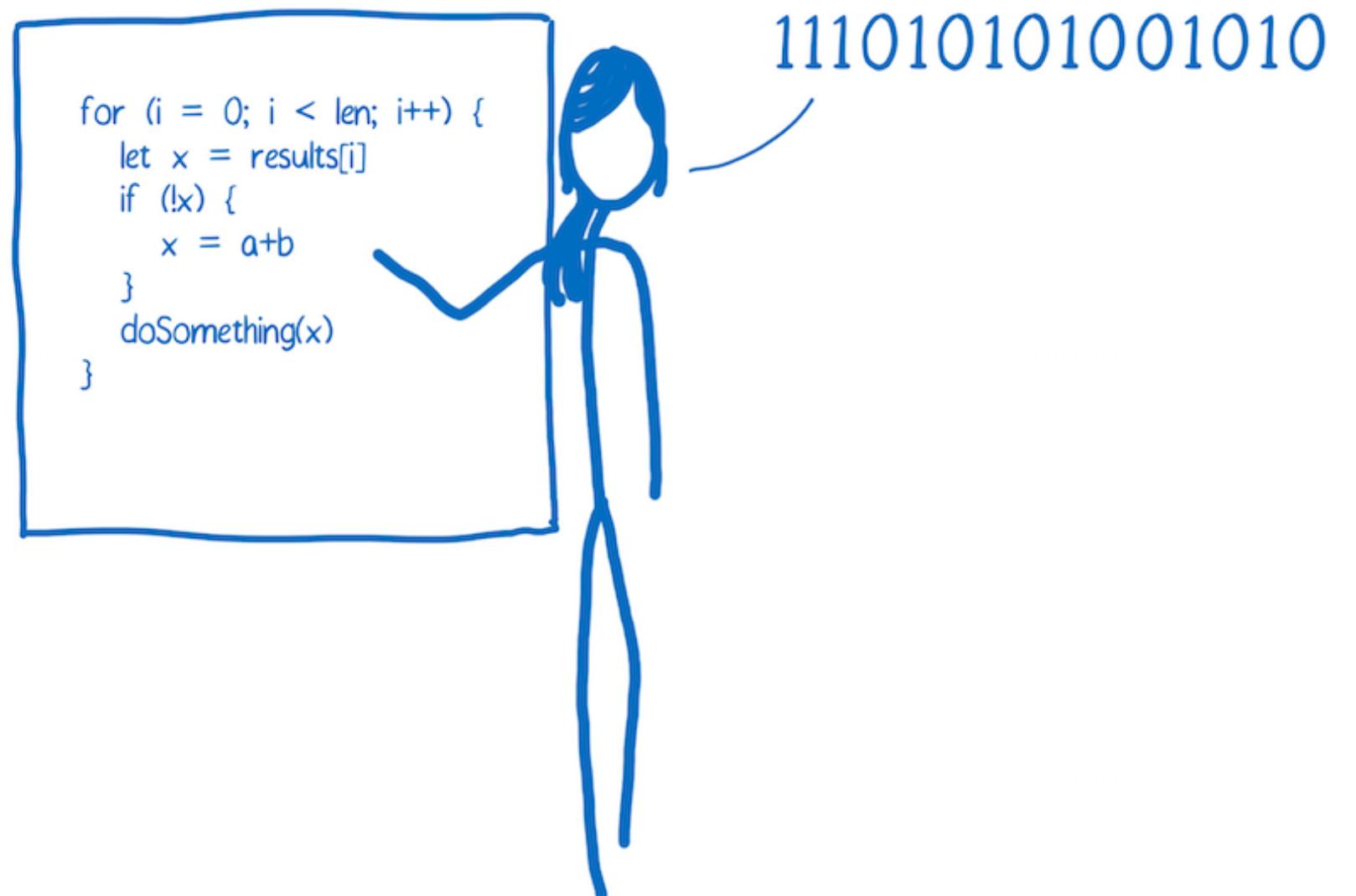




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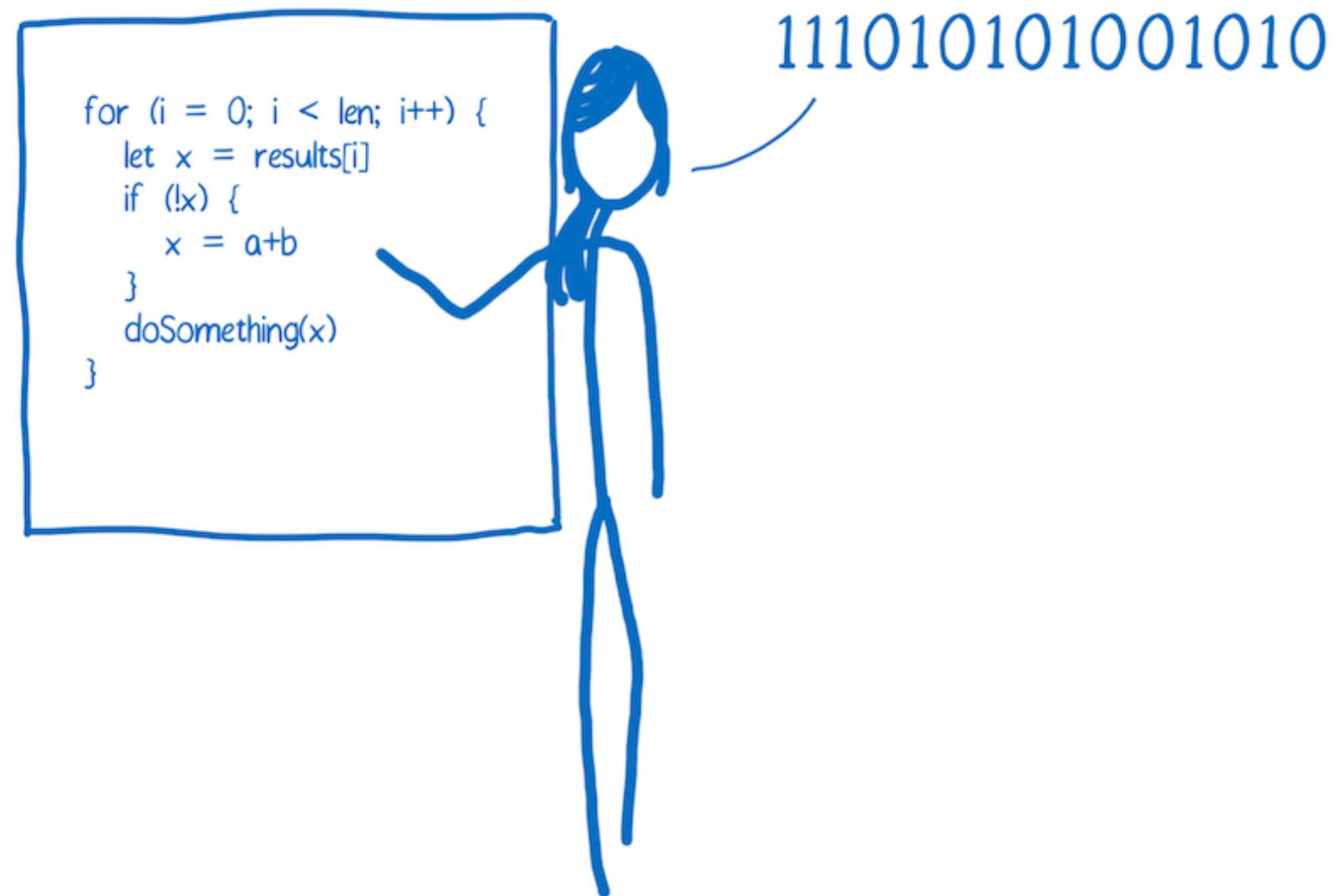
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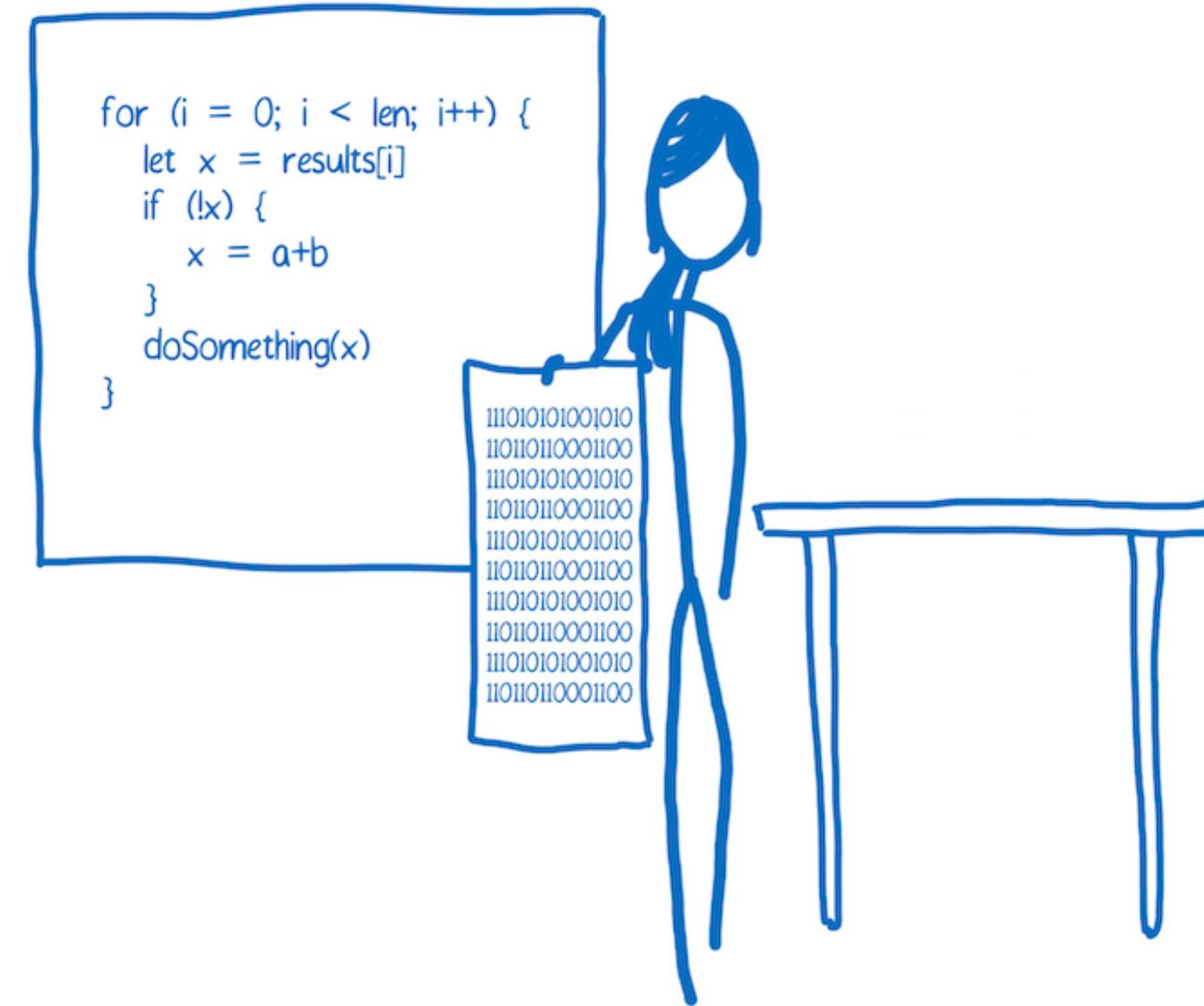
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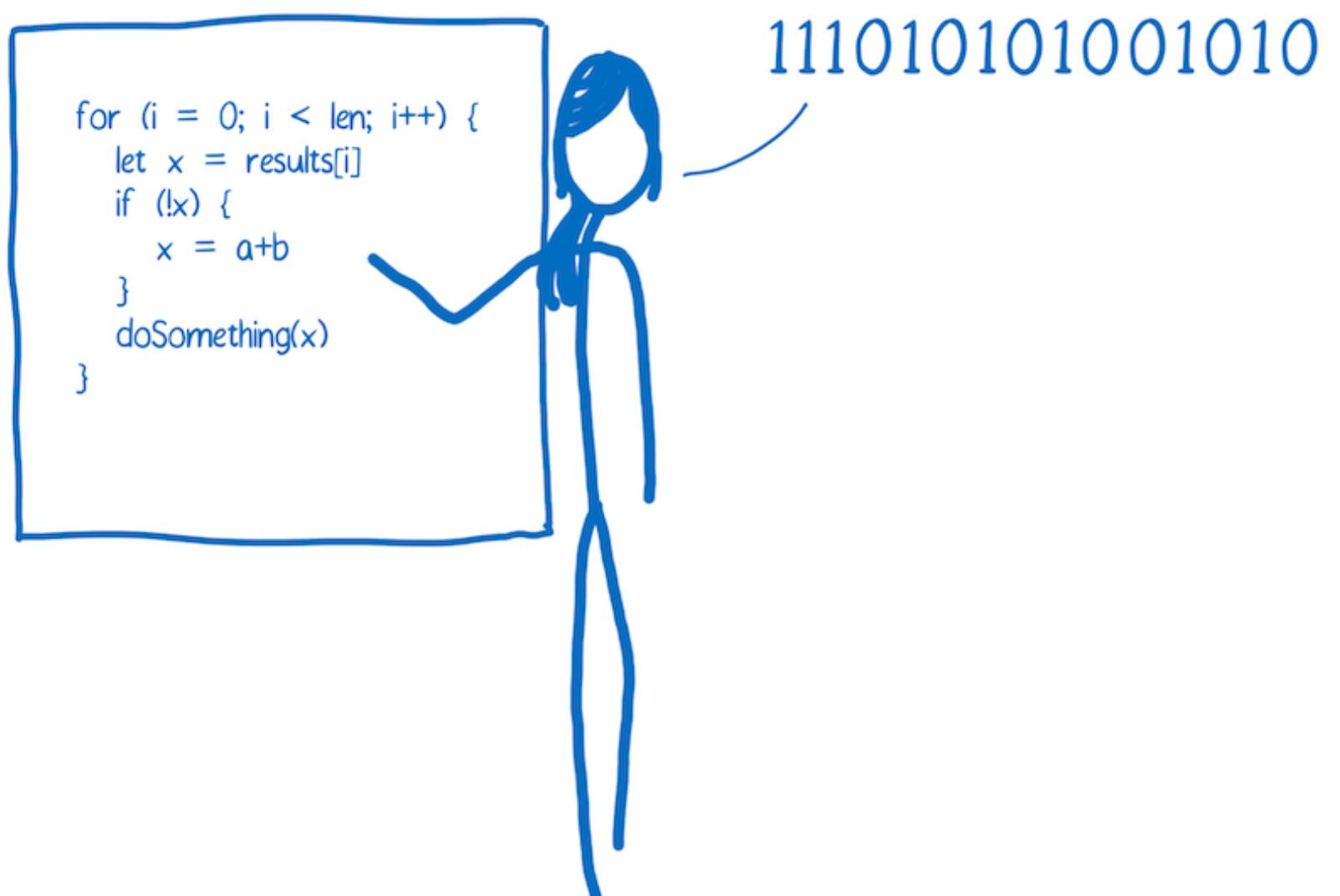
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Pros

You do not have to go through that whole compilation step before you can start running your code.

Cons

You have to do the same translation over and over again.

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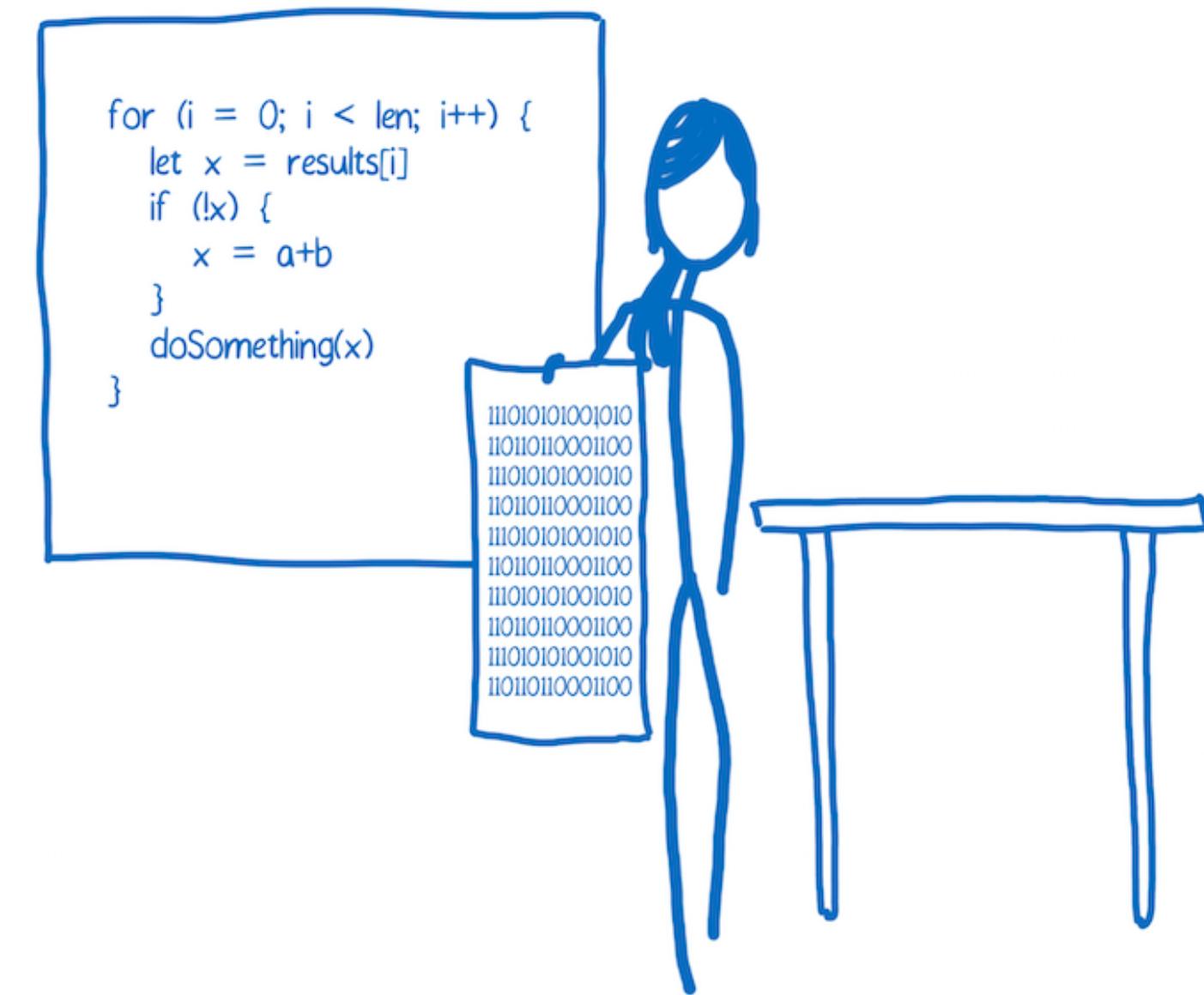
It does not need to repeat the translation for each pass through the loop. (using Monitor or Profiler)

Cons

It takes a little bit more time to start up because it has to go through the compilation step at the beginning.

