

Scaling Verification of Security Protocol Implementations

A Symbiotic Combination of Program Verification & Static Analyses

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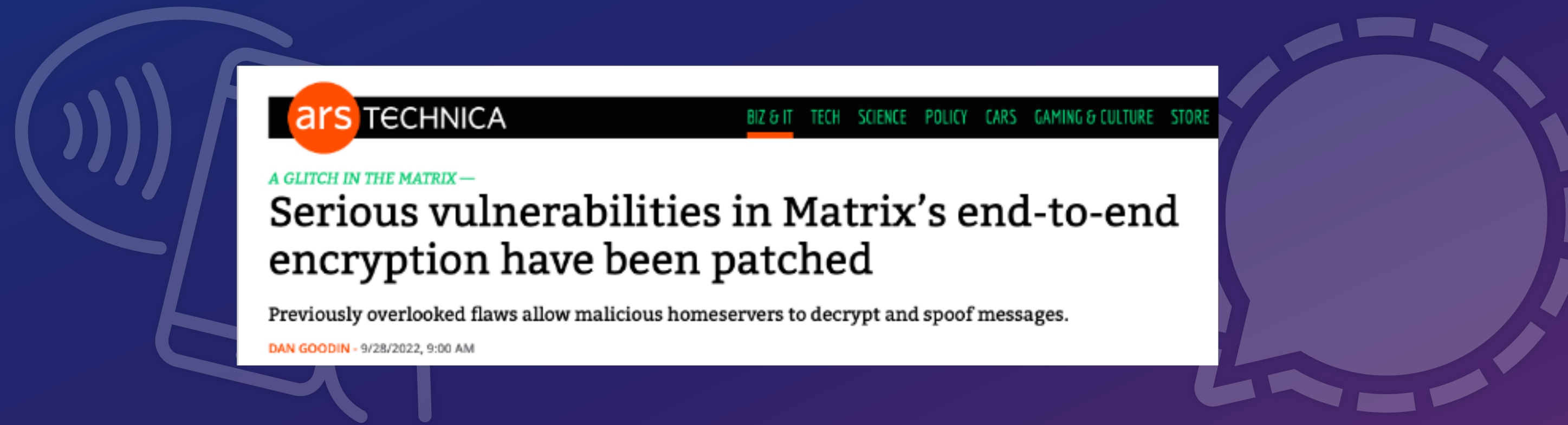


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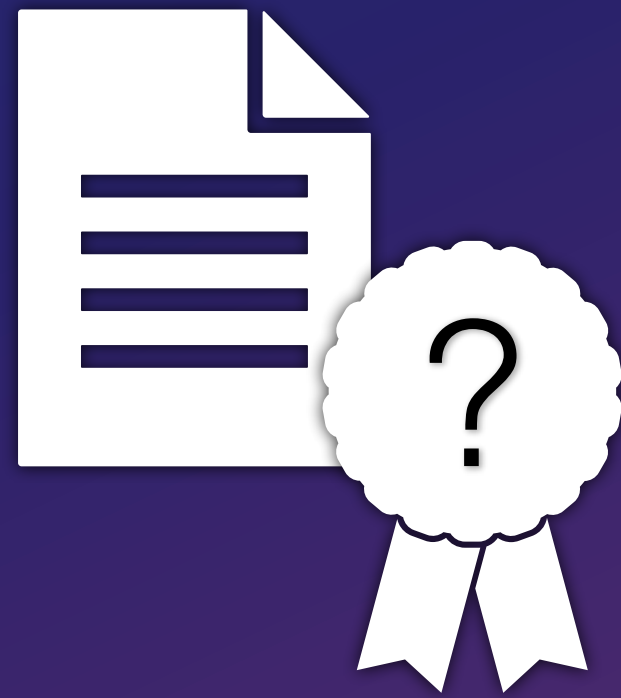
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Code generation

- Generated code cannot be optimized
- Integration into a codebase is a soundness threat

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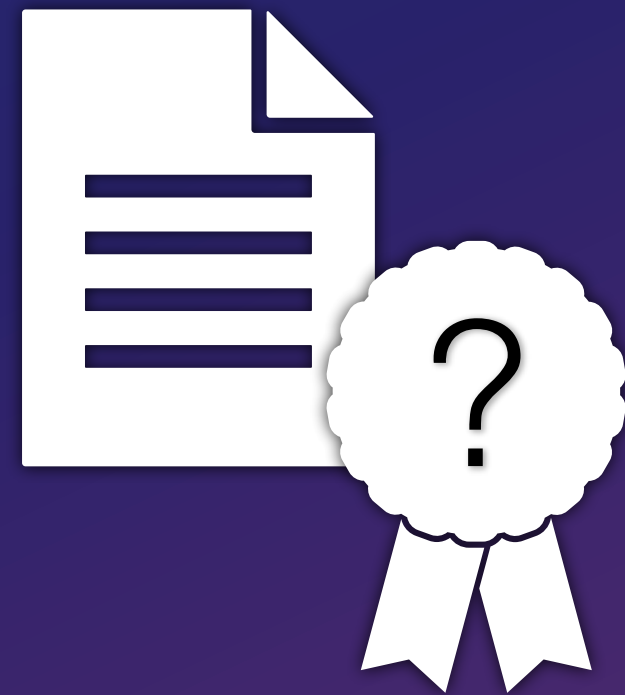


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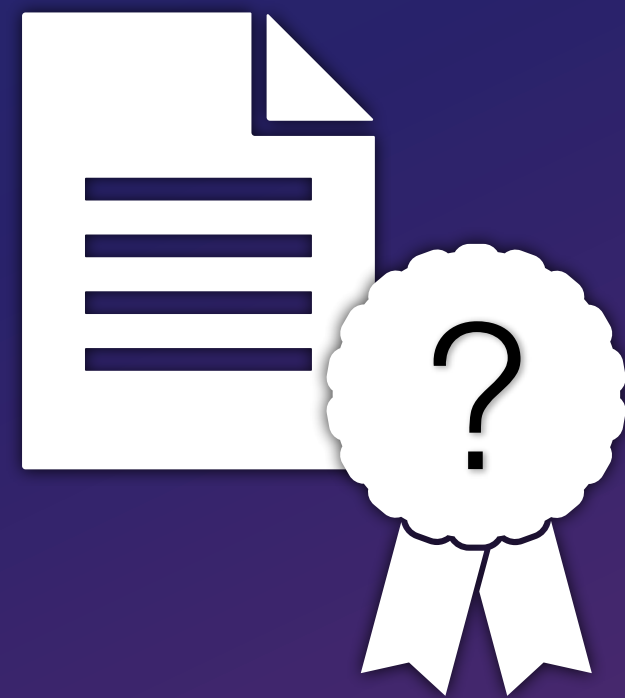
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Is it safe, i.e., no panics,
divisions by zero, ...?