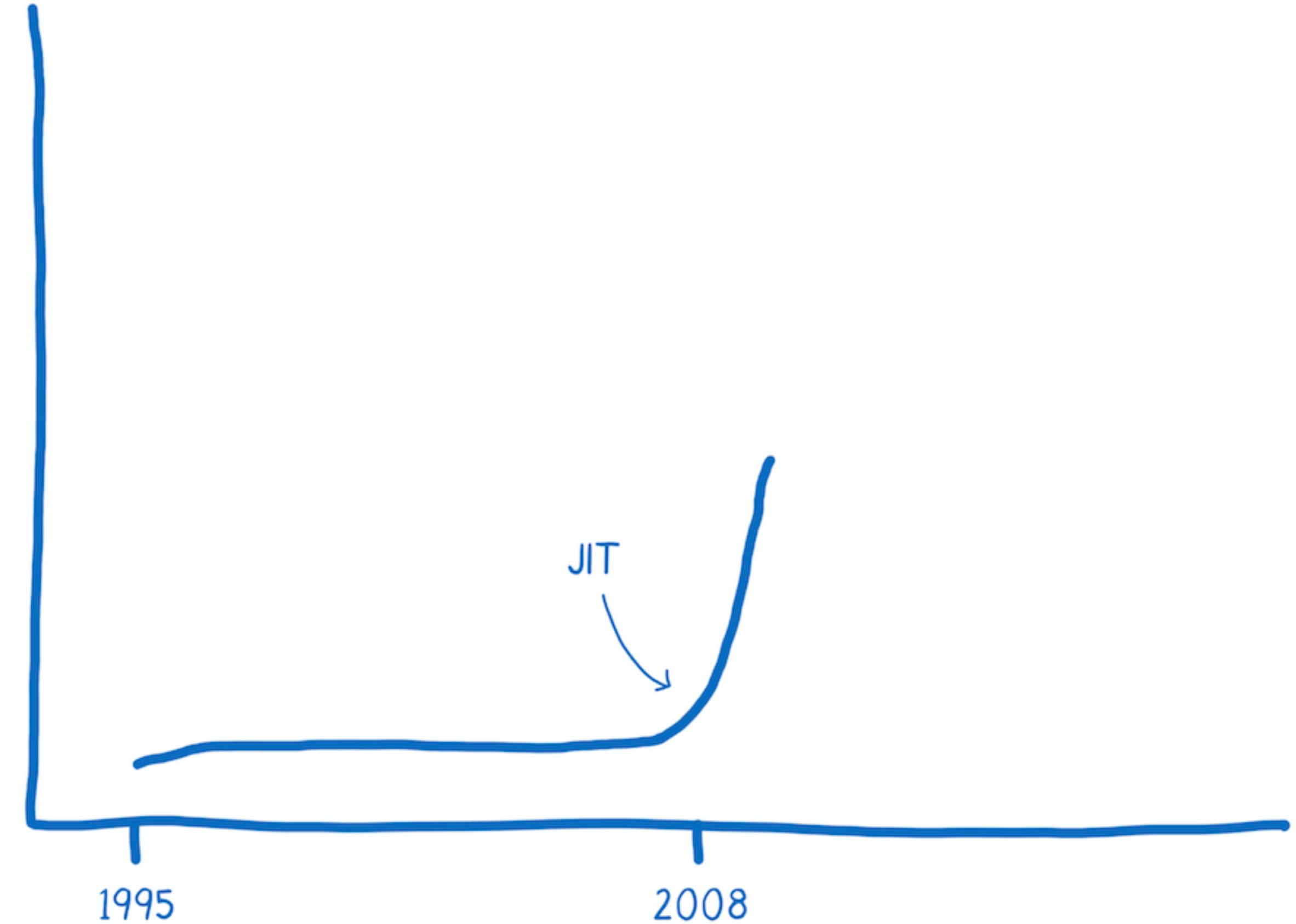
To learn more, read the [full article on just-in-time compiling](#).

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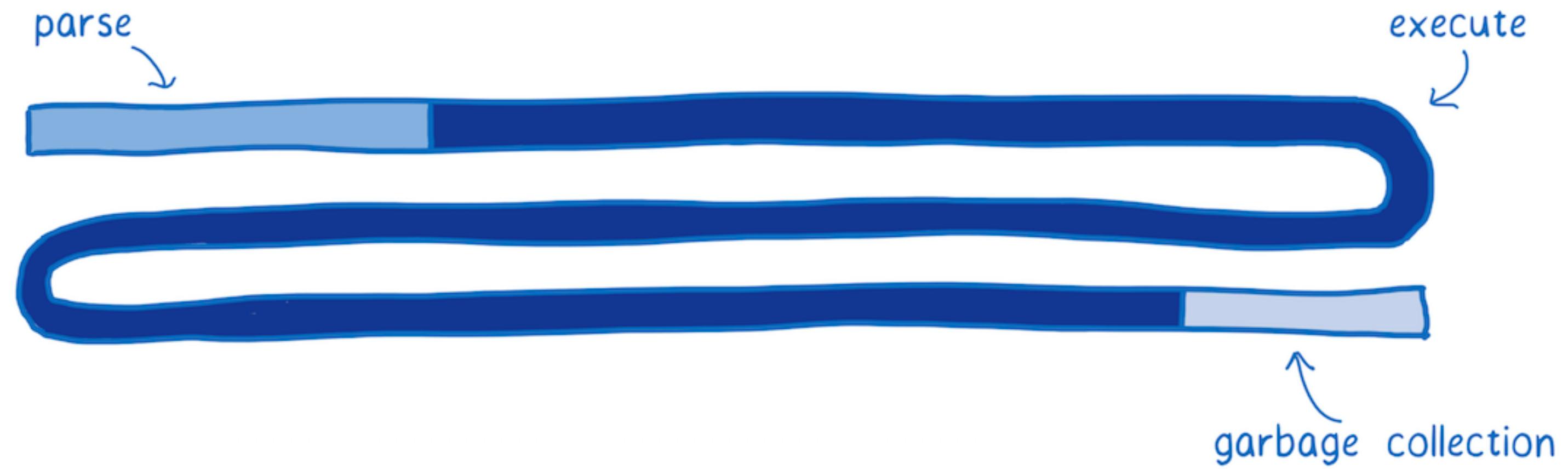


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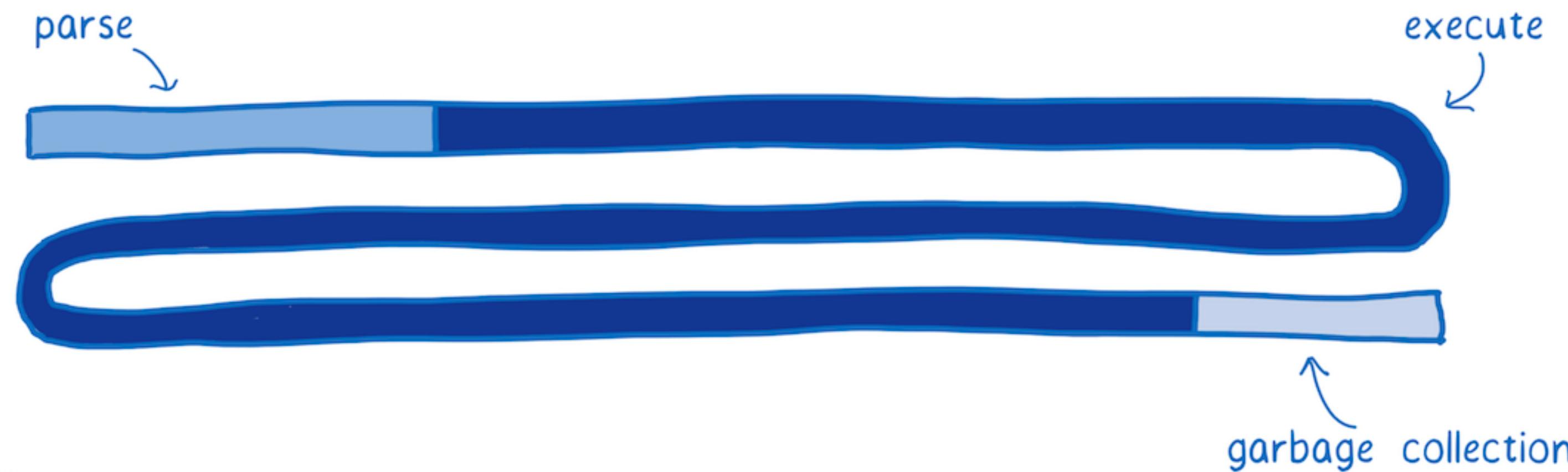




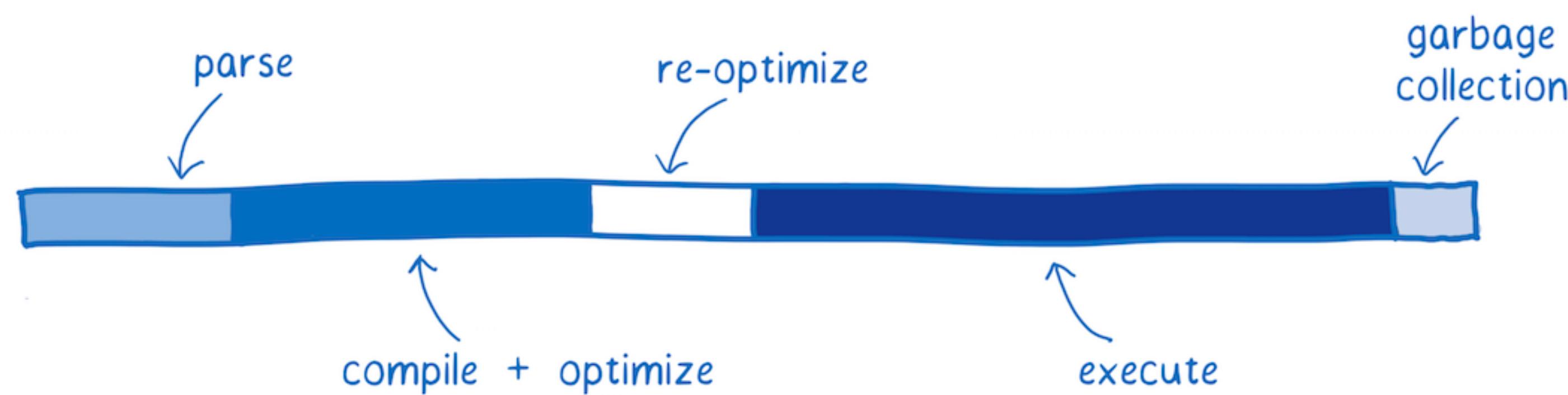
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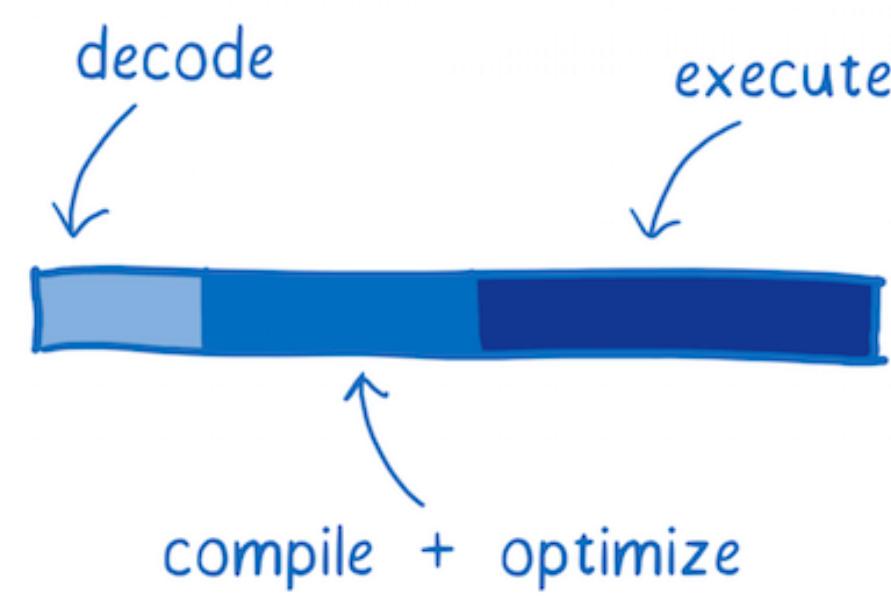
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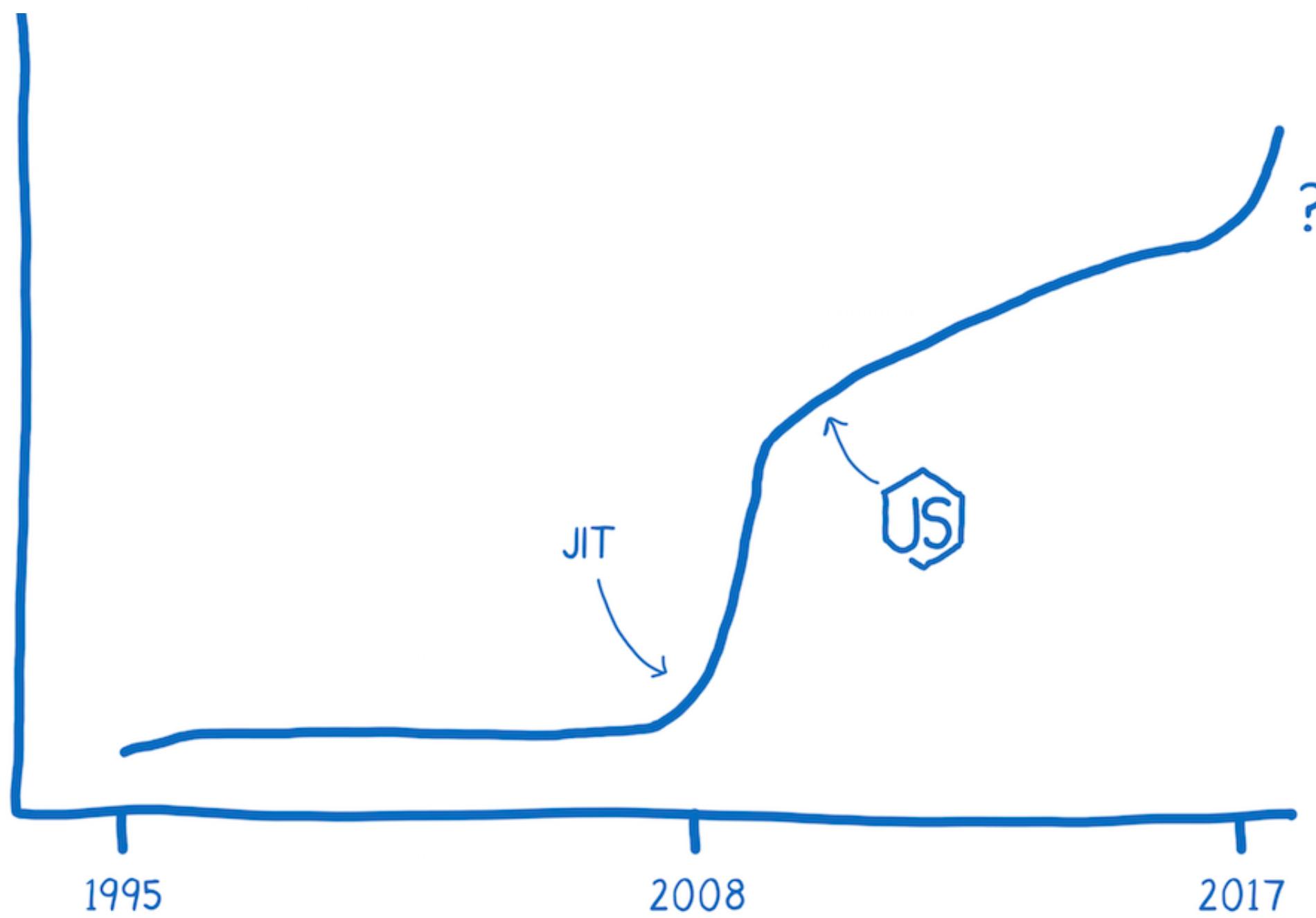
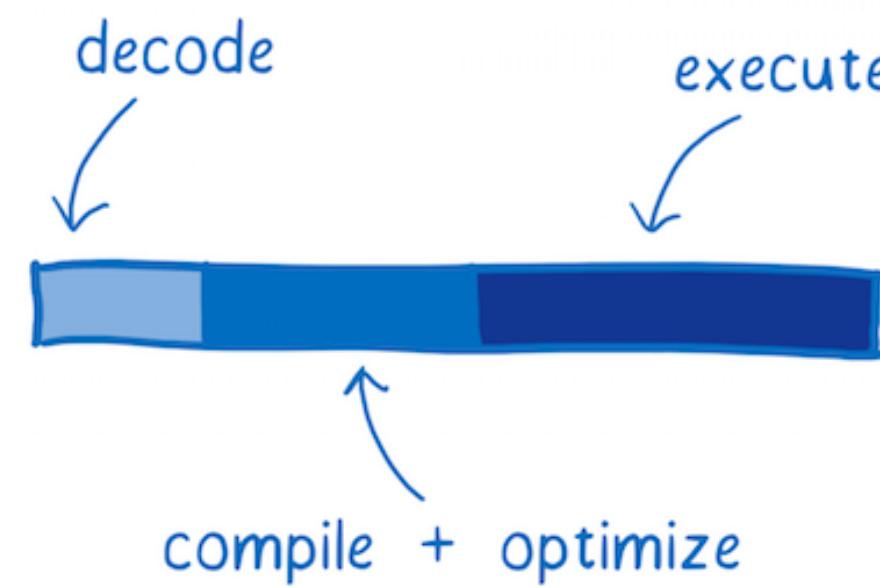