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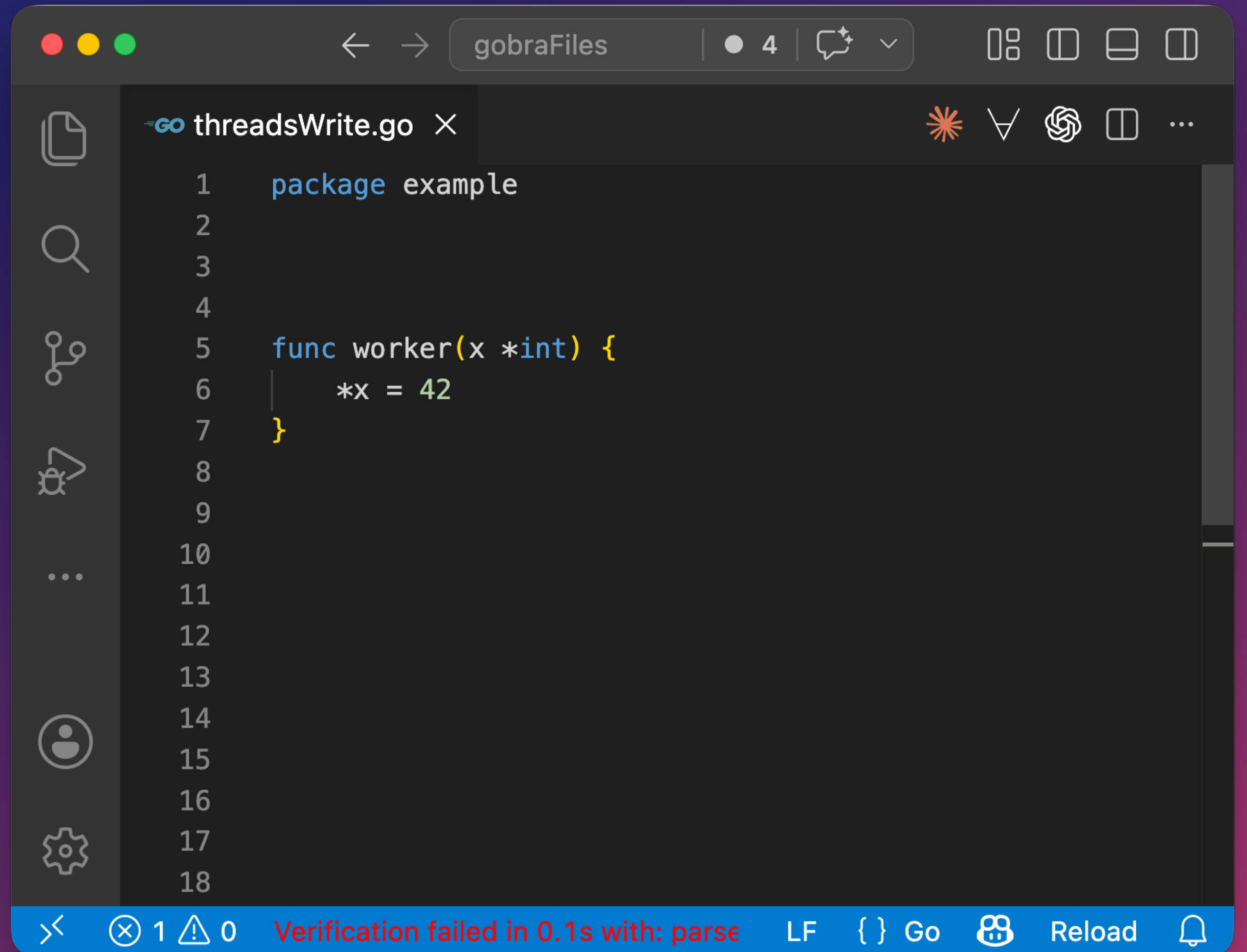
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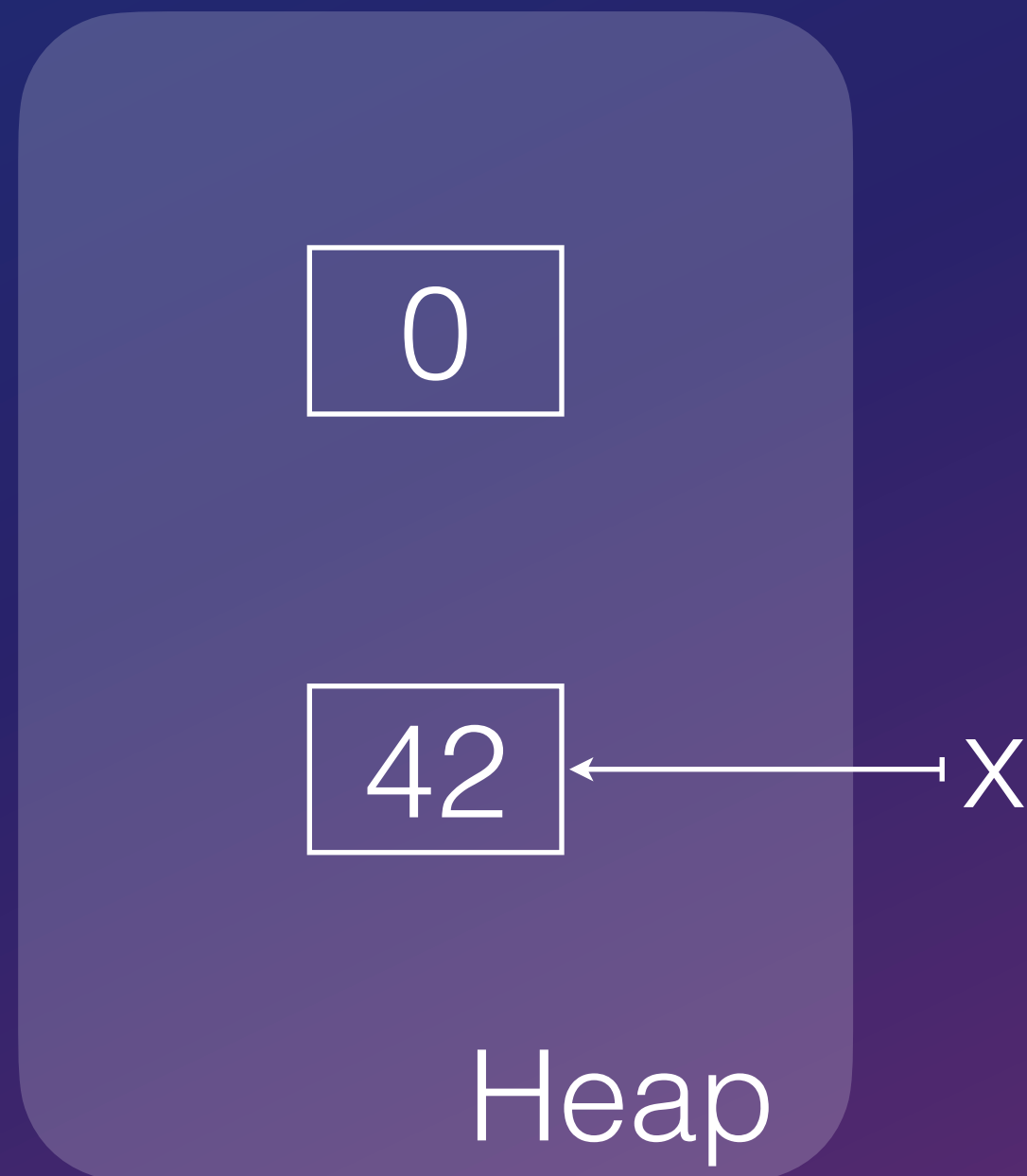