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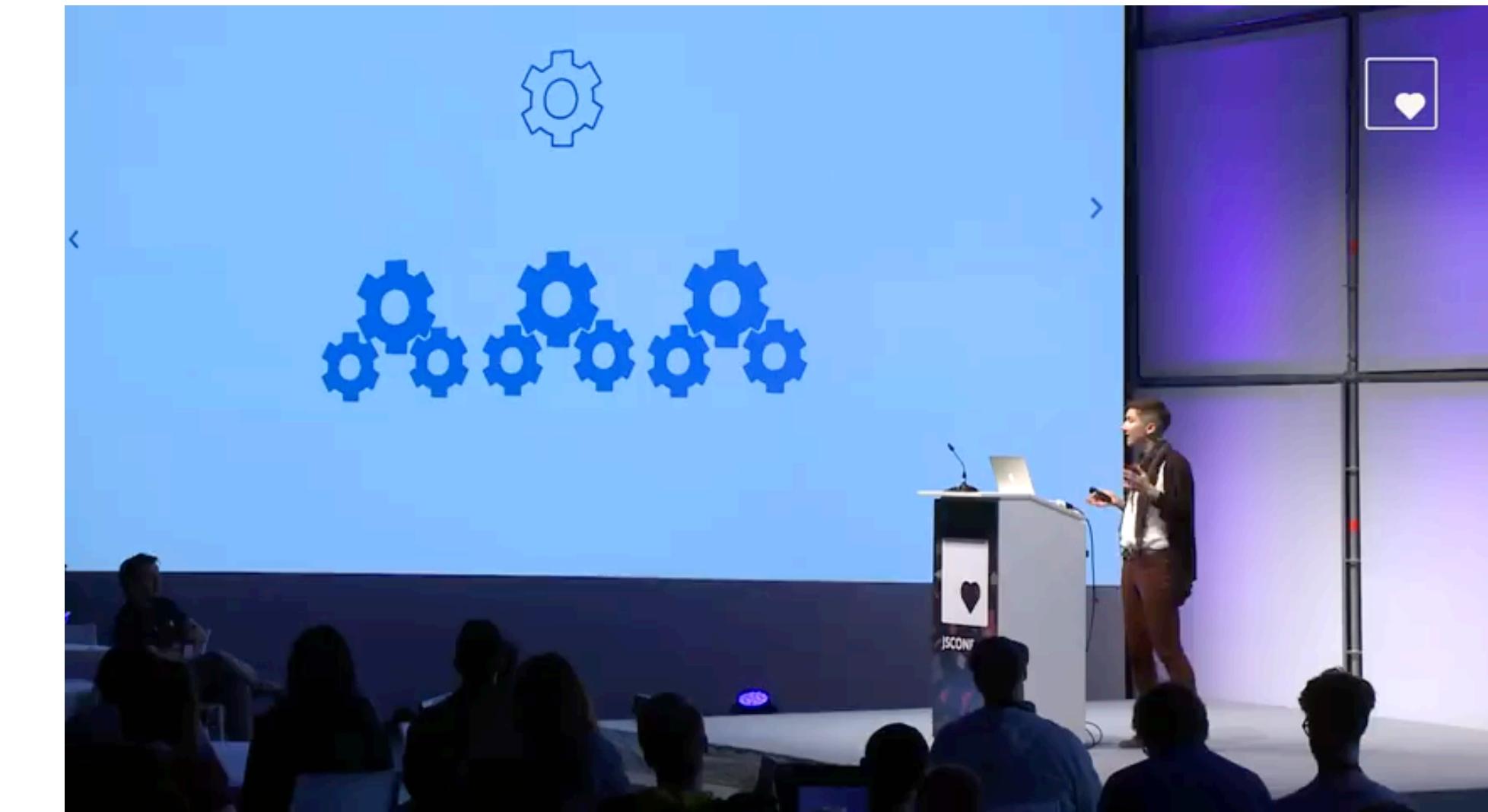
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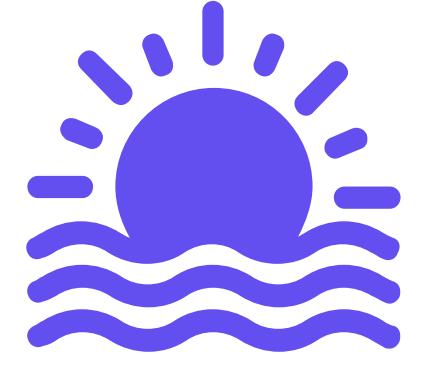
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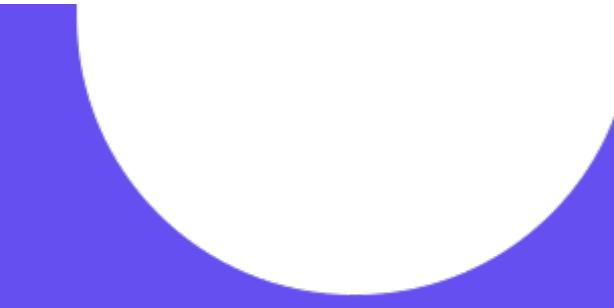
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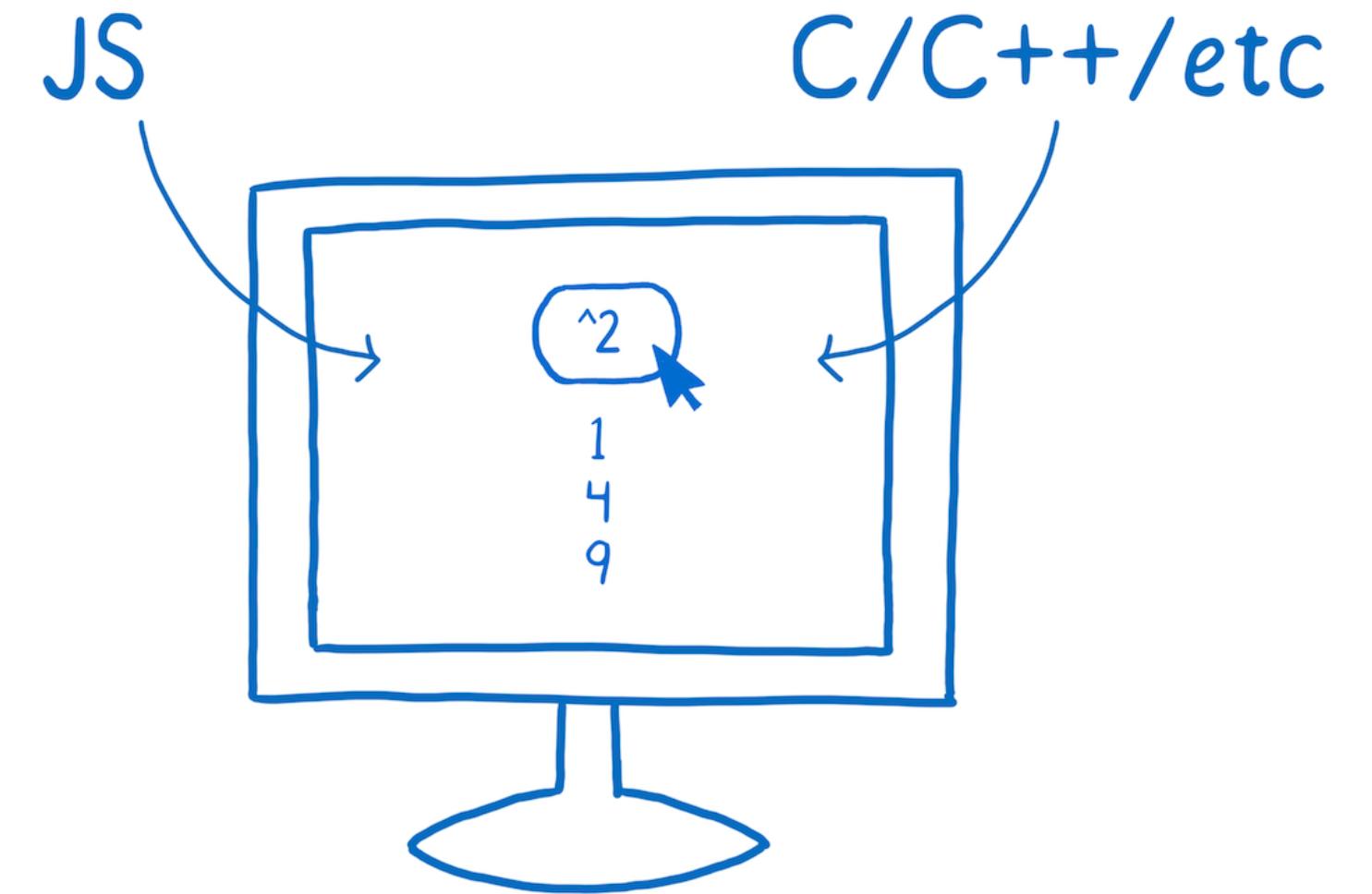
Lin Clark: A Cartoon Intro to WebAssembly [\[Link\]](#)



So, what the WebAssembly is?

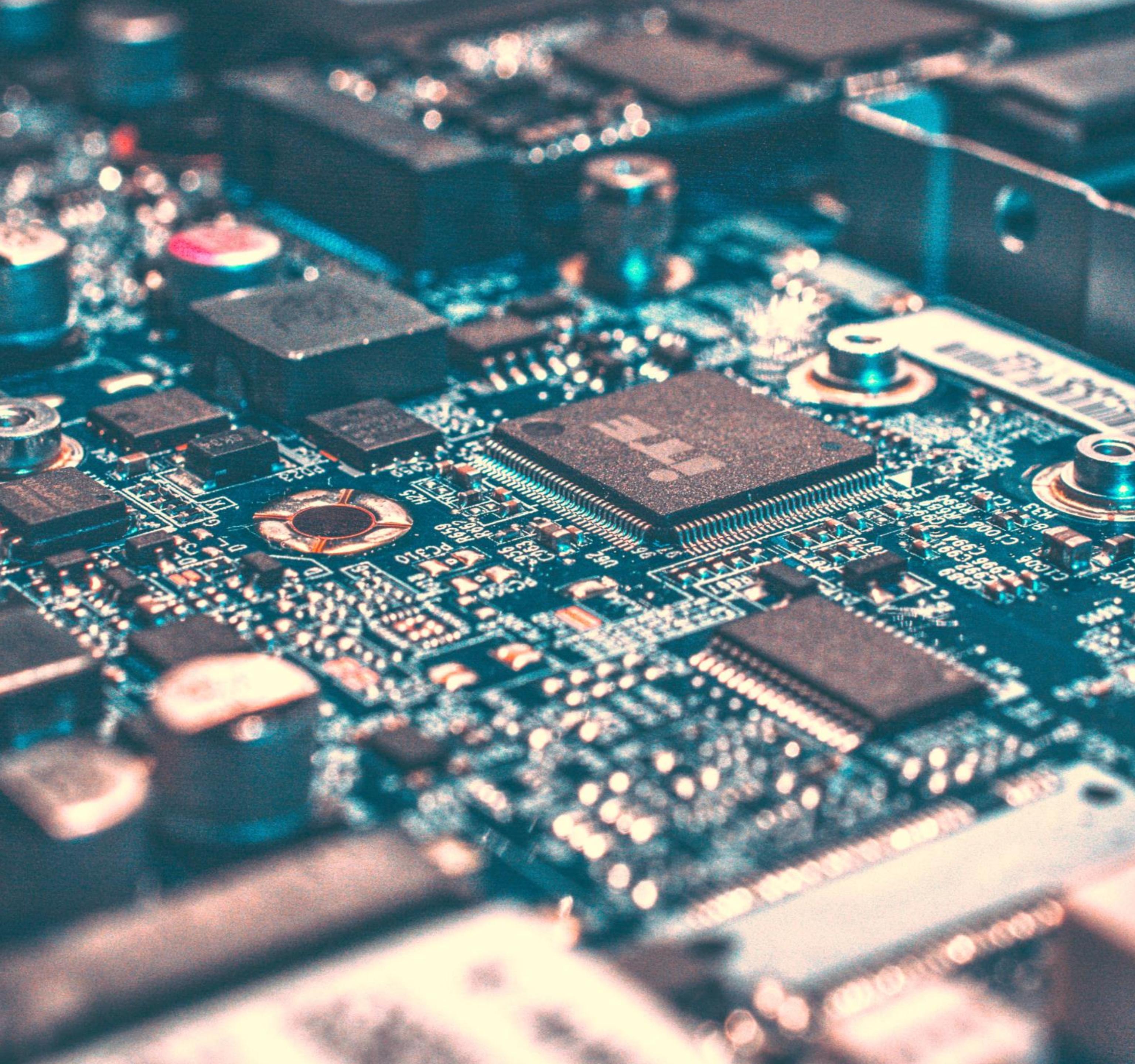


WA



Definition of WA — Source: [[Link](#)]

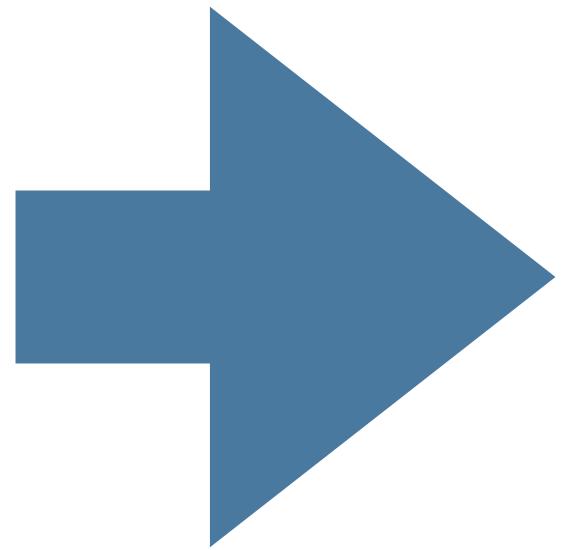
A way of taking code written in programming languages other than JS and running that code in the browser.



10100000	00000000
10100010	00000000
10001010	10000101
11000100	00100000
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11001000	01110000
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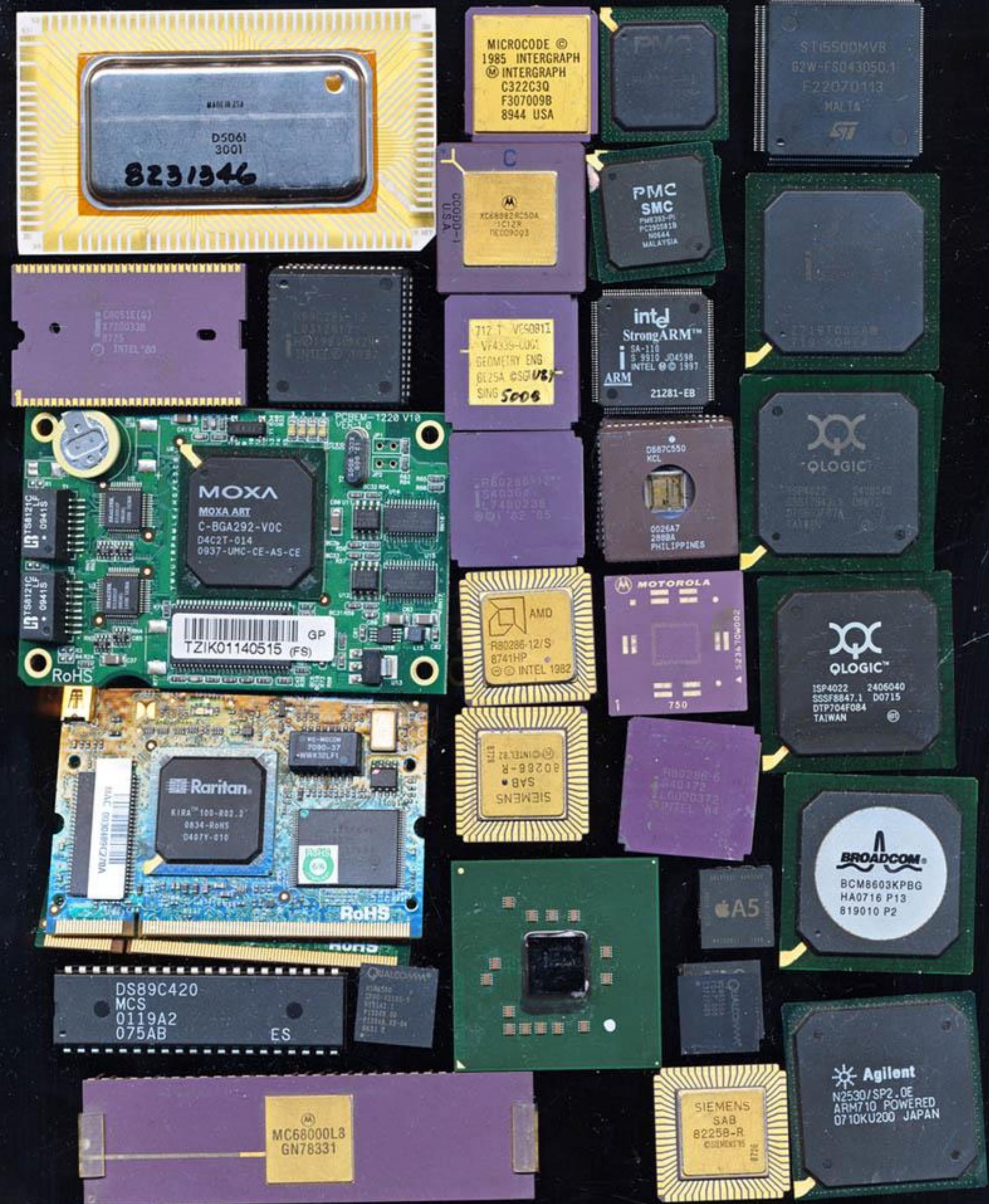
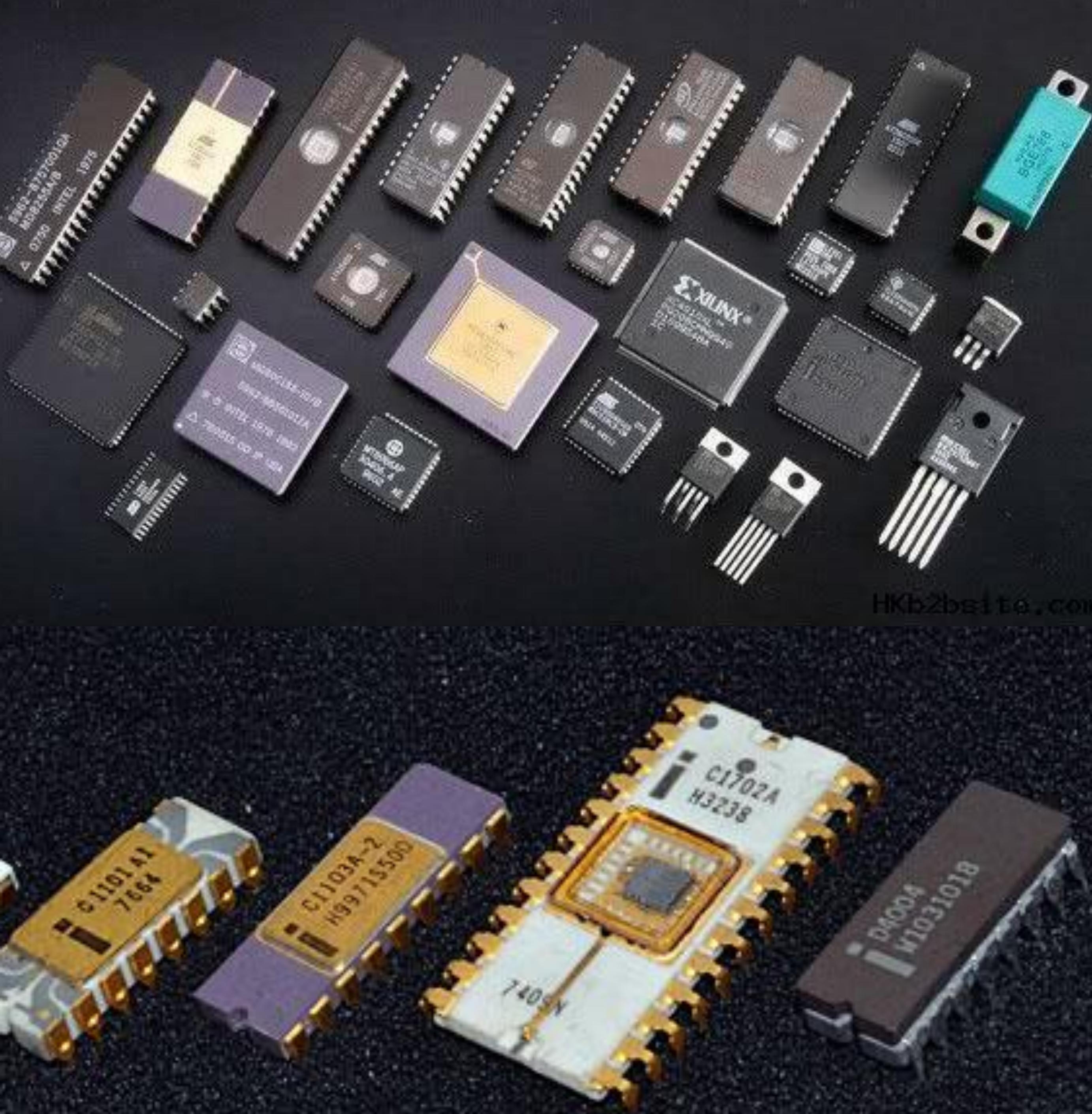
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0200	10100000 00000000	A0 00	LDY #\$00
0202	10100010 00000000	A2 00	LDX #\$00
0204	10001010	8A	LOOP2 TXA
0205	10000101 11000100	85 C4	STA \$00C4
0207	00100000 11011101 11110000	20 22 F0	LOOP1 JSR SCAN
020A	11001000	C8	INY
020B	01110000 00000101	70 05	BVS RESET
020D	01001100 00000111 00000010	4C 07 02	JMP LOOP1
0210	10111000	B8	RESET CLV
0211	11101000	E8	INX
0212	01001100 00000100 00000010	4C 04 02	JMP LOOP2

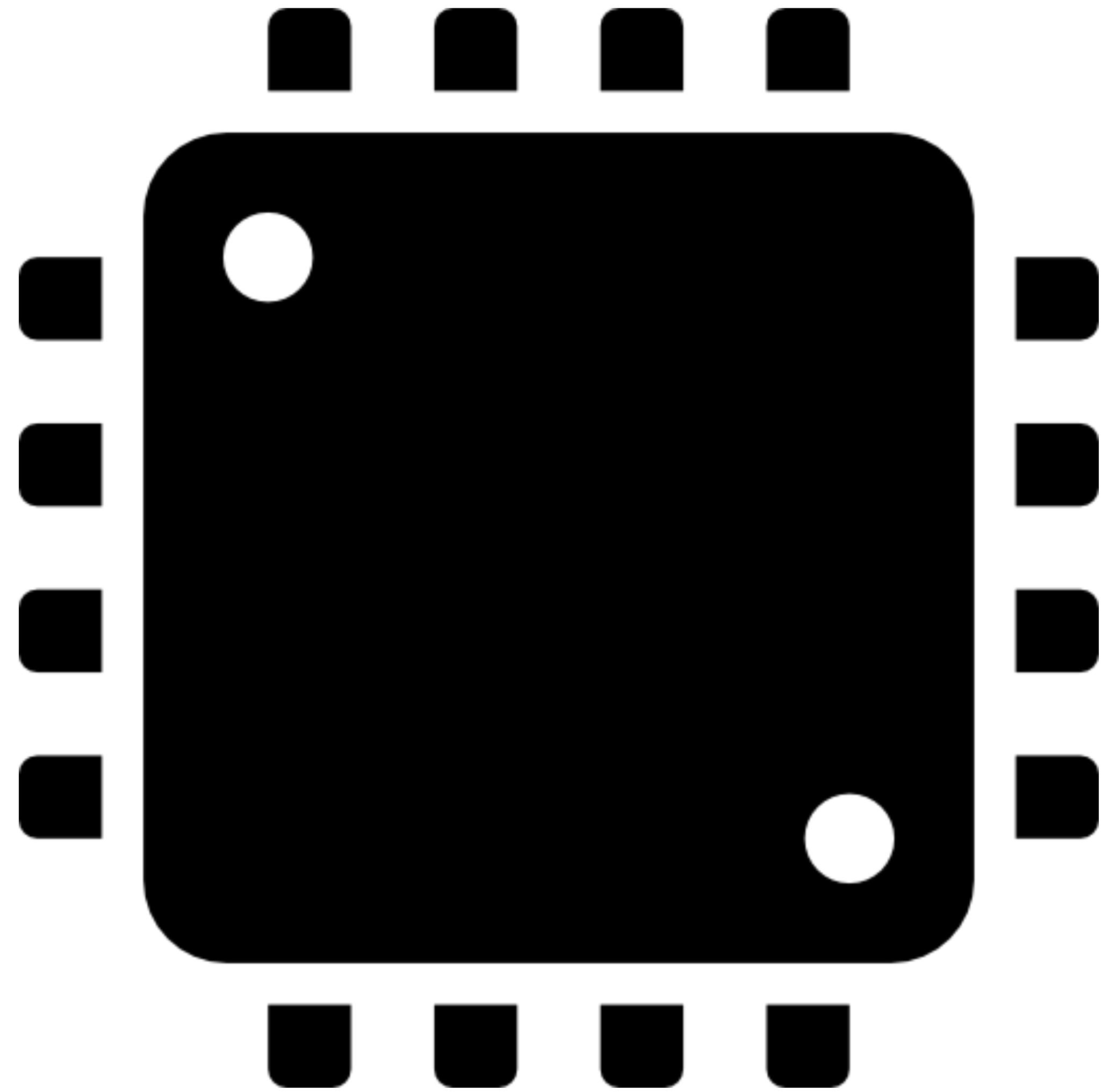
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int x = 0;  
int y = 0;  
  
for (x=0; x<12; x++)  
{  
    for (y=0; y<12; y++)  
    {  
        scan(x, y);  
    }  
}
```



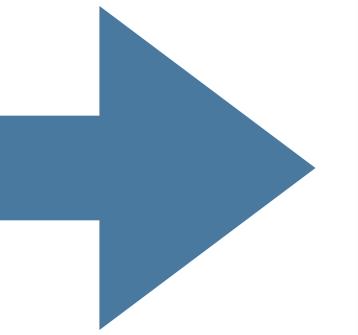
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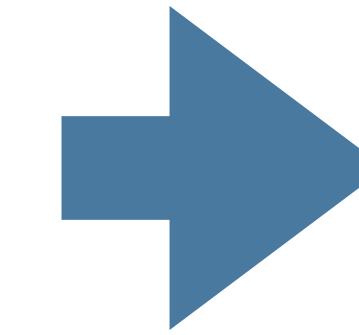
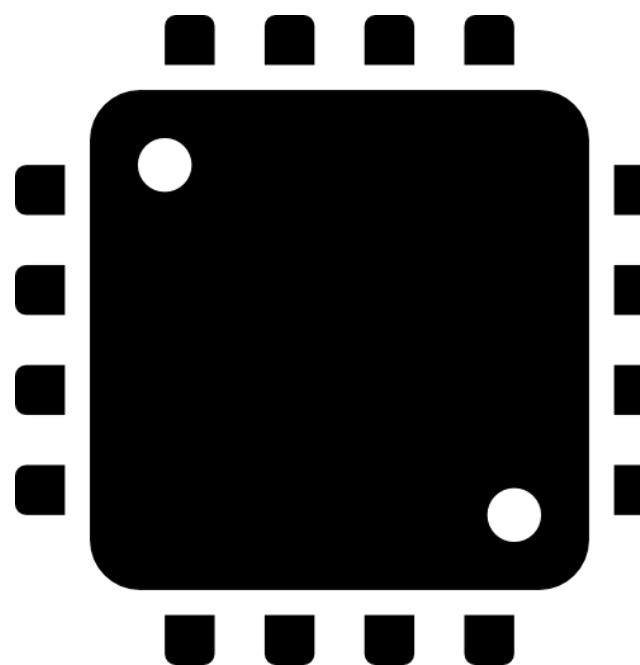
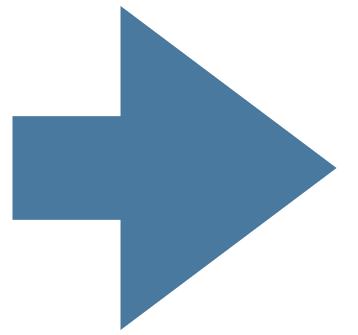




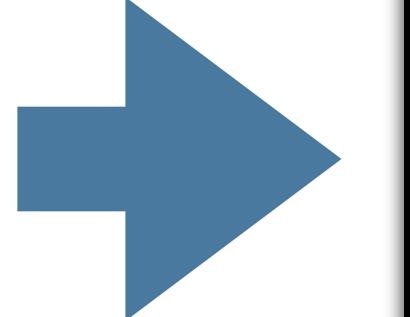
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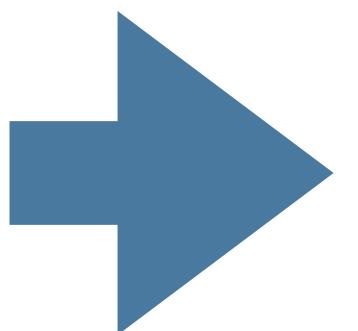
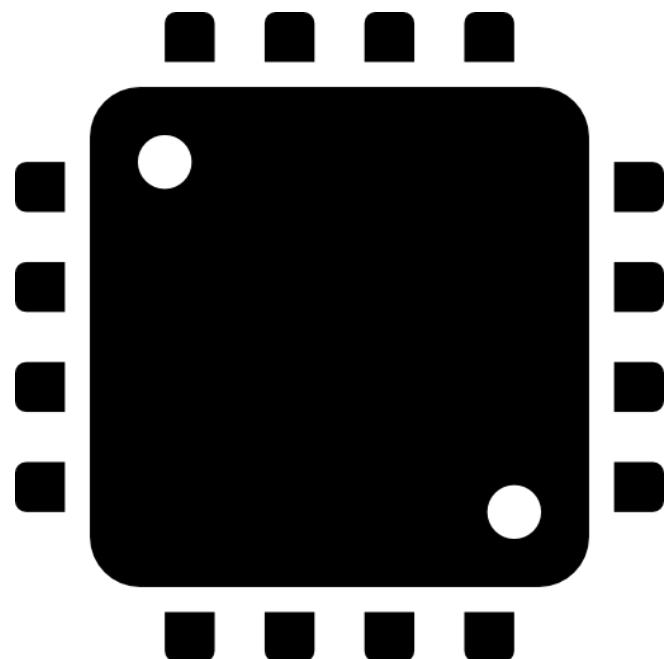
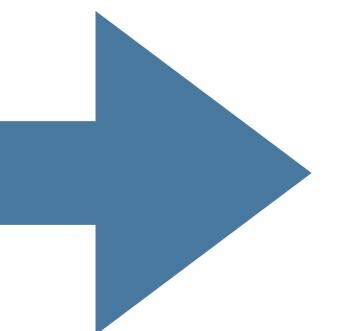
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CA FE BA BE 00 00 00 31 00 13  
07 00 10 07 00 11 01 00 07 63  
6F 6E 76 65 72 74 01 00 3A 28  
4C 6A 61 76 61 2F 6C 61 6E 67  
2F 49 74 65 72 61 62 6C 65 3B  
4C 6A 61 76 61 2F 6C 61 6E 67  
2F 4F 62 6A 65 63 74 3B 29 4C  
6A 61 76 61 2F 6C 61 6E 67 2F  
4F 62 6A 65 63 74 3B 01 00 0A  
45 78 63 65 70 74 69 6F 6E 73  
07 00 12 01 00 09 53 69
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00 61 73 6D 01 00 00 00 01 10  
03 60 01 7F 00 60 01 7F 01 7F  
60 02 7F 7F 01 7F 02 15 01 08  
66 69 7A 7A 62 75 7A 7A 08 63  
61 6C 6C 62 61 63 6B 00 00 03  
03 02 01 02 07 0C 01 08 66 69  
7A 7A 62 75 7A 7A 00 01 0A 44  
02 39 00 20 00 41 0F 10 02 04  
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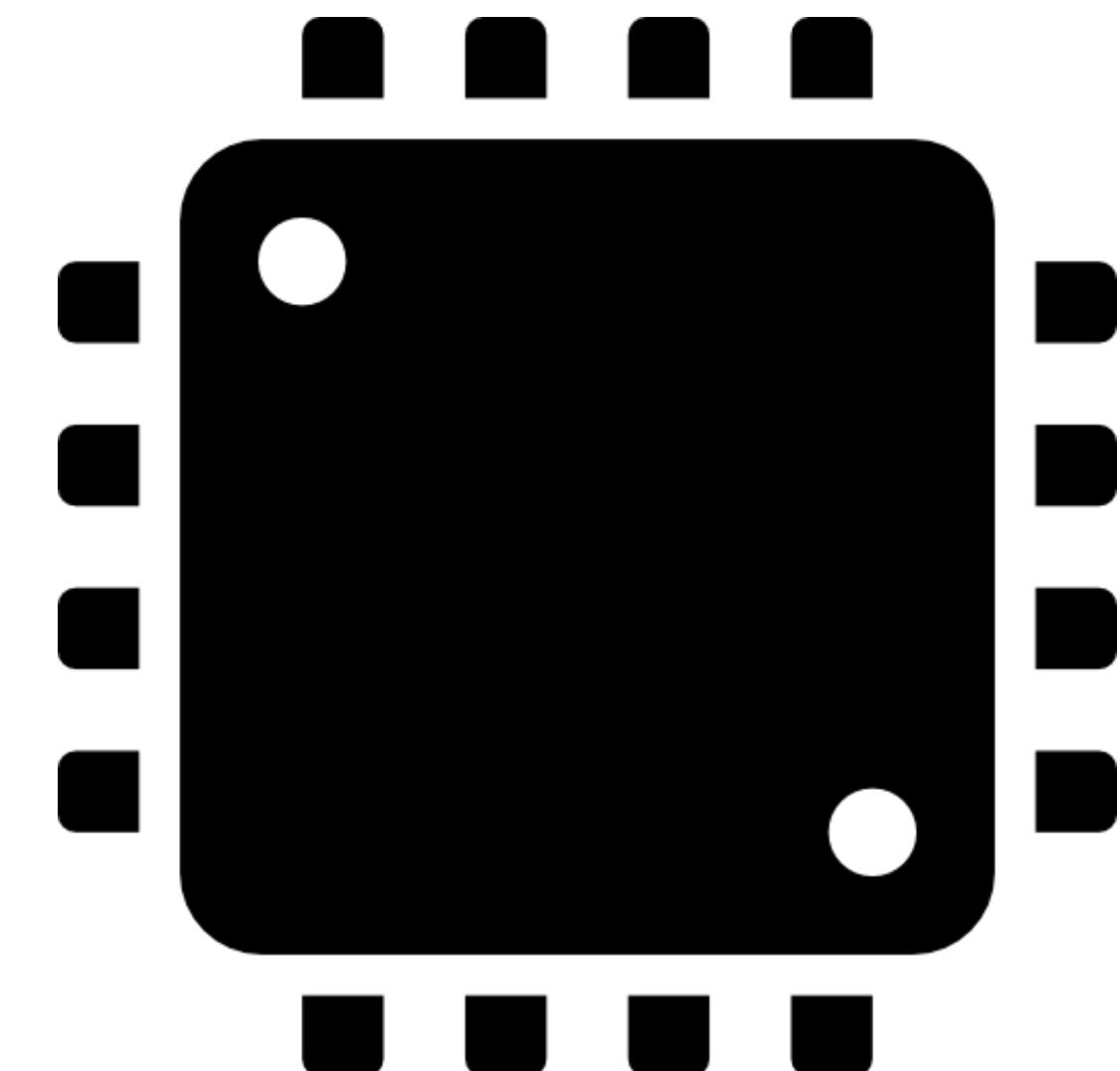




WebAssembly Modules

.add
.subtract
.multiply
.divide
.modulo

```
00 61 73 6D 01 00 00  
00 01 10 03 60 01 7F  
00 60 01 7F 01 7F 60  
02 7F 7F 01 7F 02 15  
01 08 66 69 7A 7A 62  
75 7A 7A 08 63 61 6C  
6C 62 61 63 6B 00 00  
03 03 02 01 02 07 0C  
01 08 66 69 7A 7A 62  
75 7A 7A 00 01 0A 44  
02 39 00 20 00 41 0F  
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7E 10 00 41 7E 0F 0B  
20 00 41 03 10 02 04  
40 41 7F 10 00 41 7F  
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WebAssembly in the Browser

Browser

site.css

```
.effort {  
  display: none  
}
```

index.html

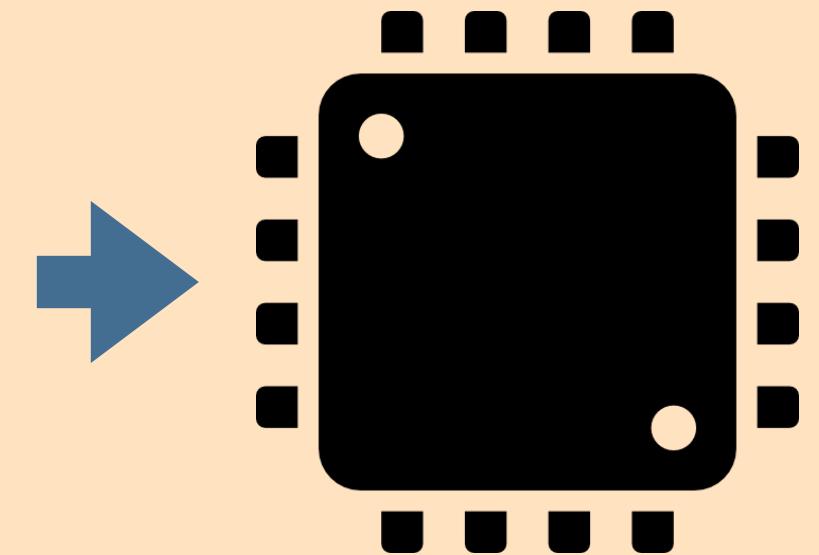
```
<html>  
  <head></head>  
  <body></body>  
</html>
```

app.js

```
let main = await WebAssembly  
  .instantiateStreaming( fetch('main.wasm'))  
  
let x = main.instance.exports.add(5, 10)  
let y = main.instance.exports.subtract(10, 5)
```

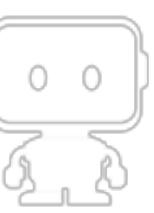
main.wasm

```
00 61 73 6D 01 00 00  
00 01 10 03 60 01 7F  
00 60 01 7F 01 7F 60  
02 7F 7F 01 7F 02 15  
01 08 66 69 7A 7A 62  
75 7A 7A 08 63 61 6C  
6C 62 61 63 6B 00 00  
03 03 02 01 02 07 0C  
01 08 66 69 7A 7A 62  
75 7A 7A 00 01 0A 44  
02 39 00 20 00 41 0F  
10 02 04 40 41 7D 10  
00 41 7D 0F 0B 20 00  
41 05 10 02 04 40 41  
7E 10 00 41 7E 0F 0B  
20 00 41 03 10 02 04  
40 41 7F 10 00 41 7F  
0F 0B 20 00 10 00 20
```