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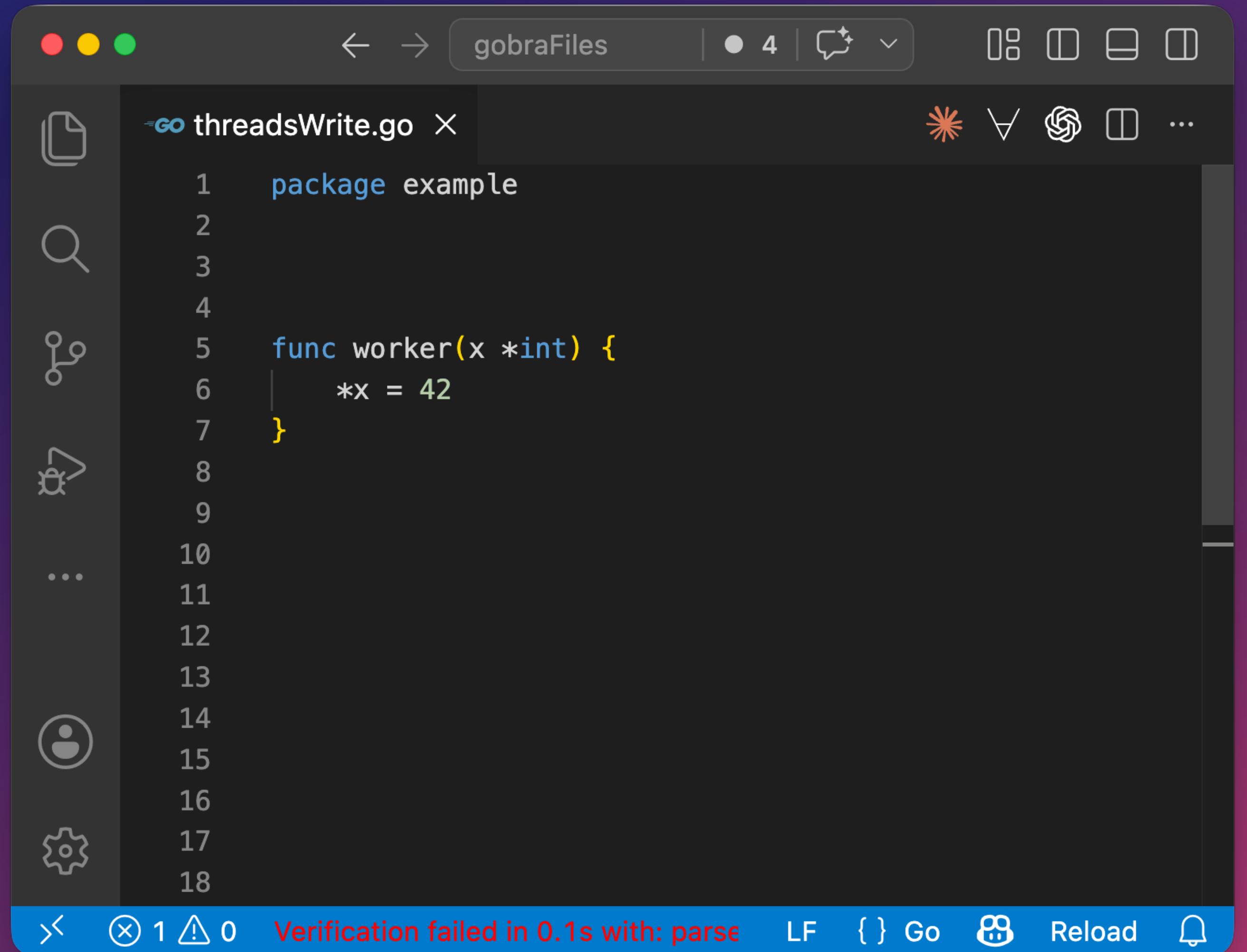
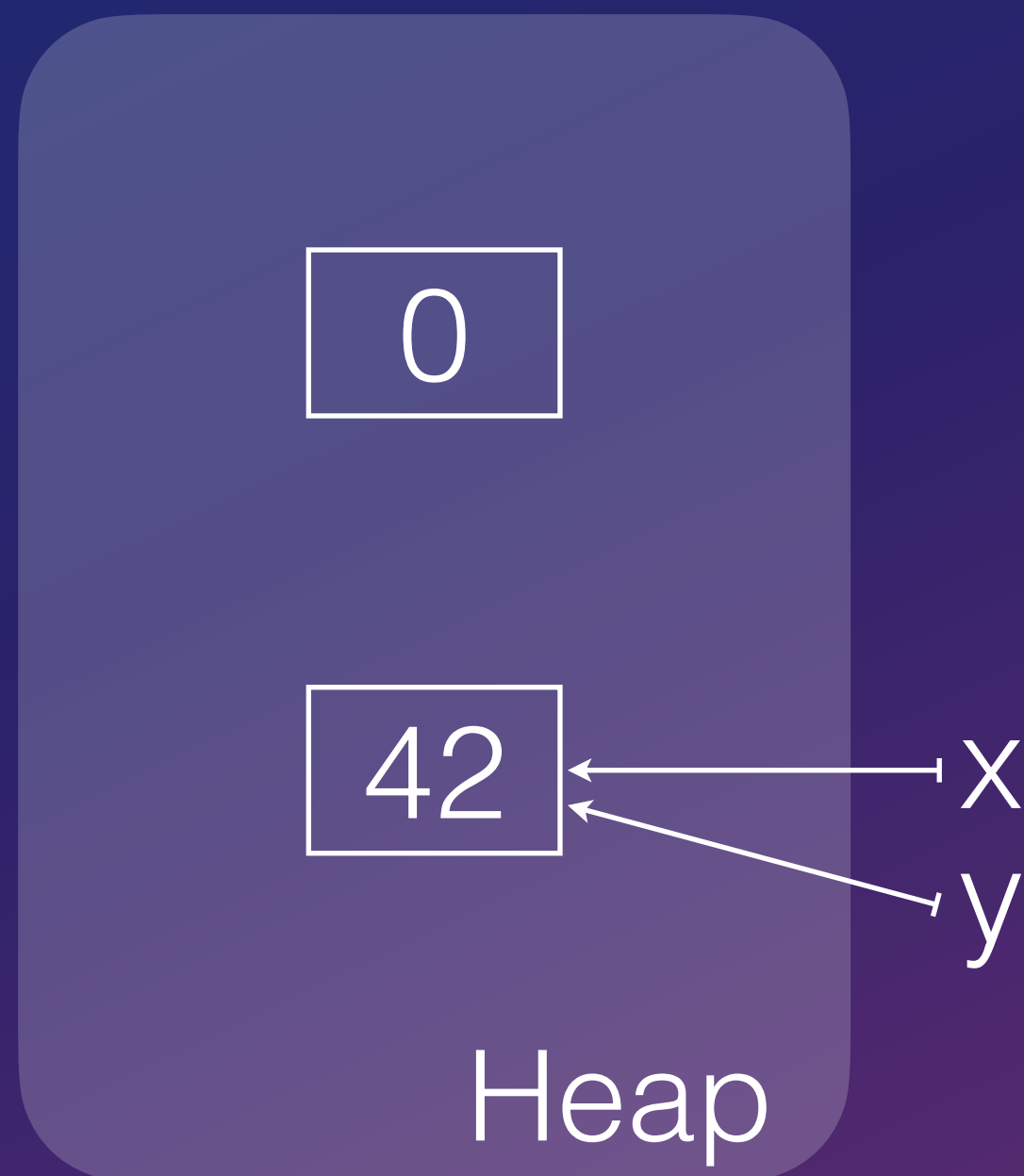
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