JS

Using WebAssembly From JavaScript



```
let imports = {
    math : {
        callback : x => console.log("result is", x)
    }
}

let module = await WebAssembly.instantiateStreaming(fetch('main.wasm'), imports)

let x = module.instance.exports.add(5, 10)
let y = module.instance.exports.subtract(10, 5)
let z = module.instance.exports.multiply(2, 5)
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Instantiating Modules

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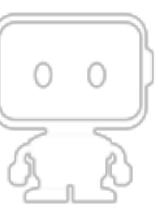
Using Functions in Modules

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Importing JavaScript Functions into WebAssembly Modules



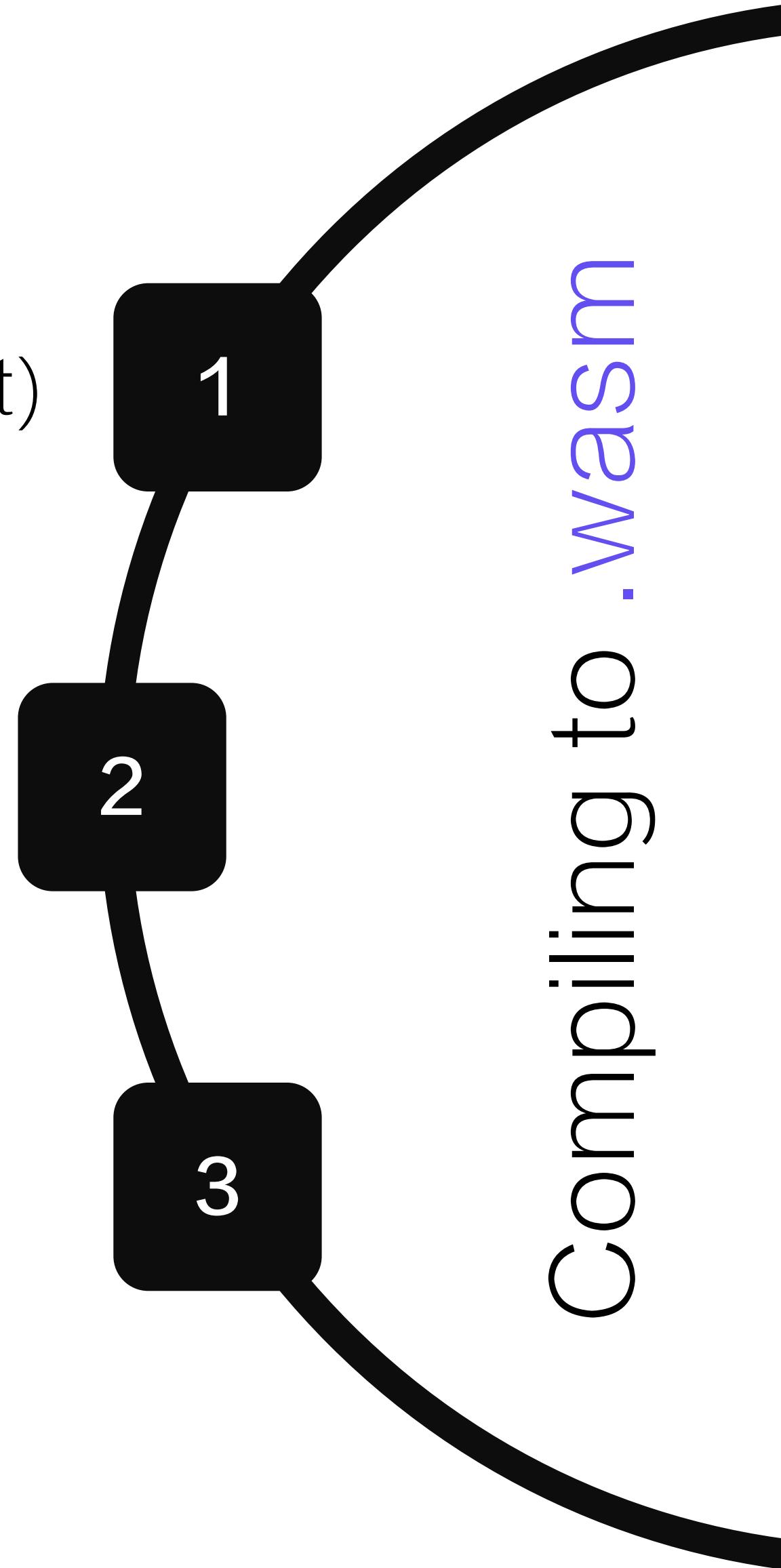
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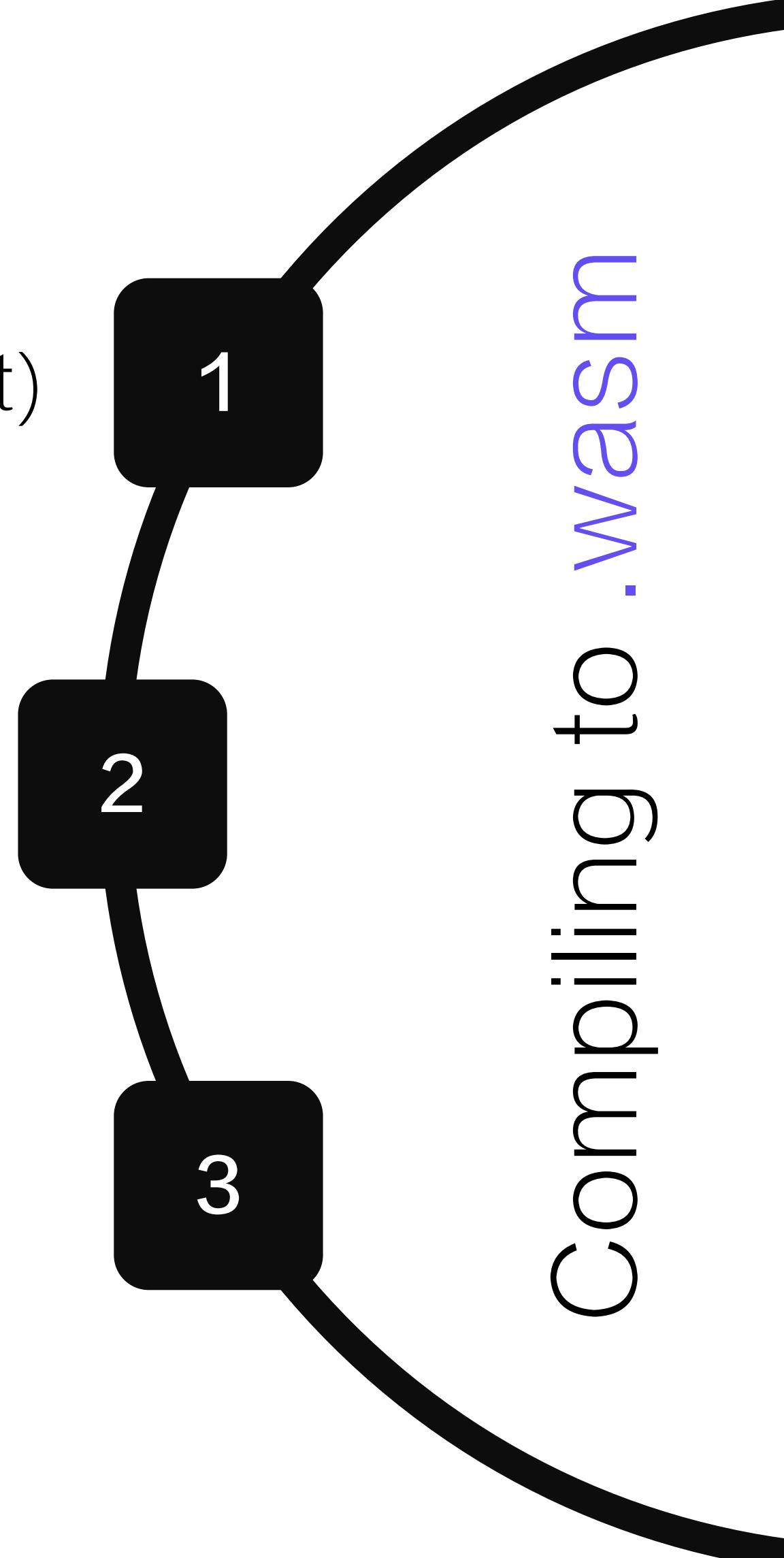


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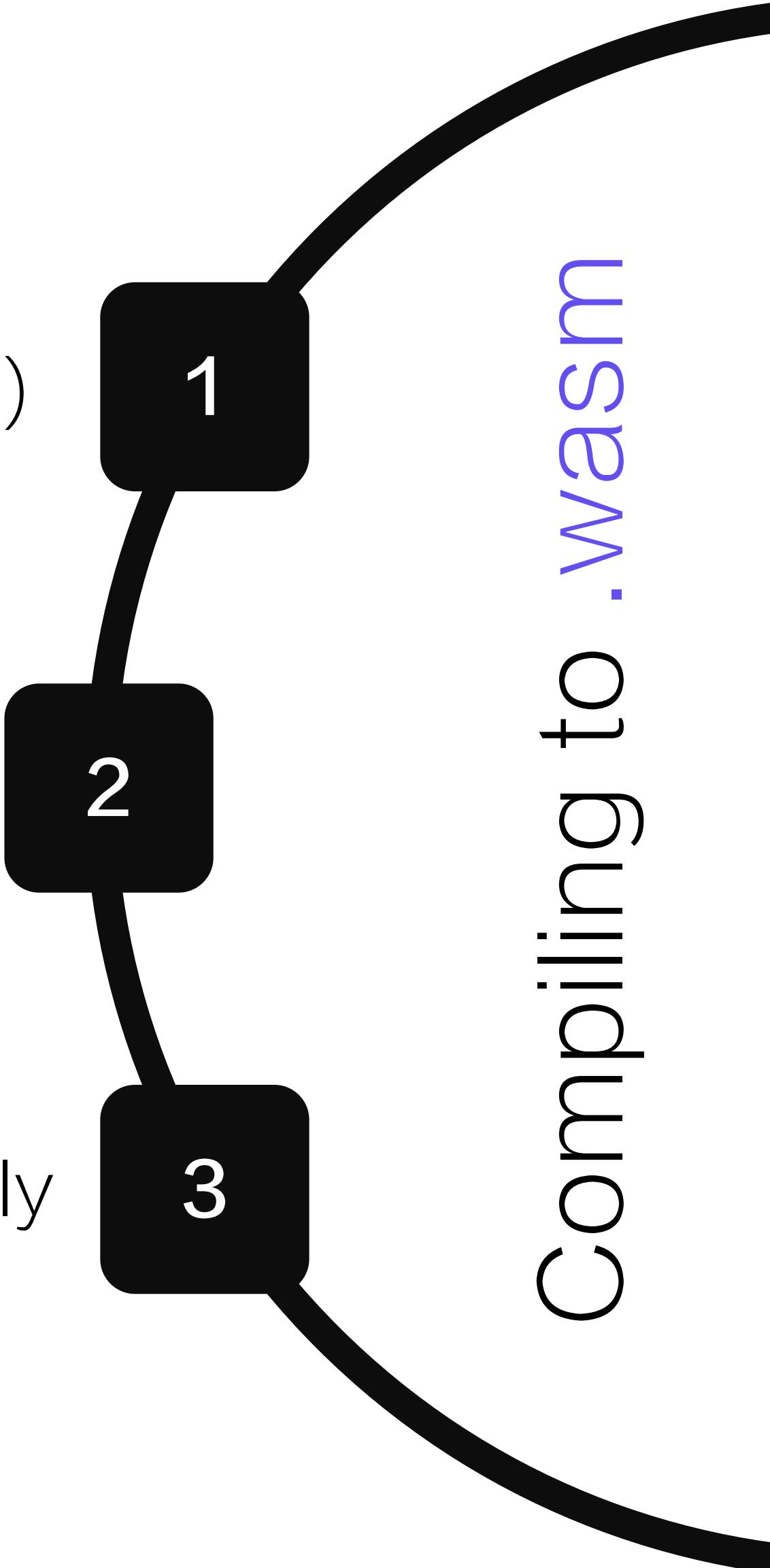


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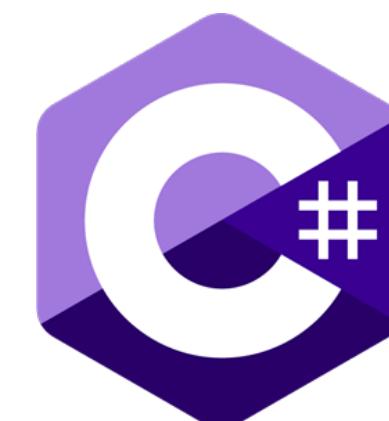
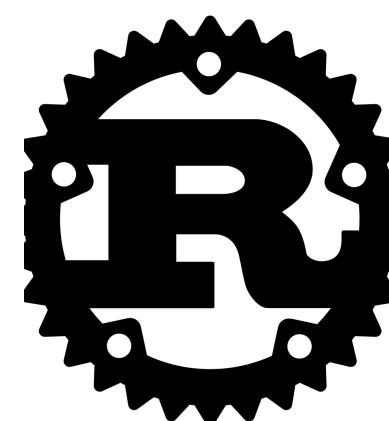


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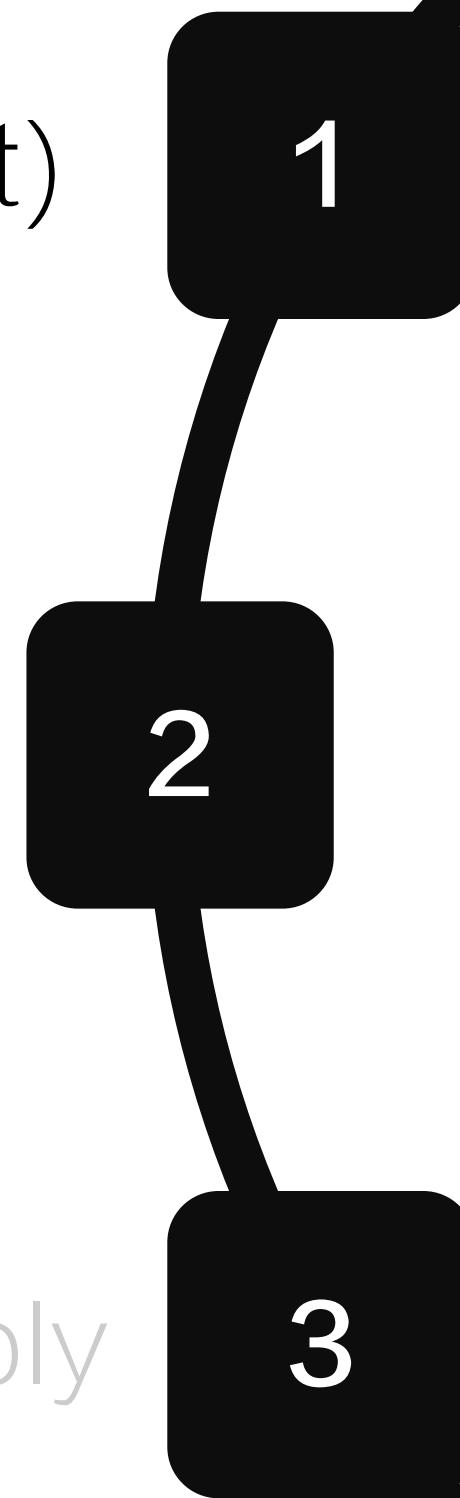
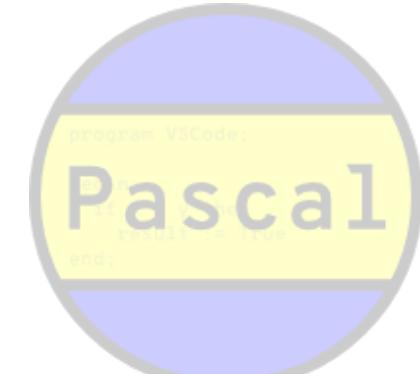
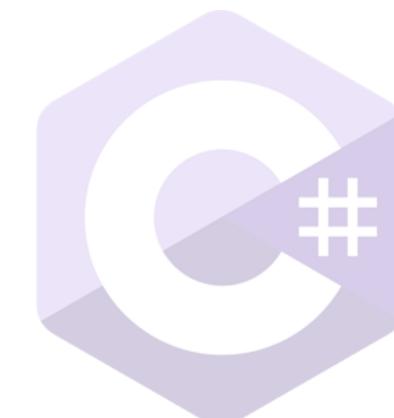
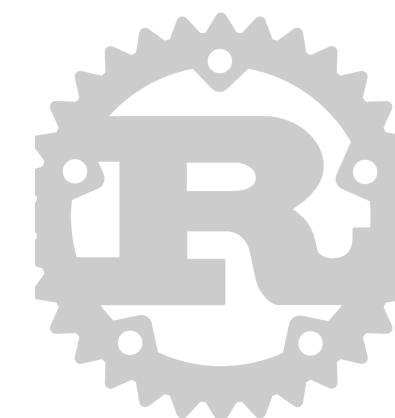
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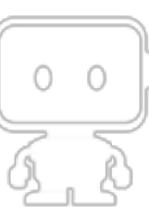
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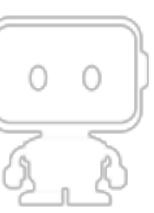


A Simple Module in WebAssembly Text Format

```
00 61 73 6D 01 00  
00 00 01 10 03 60  
01 7F 00 60 01 7F  
01 7F 60 02 7F 7F  
01 7F 02 15 01 08  
66 69 7A 7A 62 75  
7A 7A 08 63 61 6C  
6C 62 61 63 6B 00  
00 03 03 02 01 02  
07 0C 01 08 66 69  
7A 7A 62 75 7A 7A  
00 01 0A 44 02 39  
00 20 00 41 0F 10  
02 04 40 41 7D 10  
00 41 7D 0F 0B 20  
00 41 05 10 02 04  
40 41 7E 10 00 41  
7E 0F 0B 20 00 41  
03 10 02 04 40 41  
7F 10 00 41 7F 0F  
0B 20 00 10 00 20
```

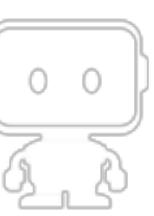
```
(module  
  
(import "math" "callback" (func $callback))  
  
(export "add" (func $add))  
(export "subtract" (func $subtract))  
  
(func $add (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)  
  local.get $a  
  local.get $b  
  i32.add  
)  
  
(func $subtract (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)  
  local.get $a  
  local.get $b  
  i32.sub  
)  
)
```

Declaring a Module



```
00 61 73 6D 01 00  
00 00 01 10 03 60  
01 7F 00 60 01 7F  
01 7F 60 02 7F 7F  
01 7F 02 15 01 08  
66 69 7A 7A 62 75  
7A 7A 08 63 61 6C  
6C 62 61 63 6B 00  
00 03 03 02 01 02  
07 0C 01 08 66 69  
7A 7A 62 75 7A 7A  
00 01 0A 44 02 39  
00 20 00 41 0F 10  
02 04 40 41 7D 10  
00 41 7D 0F 0B 20  
00 41 05 10 02 04  
40 41 7E 10 00 41  
7E 0F 0B 20 00 41  
03 10 02 04 40 41  
7F 10 00 41 7F 0F  
0B 20 00 10 00 20
```

```
(module  
  
(import "math" "callback" (func $callback))  
  
(export "add" (func $add))  
(export "subtract" (func $subtract))  
  
(func $add (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)  
  local.get $a  
  local.get $b  
  i32.add  
)  
  
(func $subtract (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)  
  local.get $a  
  local.get $b  
  i32.sub  
)  
)
```

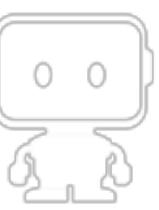


Creating Functions

```
00 61 73 6D 01 00  
00 00 01 10 03 60  
01 7F 00 60 01 7F  
01 7F 60 02 7F 7F  
01 7F 02 15 01 08  
66 69 7A 7A 62 75  
7A 7A 08 63 61 6C  
6C 62 61 63 6B 00  
00 03 03 02 01 02  
07 0C 01 08 66 69  
7A 7A 62 75 7A 7A  
00 01 0A 44 02 39  
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7F 10 00 41 7F 0F  
0B 20 00 10 00 20
```

```
(module  
  
(import "math" "callback" (func $callback))  
  
(export "add" (func $add))  
(export "subtract" (func $subtract))  
  
(func $add (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)  
  local.get $a  
  local.get $b  
  i32.add  
)  
  
(func $subtract (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)  
  local.get $a  
  local.get $b  
  i32.sub  
)  
)
```

Exporting Functions



```
00 61 73 6D 01 00
00 00 01 10 03 60
01 7F 00 60 01 7F
01 7F 60 02 7F 7F
01 7F 02 15 01 08
66 69 7A 7A 62 75
7A 7A 08 63 61 6C
6C 62 61 63 6B 00
00 03 03 02 01 02
07 0C 01 08 66 69
7A 7A 62 75 7A 7A
00 01 0A 44 02 39
00 20 00 41 0F 10
02 04 40 41 7D 10
00 41 7D 0F 0B 20
00 41 05 10 02 04
40 41 7E 10 00 41
7E 0F 0B 20 00 41
03 10 02 04 40 41
7F 10 00 41 7F 0F
0B 20 00 10 00 20
```

```
(module

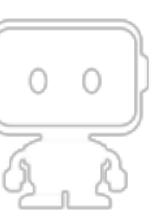
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  (export "add" (func $add))
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  (func $add (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)
    local.get $a
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    i32.add
  )

  (func $subtract (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)
    local.get $a
    local.get $b
    i32.sub
  )

)
```



WebAssembly is Stack-based

```
(module
  (import "math" "callback" (func $callback))

  (export "add" (func $add))
  (export "subtract" (func $subtract))

  (func $add (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)
    local.get $a
    local.get $b
    i32.add
  )

  (func $subtract (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)
    local.get $a
    local.get $b
    i32.sub
  )
)
```



Push an Argument

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Stack

```
(module
  (import "math" "callback" (func $callback))
  (export "add" (func $add))
  (export "subtract" (func $subtract))

  (func $add (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)
    local.get $a
    local.get $b
    i32.add
  )

  (func $subtract (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)
    local.get $a
    local.get $b
    i32.sub
  )
)
```



Push Another Argument

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Stack

```
(module
  (import "math" "callback" (func $callback))
  (export "add" (func $add))
  (export "subtract" (func $subtract))

  (func $add (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)
    local.get $a
    local.get $b
    i32.add
  )

  (func $subtract (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)
    local.get $a
    local.get $b
    i32.sub
  )
)
```



Pop the Arguments

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Stack

```
(module
  (import "math" "callback" (func $callback))
  (export "add" (func $add))
  (export "subtract" (func $subtract))

  (func $add (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)
    local.get $a
    local.get $b
    i32.add
  )

  (func $subtract (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)
    local.get $a
    local.get $b
    i32.sub
  )
)
```

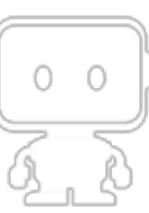


Add & Push

```
(module
  (import "math" "callback" (func $callback))
  (export "add" (func $add))
  (export "subtract" (func $subtract))

  (func $add (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)
    local.get $a
    local.get $b
    i32.add
  )