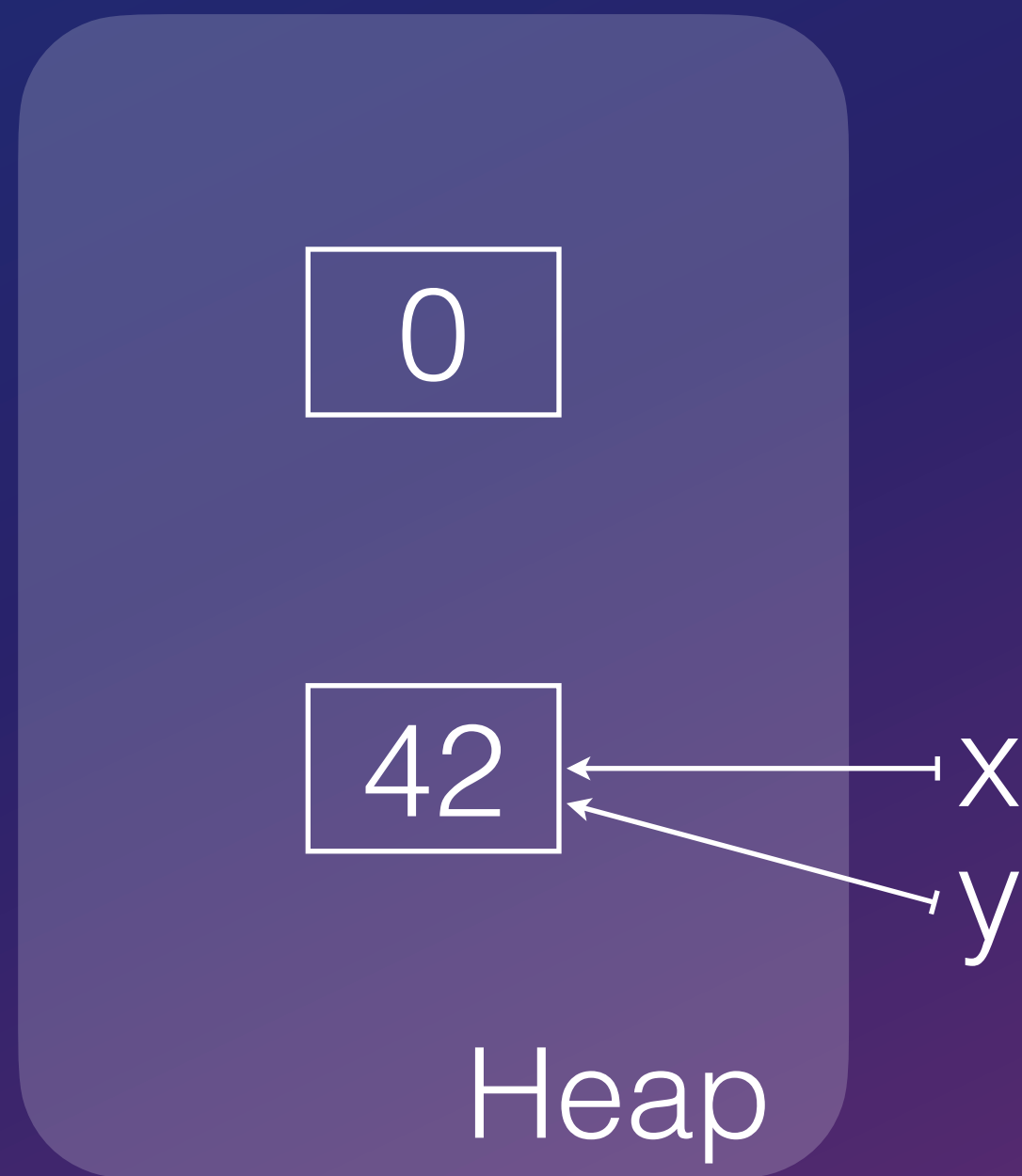
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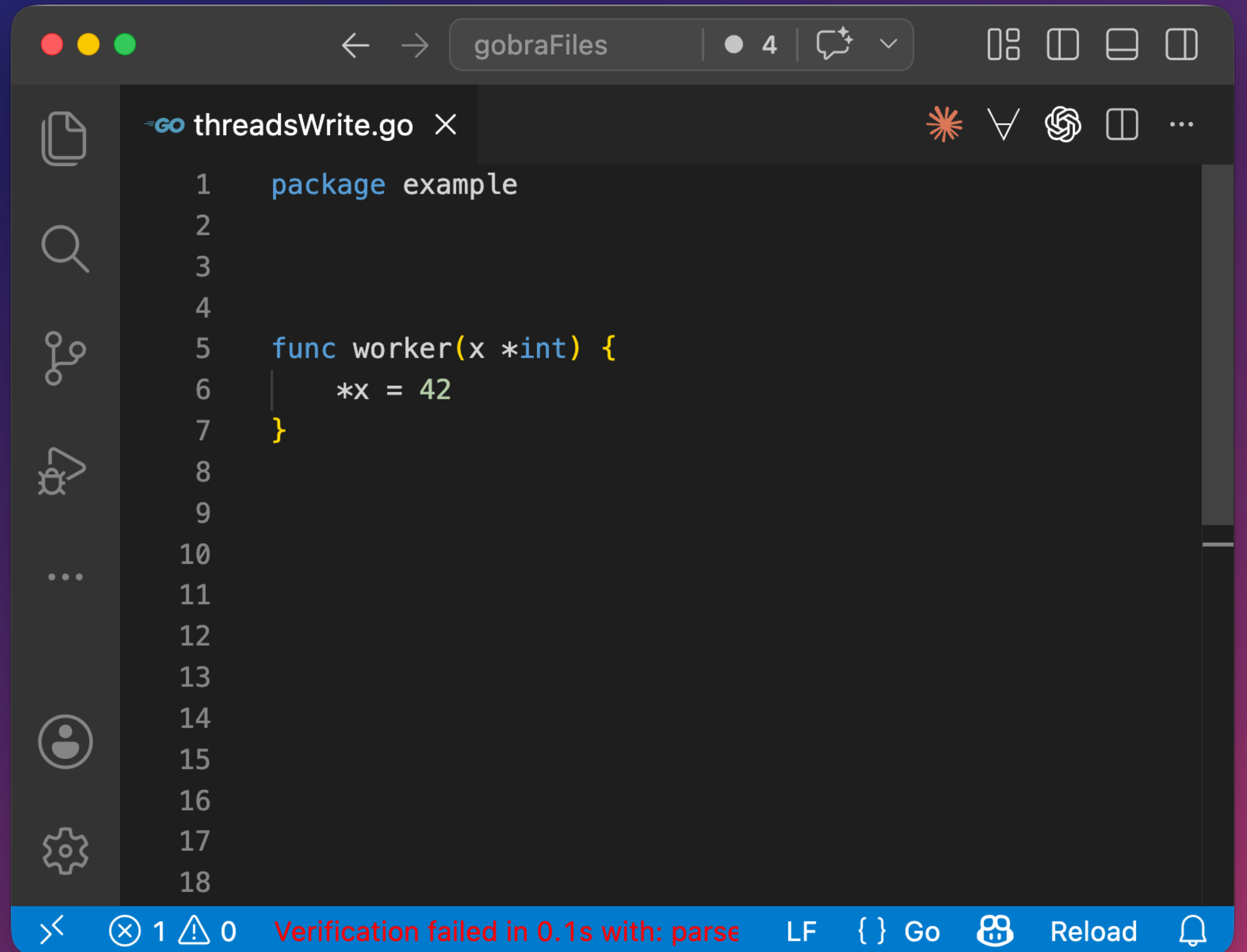