  (func $subtract (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)
    local.get $a
    local.get $b
    i32.sub
  )
)
```

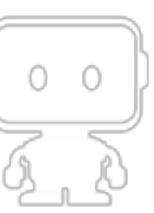


A Fancier Example (with Comments)

```
00 61 73 6D 01 00  
00 00 01 10 03 60  
01 7F 00 60 01 7F  
01 7F 60 02 7F 7F  
01 7F 02 15 01 08  
66 69 7A 7A 62 75  
7A 7A 08 63 61 6C  
6C 62 61 63 6B 00  
00 03 03 02 01 02  
07 0C 01 08 66 69  
7A 7A 62 75 7A 7A  
00 01 0A 44 02 39  
00 20 00 41 0F 10  
02 04 40 41 7D 10  
00 41 7D 0F 0B 20  
00 41 05 10 02 04  
40 41 7E 10 00 41  
7E 0F 0B 20 00 41  
03 10 02 04 40 41  
7F 10 00 41 7F 0F  
0B 20 00 10 00 20
```

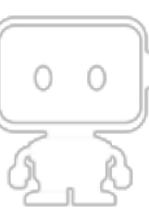
```
(module  
  
(import "math" "callback" (func $callback))  
(export "add" (func $add))  
  
(func $add (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)  
  (local $sum i32)    ;; define a local variable  
  
  local.get $a  
  local.get $b  
  i32.add  
  local.set $sum    ;; set the result to $sum  
  
  local.get $sum    ;; put $sum on the stack  
  call $callback    ;; call the callback with $sum  
  
  local.get $sum    ;; put $sum on the stack again  
)  
)
```

Defining and Setting a Local Variable



```
00 61 73 6D 01 00  
00 00 01 10 03 60  
01 7F 00 60 01 7F  
01 7F 60 02 7F 7F  
01 7F 02 15 01 08  
66 69 7A 7A 62 75  
7A 7A 08 63 61 6C  
6C 62 61 63 6B 00  
00 03 03 02 01 02  
07 0C 01 08 66 69  
7A 7A 62 75 7A 7A  
00 01 0A 44 02 39  
00 20 00 41 0F 10  
02 04 40 41 7D 10  
00 41 7D 0F 0B 20  
00 41 05 10 02 04  
40 41 7E 10 00 41  
7E 0F 0B 20 00 41  
03 10 02 04 40 41  
7F 10 00 41 7F 0F  
0B 20 00 10 00 20
```

```
(module  
  
(import "math" "callback" (func $callback))  
(export "add" (func $add))  
  
(func $add (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)  
  (local $sum i32)    ;; define a local variable  
  
  local.get $a  
  local.get $b  
  i32.add  
  local.set $sum    ;; set the result to $sum  
  
  local.get $sum    ;; put $sum on the stack  
  call $callback    ;; call the callback with $sum  
  
  local.get $sum    ;; put $sum on the stack again  
)  
)
```



Calling the Callback

```
00 61 73 6D 01 00  
00 00 01 10 03 60  
01 7F 00 60 01 7F  
01 7F 60 02 7F 7F  
01 7F 02 15 01 08  
66 69 7A 7A 62 75  
7A 7A 08 63 61 6C  
6C 62 61 63 6B 00  
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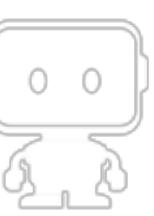
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  (local $sum i32)    ;; define a local variable  
  
  local.get $a  
  local.get $b  
  i32.add  
  local.set $sum    ;; set the result to $sum  
  
  local.get $sum    ;; put $sum on the stack  
  call $callback    ;; call the callback with $sum  
  
  local.get $sum    ;; put $sum on the stack again  
)  
)
```

Mind the Stack



```
00 61 73 6D 01 00  
00 00 01 10 03 60  
01 7F 00 60 01 7F  
01 7F 60 02 7F 7F  
01 7F 02 15 01 08  
66 69 7A 7A 62 75  
7A 7A 08 63 61 6C  
6C 62 61 63 6B 00  
00 03 03 02 01 02  
07 0C 01 08 66 69  
7A 7A 62 75 7A 7A  
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00 20 00 41 0F 10  
02 04 40 41 7D 10  
00 41 7D 0F 0B 20  
00 41 05 10 02 04  
40 41 7E 10 00 41  
7E 0F 0B 20 00 41  
03 10 02 04 40 41  
7F 10 00 41 7F 0F  
0B 20 00 10 00 20
```

```
(module  
  
(import "math" "callback" (func $callback))  
(export "add" (func $add))  
  
(func $add (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)  
  (local $sum i32)    ;; define a local variable  
  
  local.get $a  
  local.get $b  
  i32.add  
  local.set $sum    ;; set the result to $sum  
  
  local.get $sum    ;; put $sum on the stack  
  call $callback    ;; call the callback with $sum  
  
  local.get $sum    ;; put $sum on the stack again  
)  
)
```



S-Expressions

```
00 61 73 6D 01 00
00 00 01 10 03 60
01 7F 00 60 01 7F
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01 7F 02 15 01 08
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7A 7A 08 63 61 6C
6C 62 61 63 6B 00
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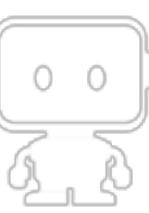
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(module
  (import "math" "callback" (func $callback))
  (export "add" (func $add))

  (func $add (param $a i32) (param $b i32) (result i32)
    (local $sum i32)

    (local.set $sum
      (i32.add (local.get $a) (local.get $a)))

    (call $callback (local.get $sum)

      (return (local.get $sum)))
  )
)
```



Other Stuff

Shared Memory

```
(memory 1)

(data
  (i32.const 0)
  "Hello World\n"
)

(func $foo
  (i32.store8
    (i32.const 12)
    (i32.const 0)
  )
)
```

Globals

```
(global $n
  (import "foo" "bar")
  (mut i32)
)

(func $baz (result i32)
  (global.set $n
    (i32.const 42))
  (return
    (global.get $n ))
)
```

Tables

```
(table 3 anyfunc)

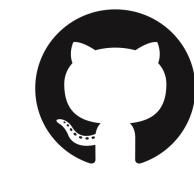
(elem (i32.const 0)
  $foo)

(elem (i32.const 1)
  $bar $baz)

(func $foo)
(func $bar)
(func $baz)
```

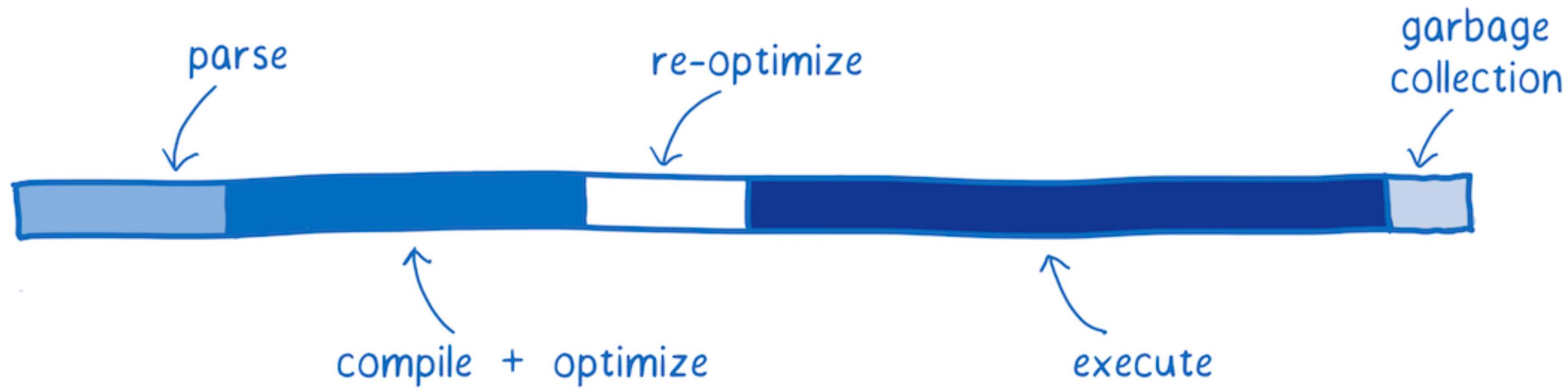


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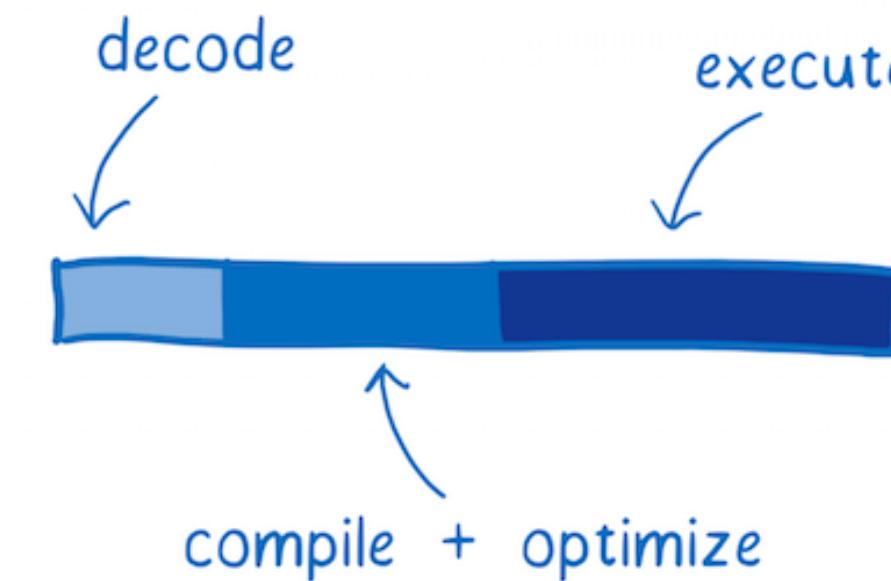
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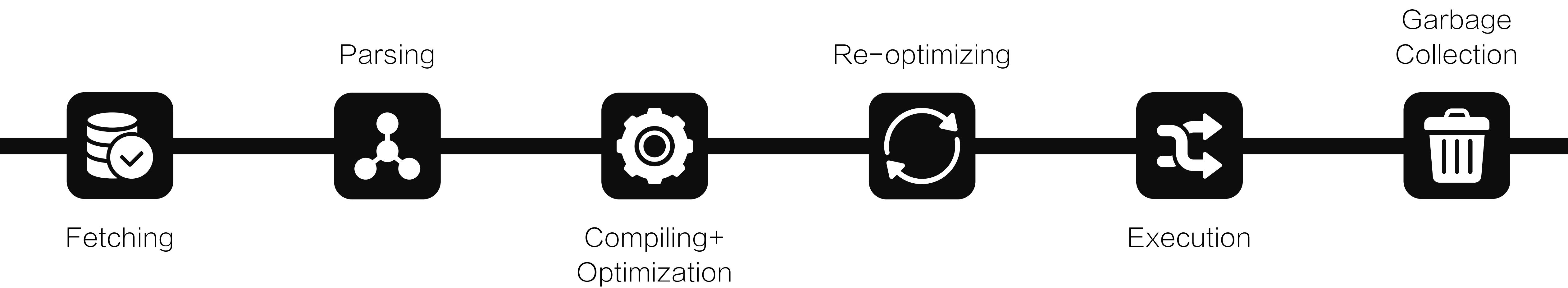


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WA



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Fetching

```
int x = 0;
int y = 0;

for (x=0; x<12; x++)
{
    for (y=0; y<12; y++)
    {
        scan(x, y);
    }
}
```

JS

WA

More compact!

```
00 61 73 6D 01 00
00 00 01 10 03 60
01 7F 00 60 01 7F
01 7F 60 02 7F 7F
01 7F 02 15 01 08
66 69 7A 7A 62 75
7A 7A 08 63 61 6C
6C 62 61 63 6B 00
00 03 03 02 01 02
```



Fetching

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JS

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Parsing



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    {
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    }
}
```

Source

JS

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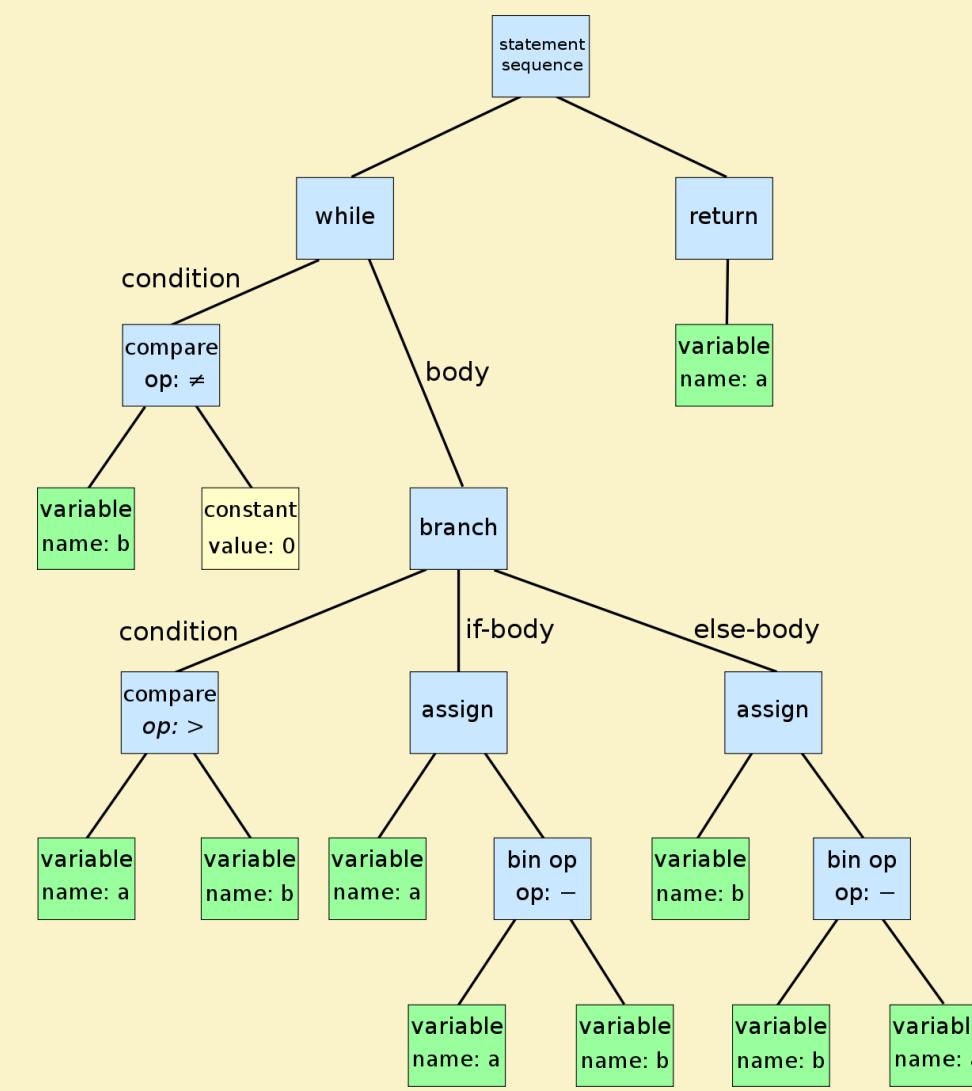
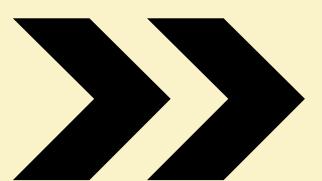
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```