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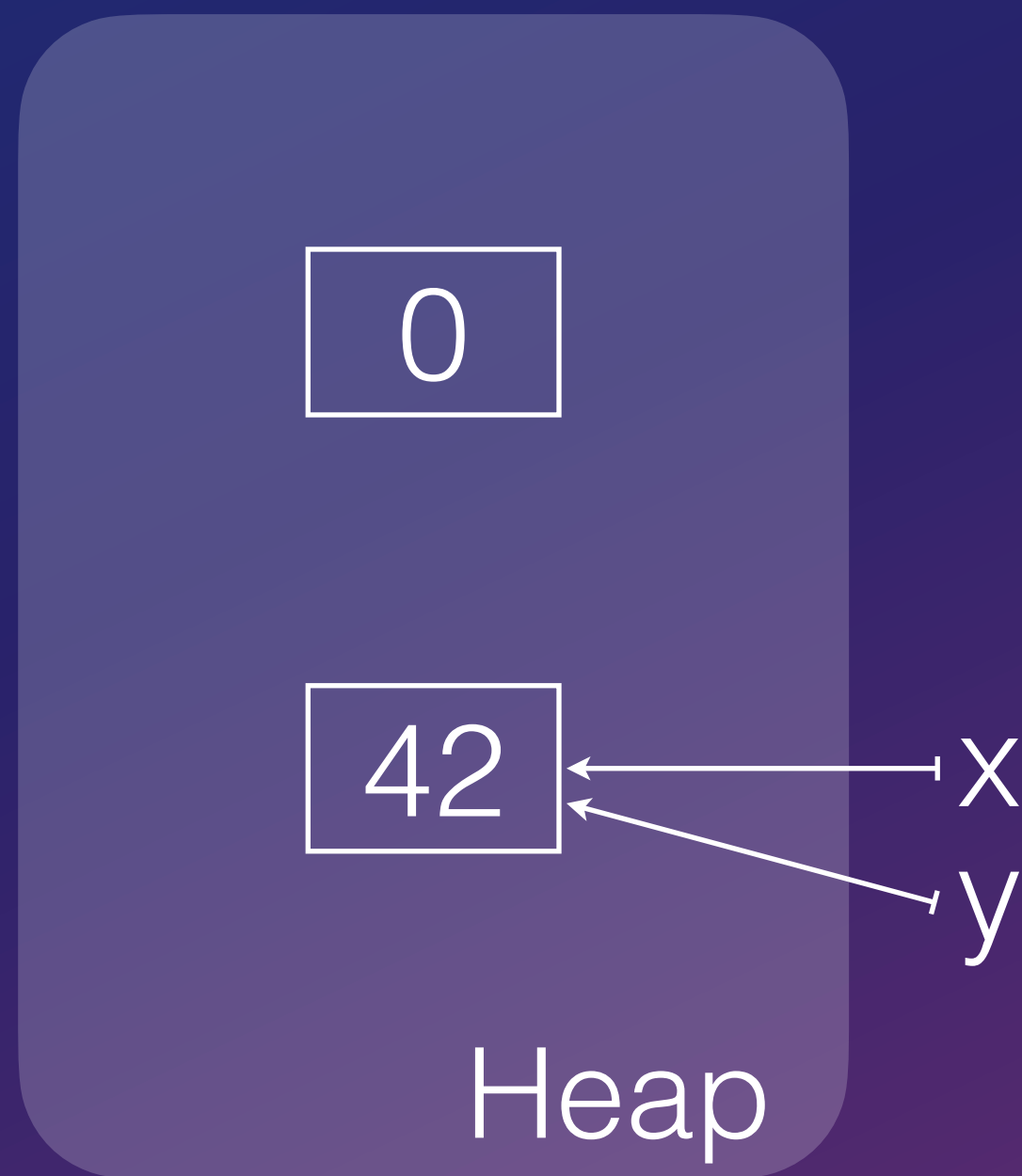