Source

AST

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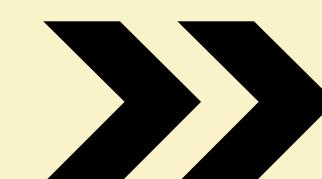
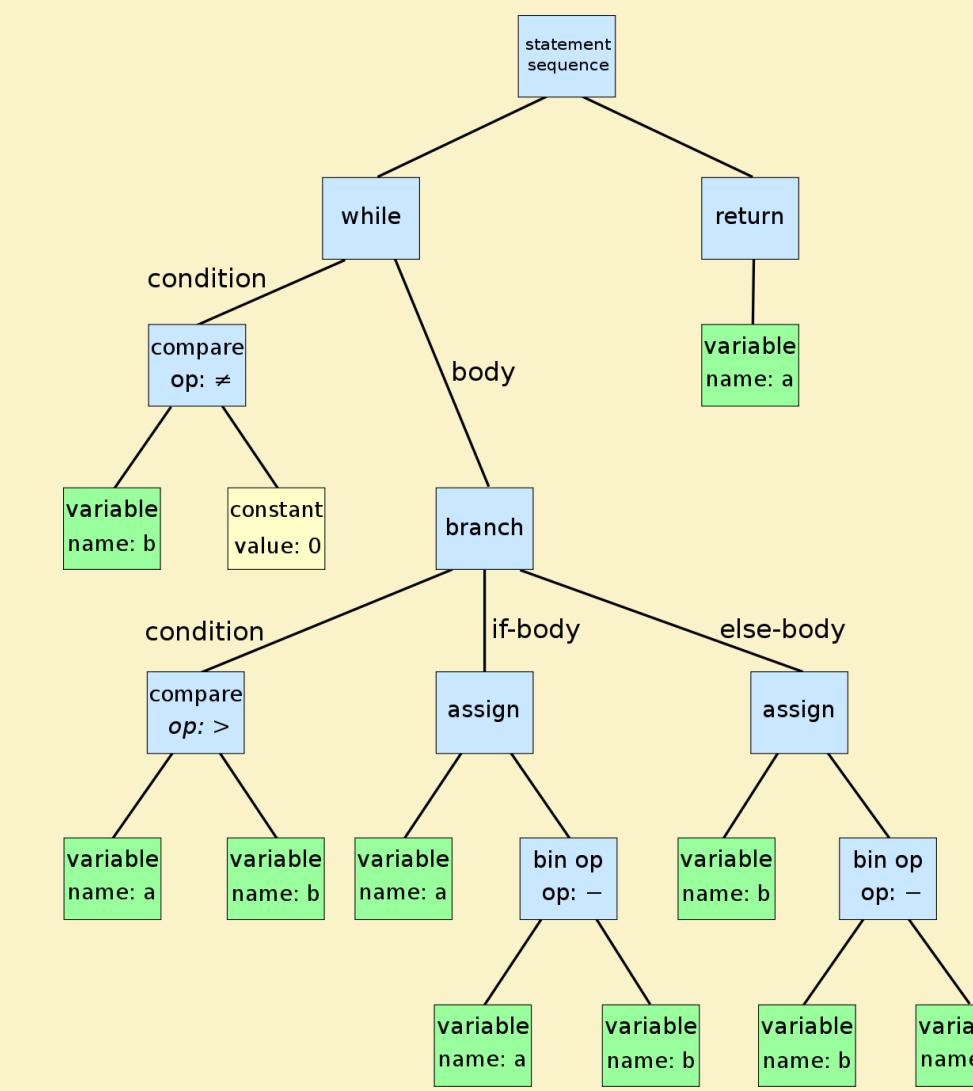
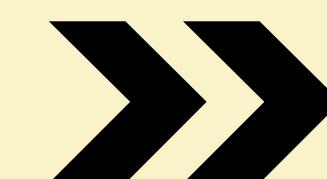
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```
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    {  
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    }  
}
```



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01	7F	60	02	7F	7F
01	7F	02	15	01	08
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7A	7A	08	63	61	6C
6C	62	61	63	6B	00
00	03	03	02	01	02

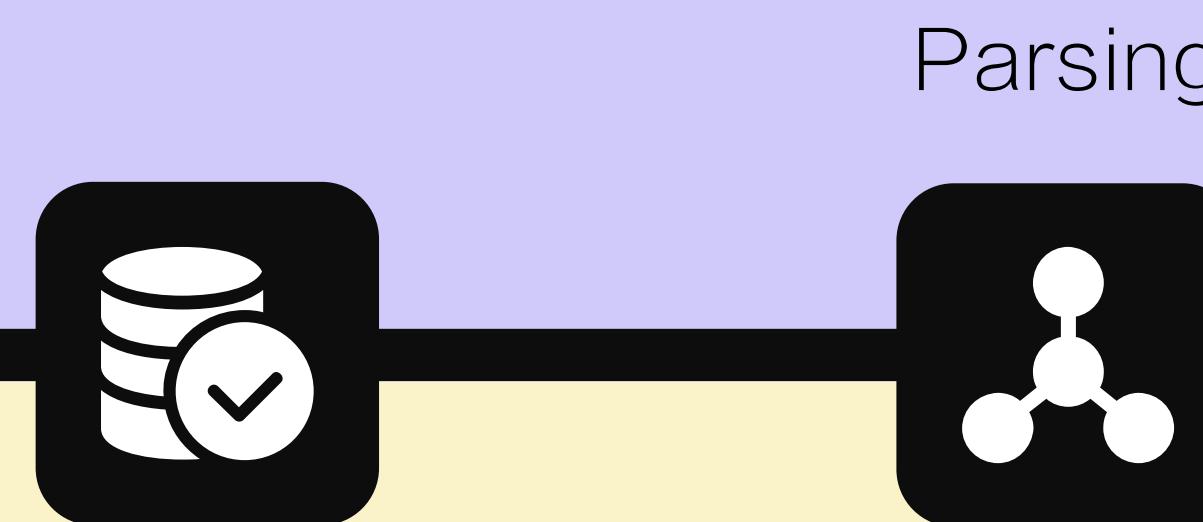
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JS bytecode

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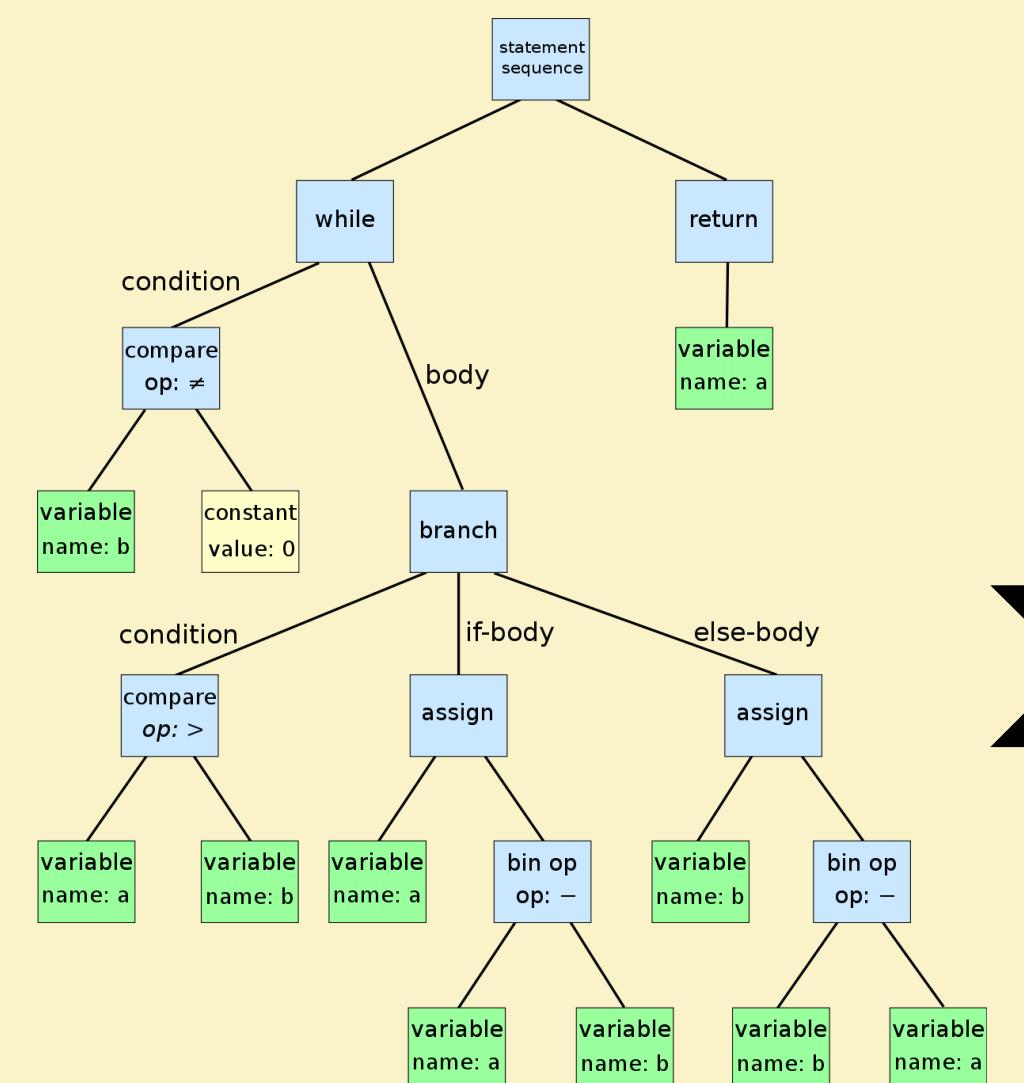


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{
    for (y=0; y<12; y++)
    {
        scan(x, y);
    }
}
```



Source



AST

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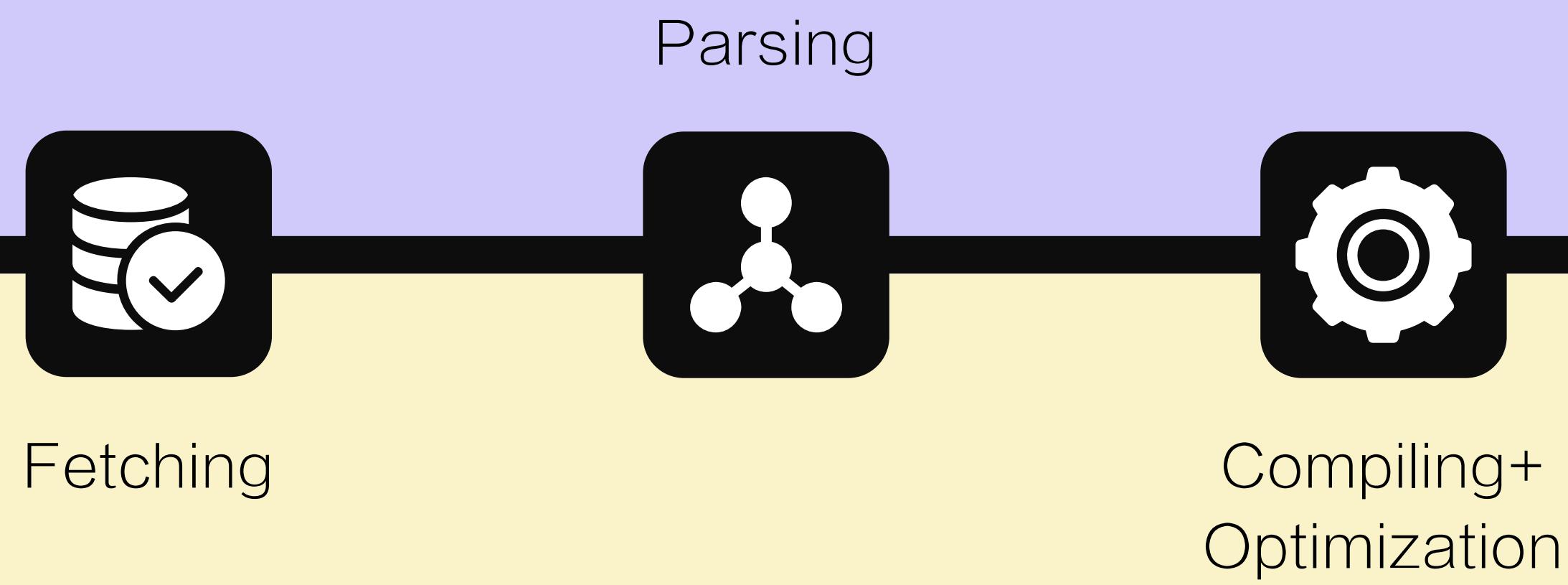
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JS bytecode

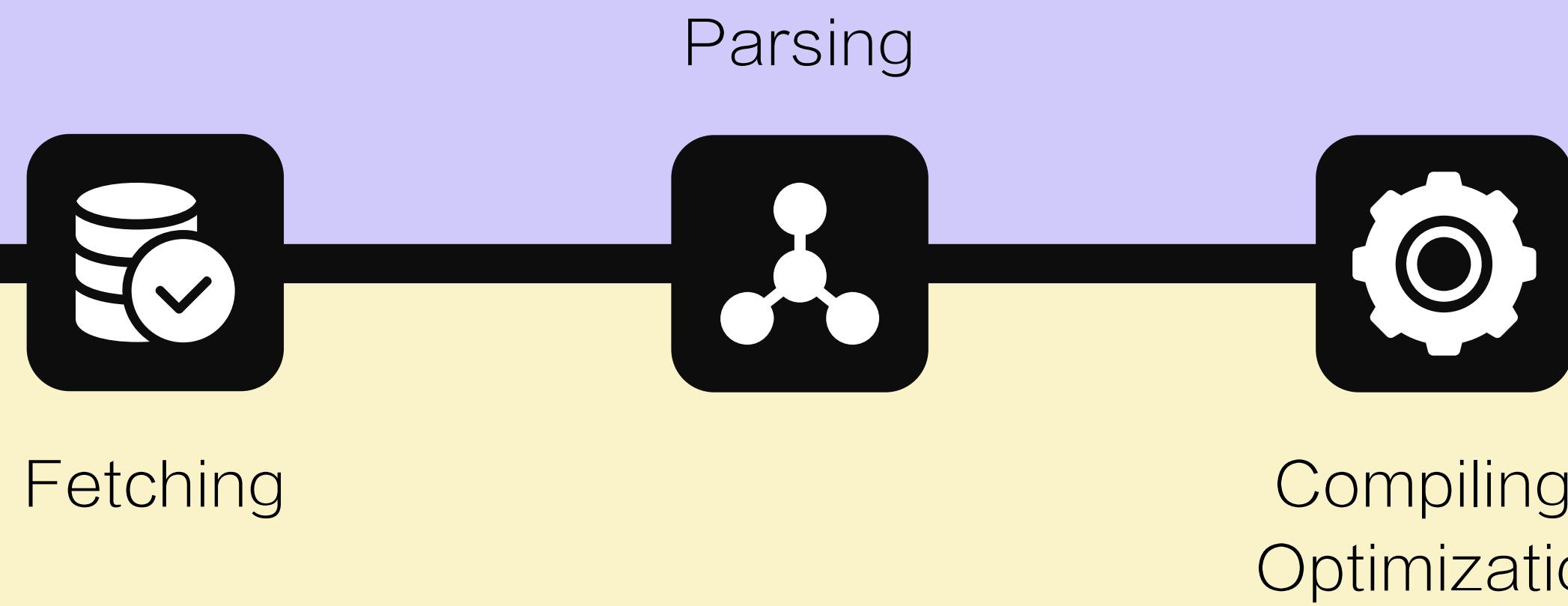
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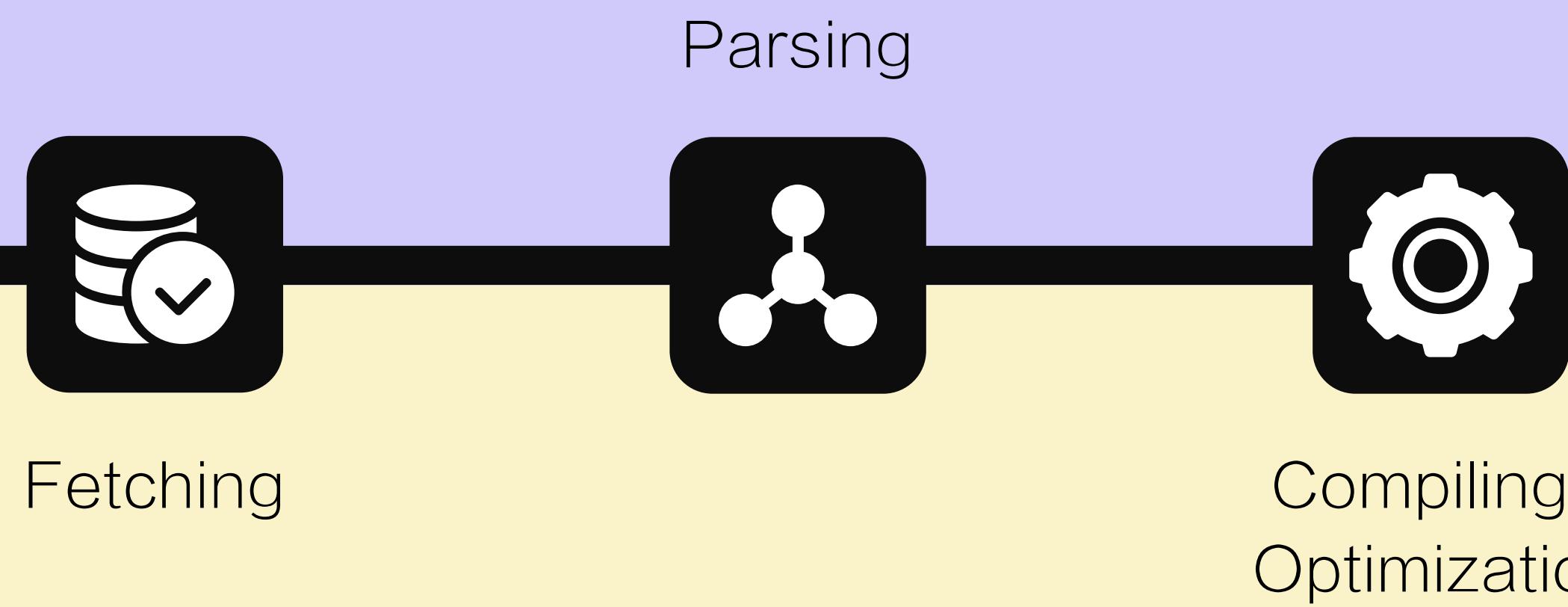
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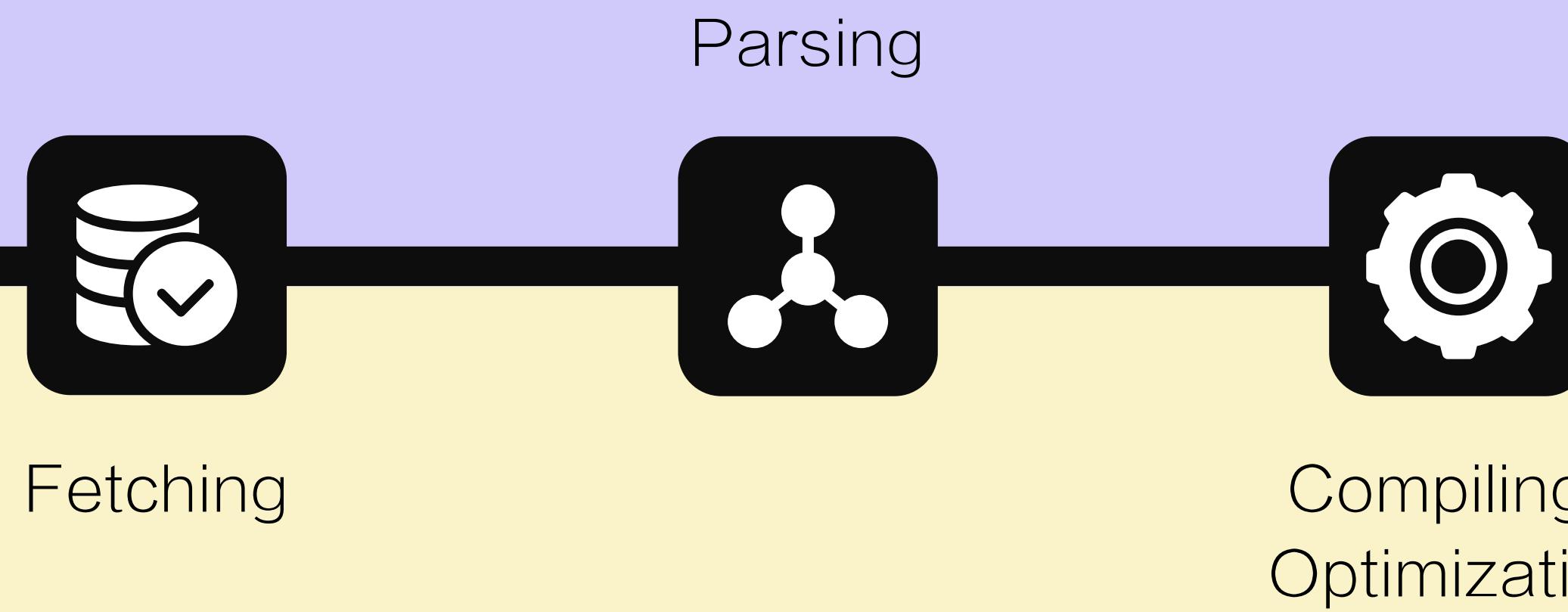


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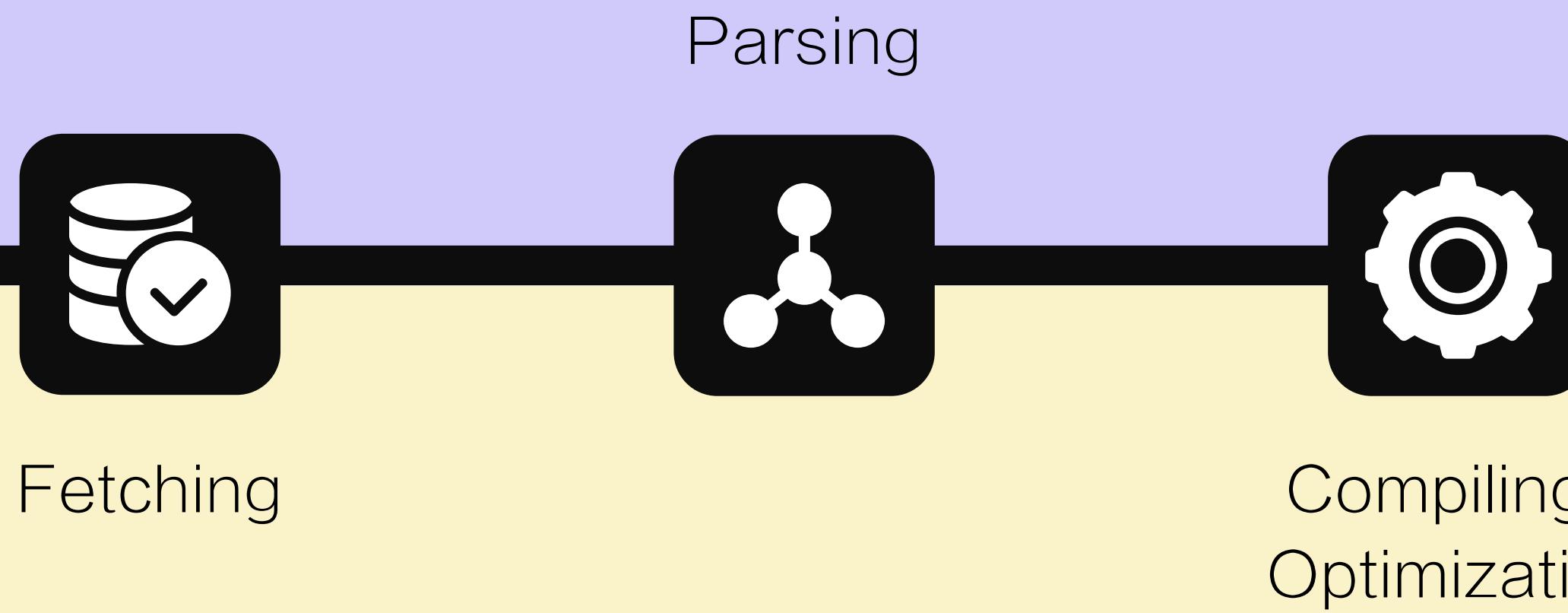
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Multiple version of the same code

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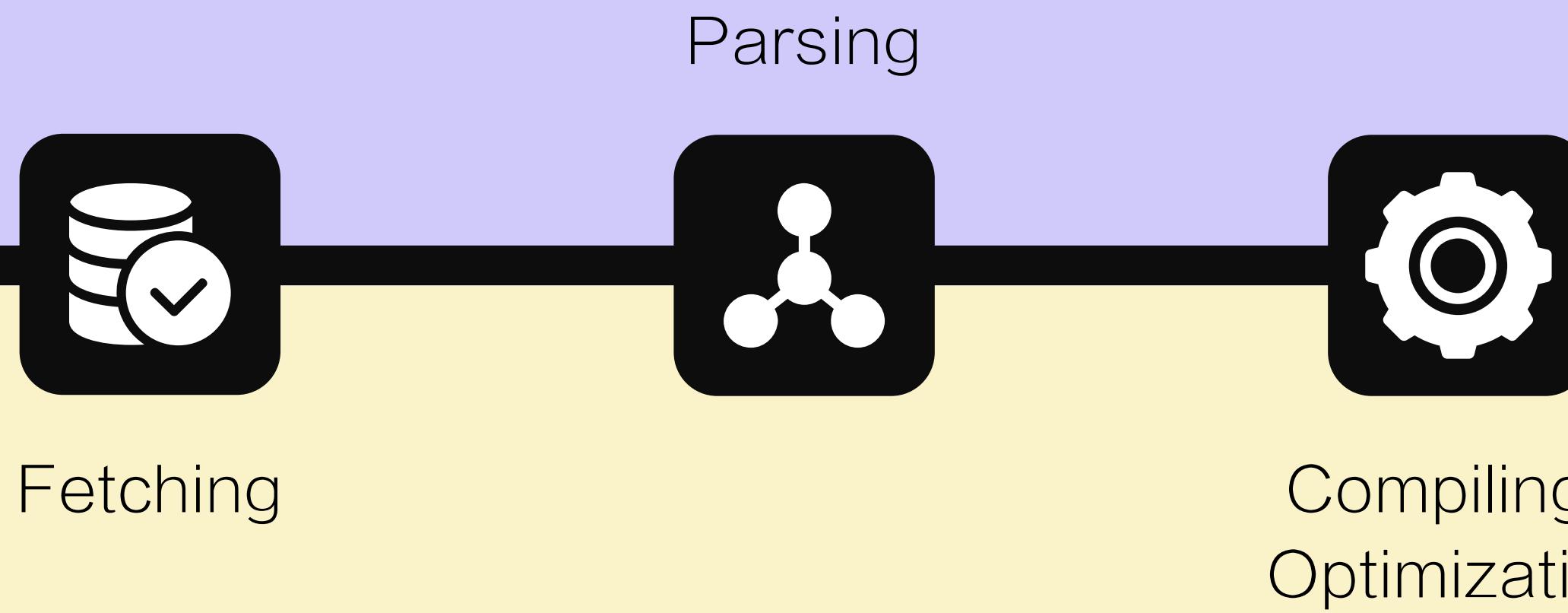
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Dynamic types

Multiple version of the same code

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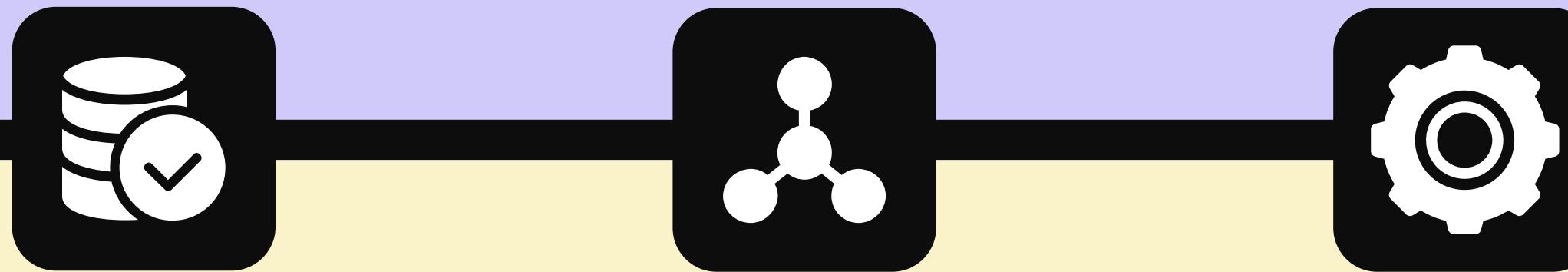
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Dynamic types

Multiple version of the same code

1. The compiler does not have to spend time running the code to observe what types are being used before it starts compiling optimized code.
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3. More optimization have already been done ahead of time in LLVM. So less work is needed to compile and optimize it.

Parsing



Fetching

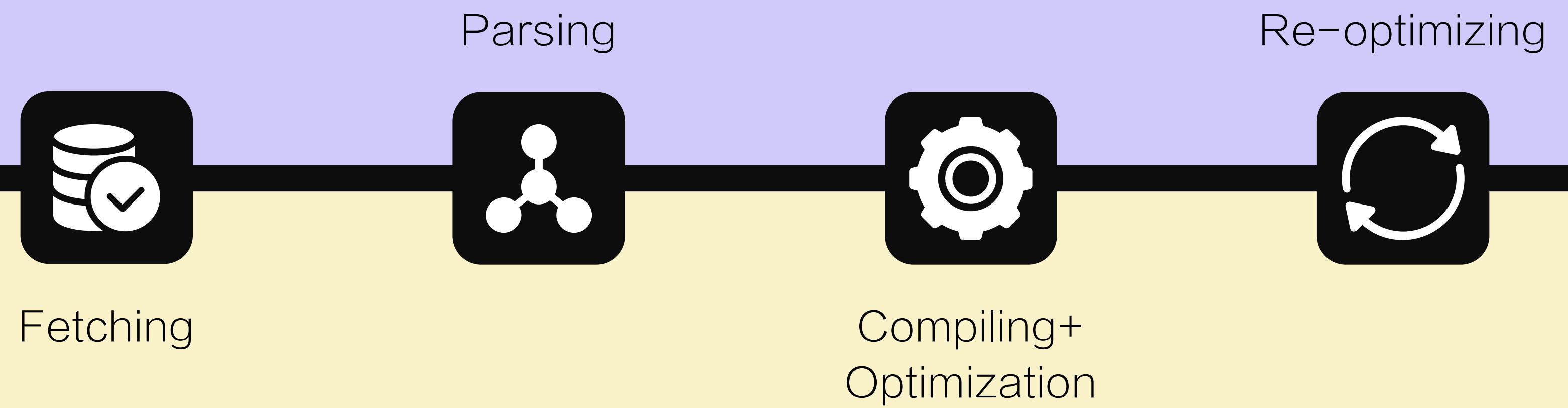
Compiling+
Optimization

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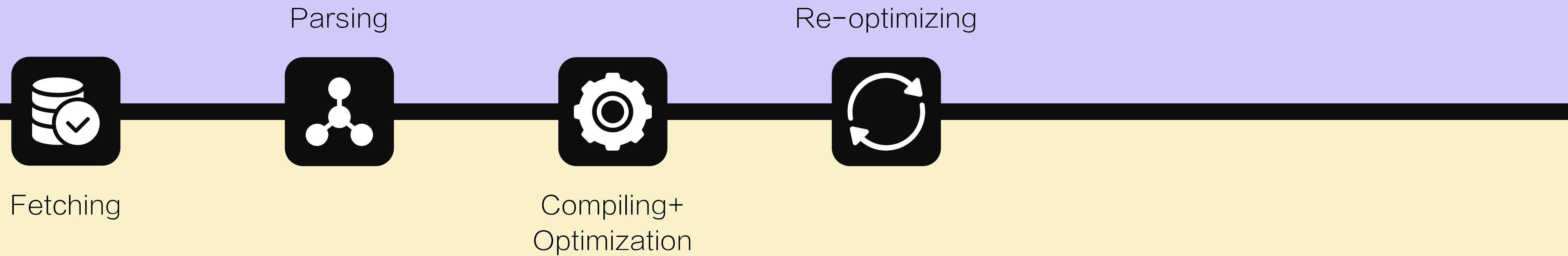
Multiple version of the same code

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Wrong assumptions made by JIT!



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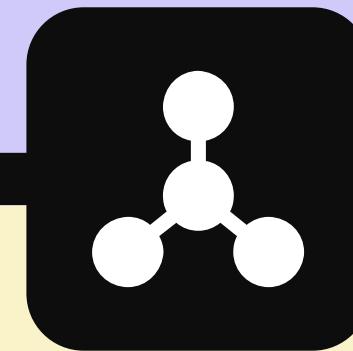
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Compiling+
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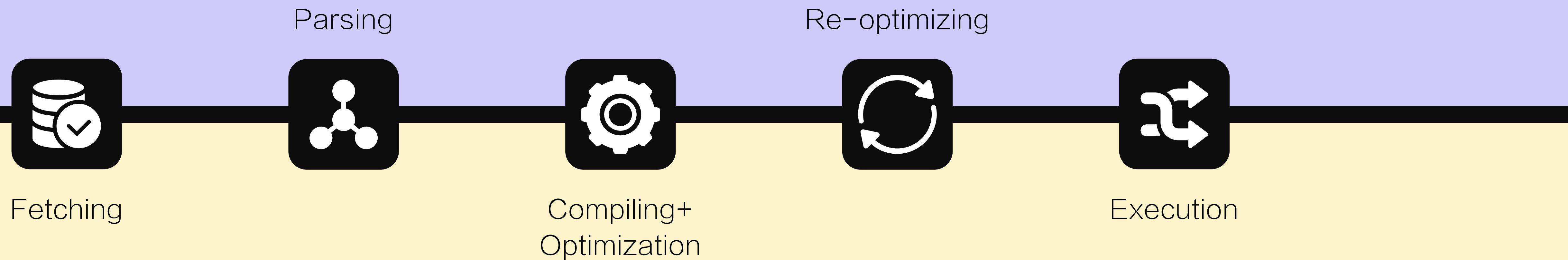
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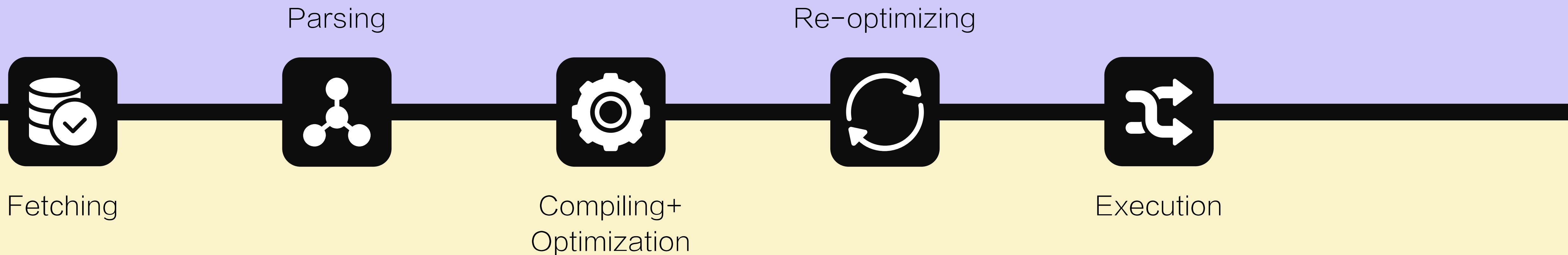
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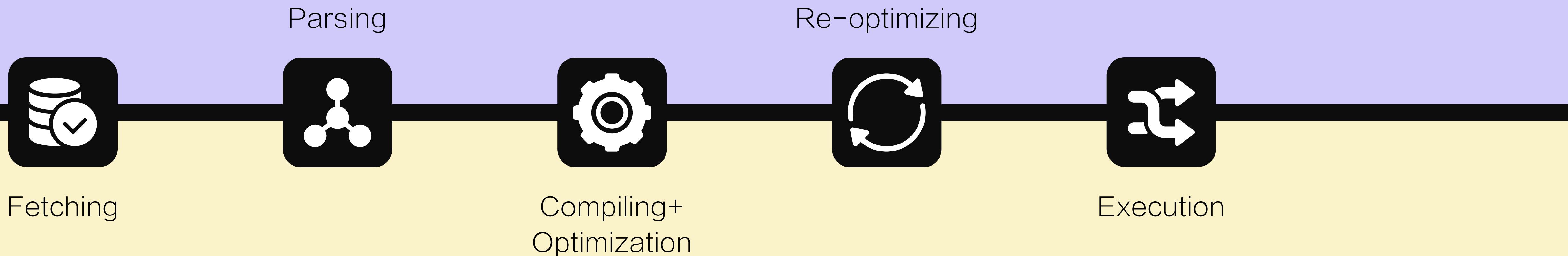


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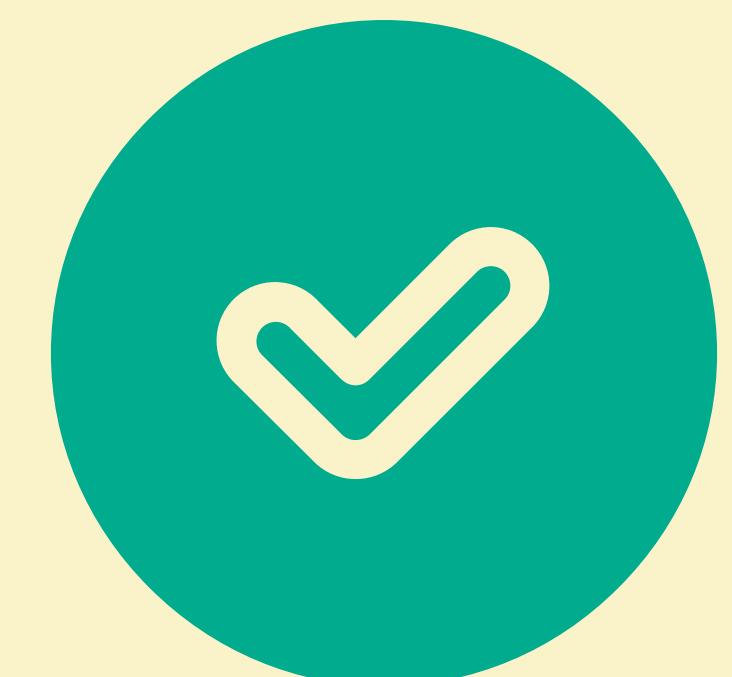
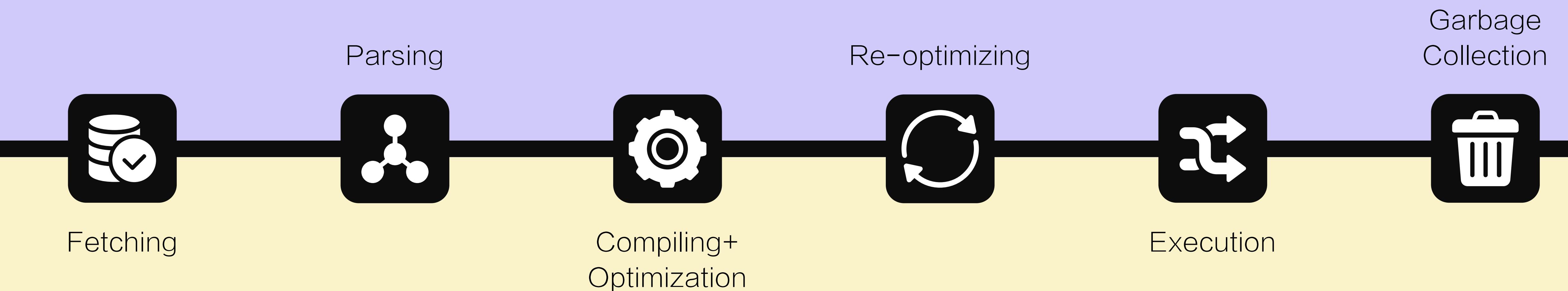


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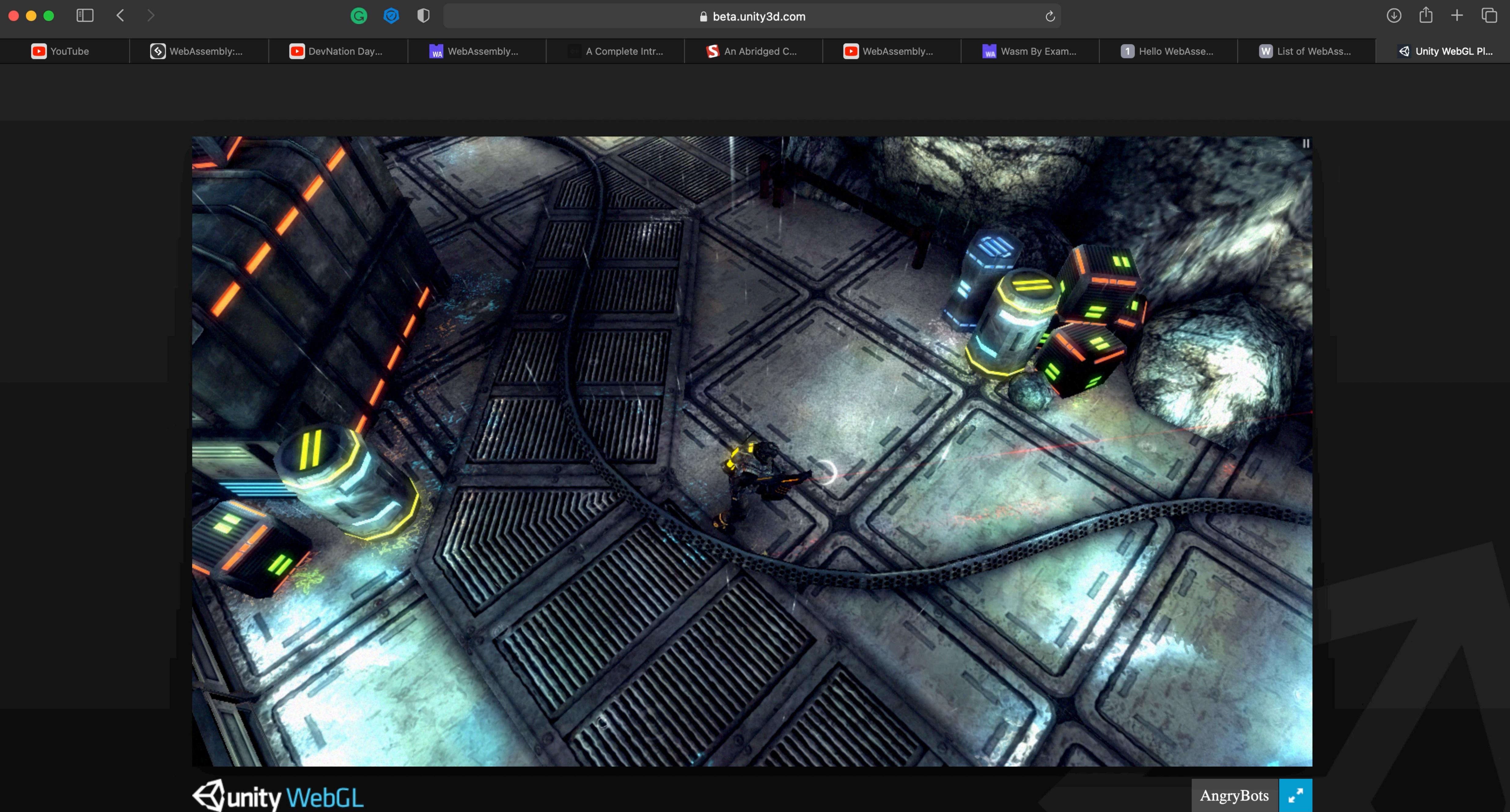
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JS



Unity WebGL

AngryBots

WA + Games = ❤



<https://github.com/mohammadhashemii/IE-Assessments/tree/master/WebAssembly/snake-game>

Resources

[1] An introduction to WebAssembly – Guy Royse

[2] A cartoon intro to WebAssembly – Lin Clark

We hope you enjoyed it!



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