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Separation Logic & **gobra**



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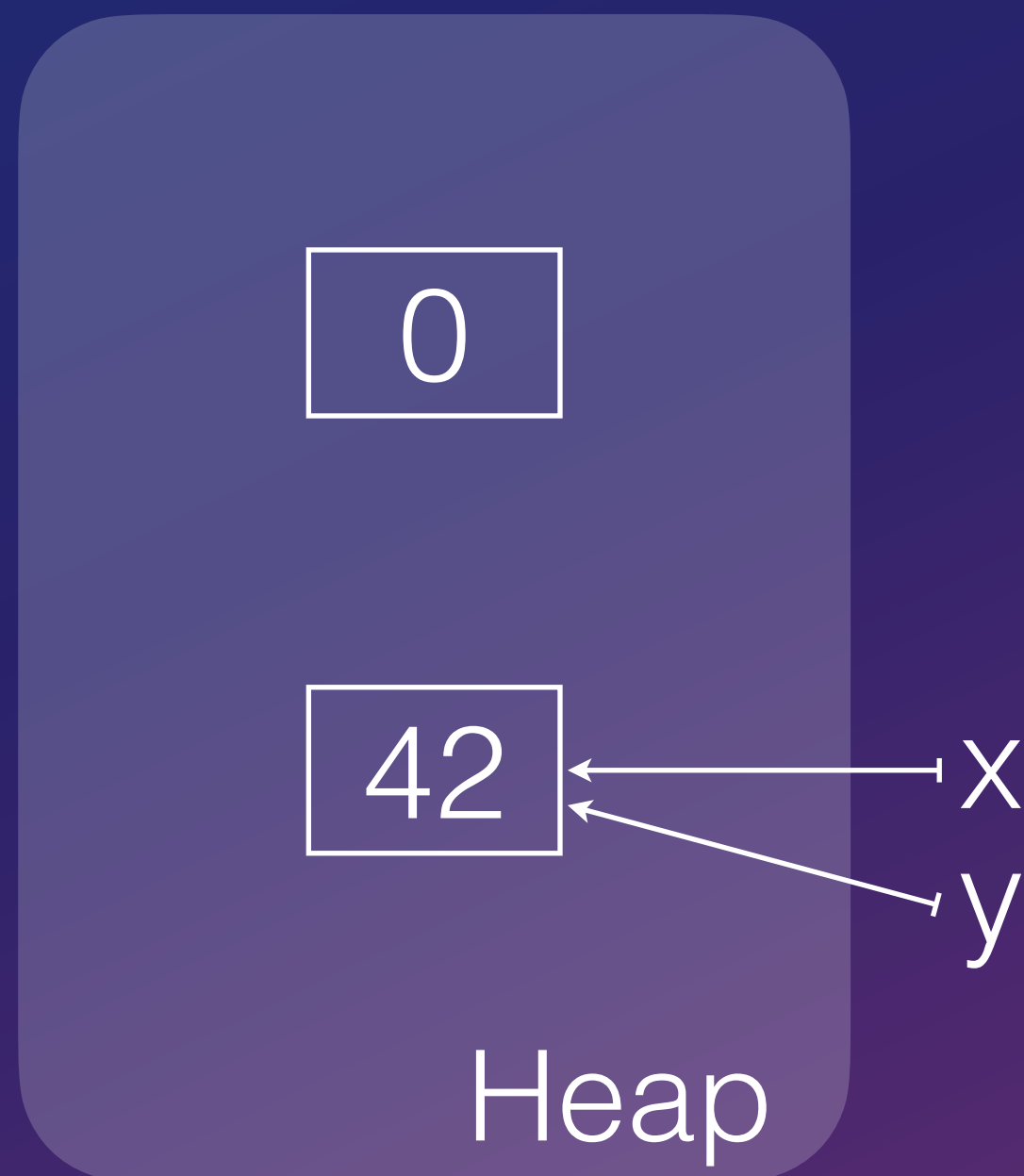
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threadsWrite.go 1 of 1 problem

Assignment might fail.
Permission to *x might not suffice.

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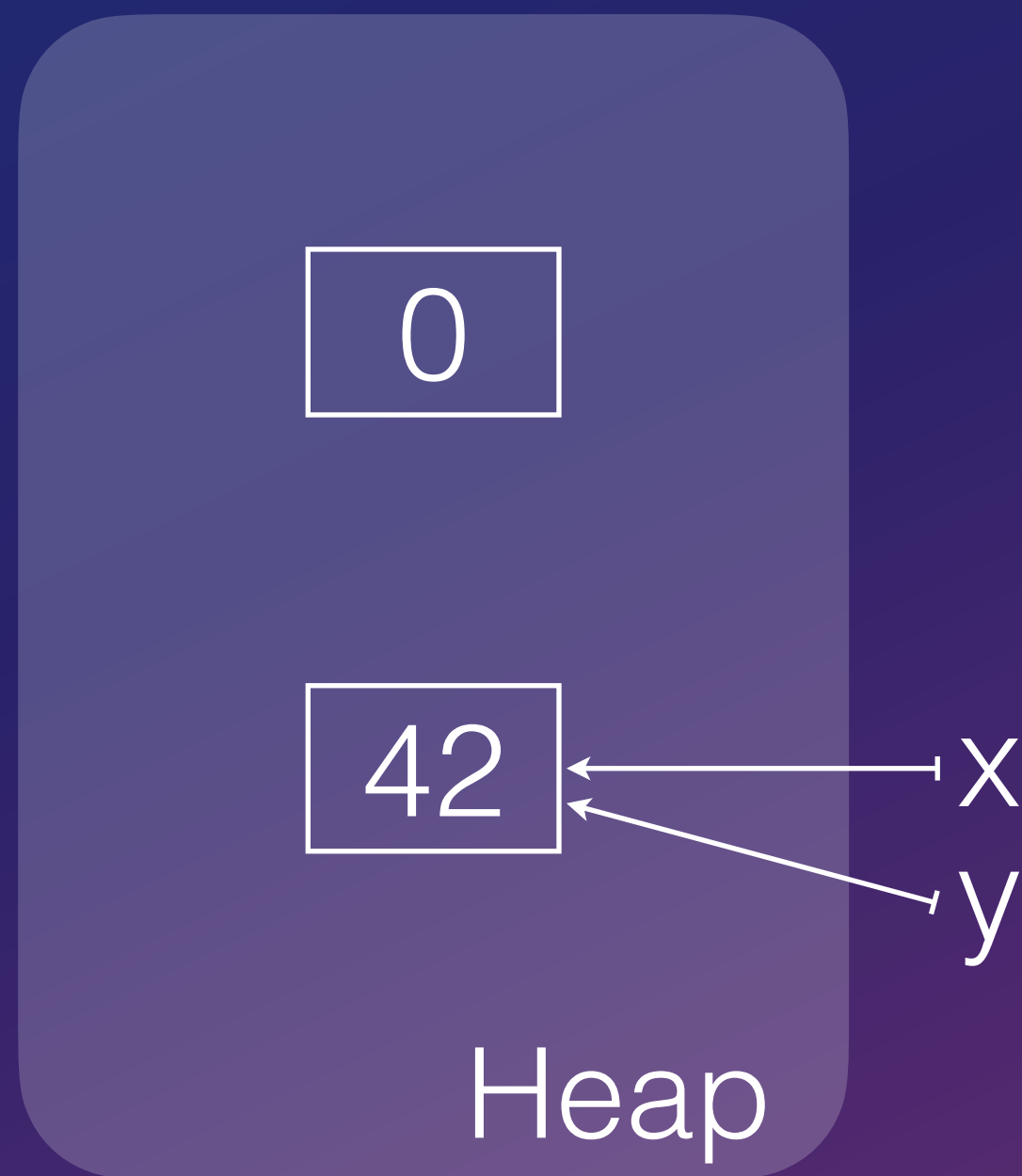
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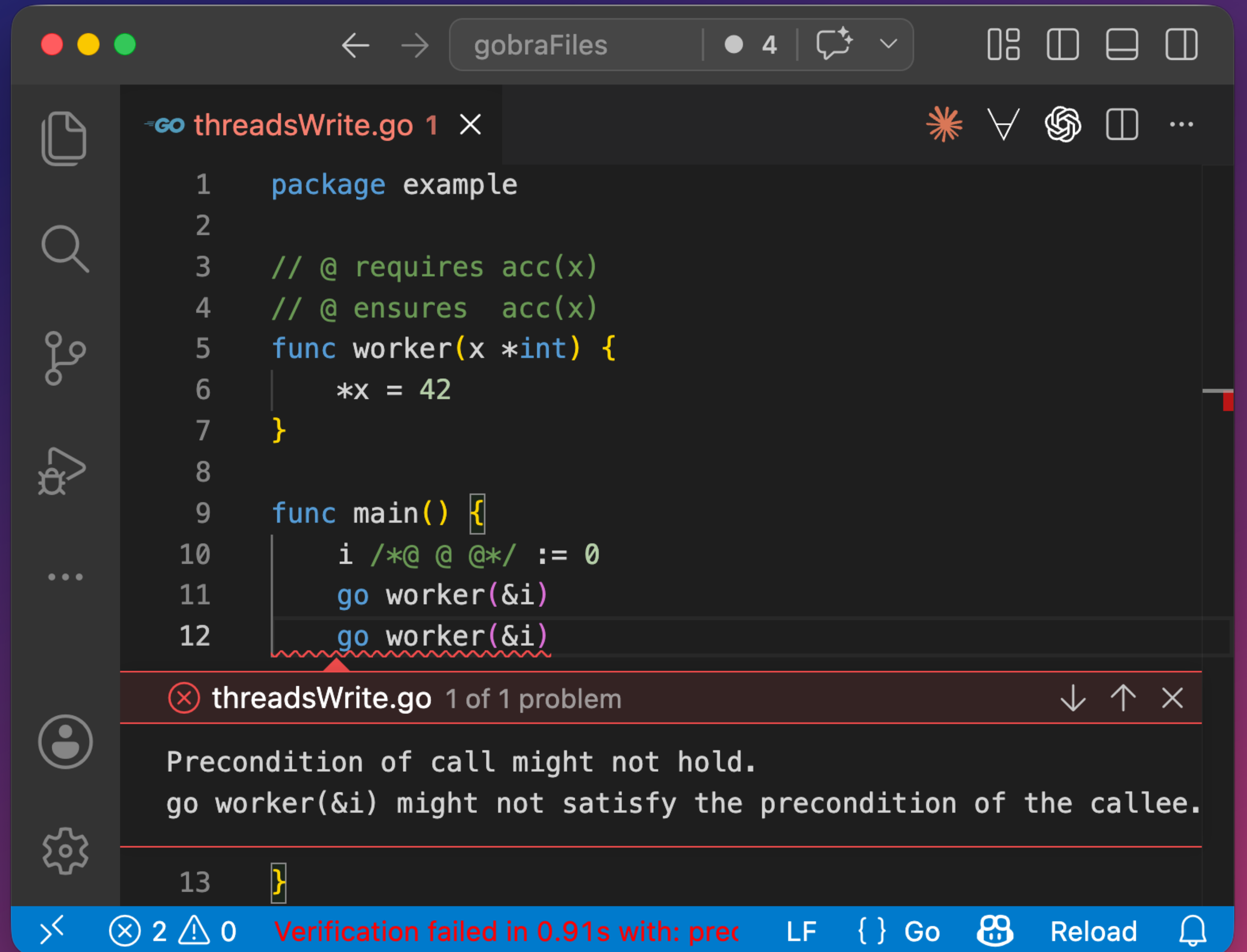
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Separation Logic &

- Automated program verifier for concurrent Go code
- Modular
- Memory safety & panic freedom
- Functional properties

<https://gobra.ethz.ch>



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A red squiggly line underlines the second `go worker(&i)` call on line 12. Below the code, a red error message is displayed:

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Refinement-Based Verification



Verification of
protocol models
in Tamarin



Verification of
implementations
in program verifiers



Protocol model
in Tamarin

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satisfies

Security properties



Protocol model
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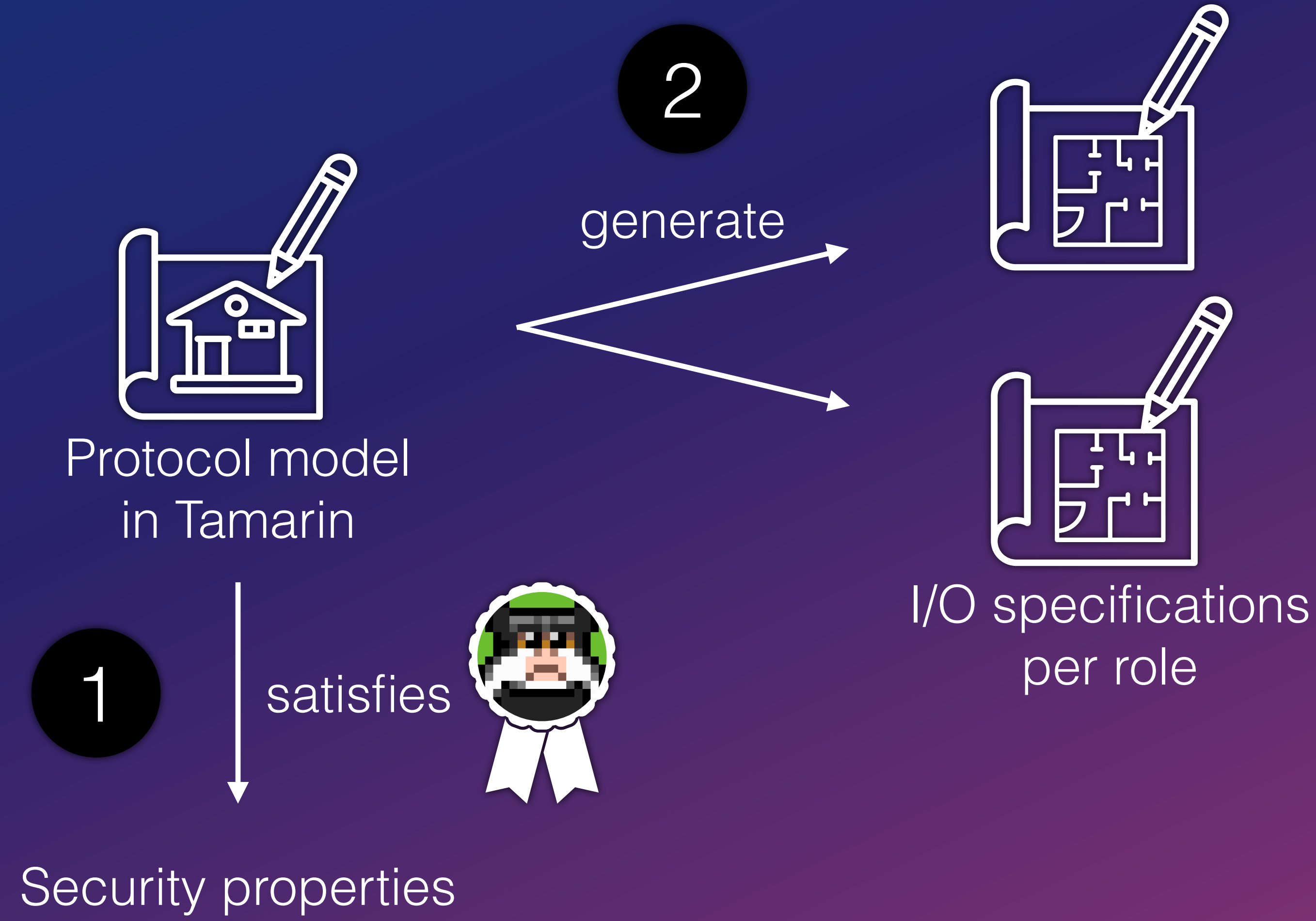
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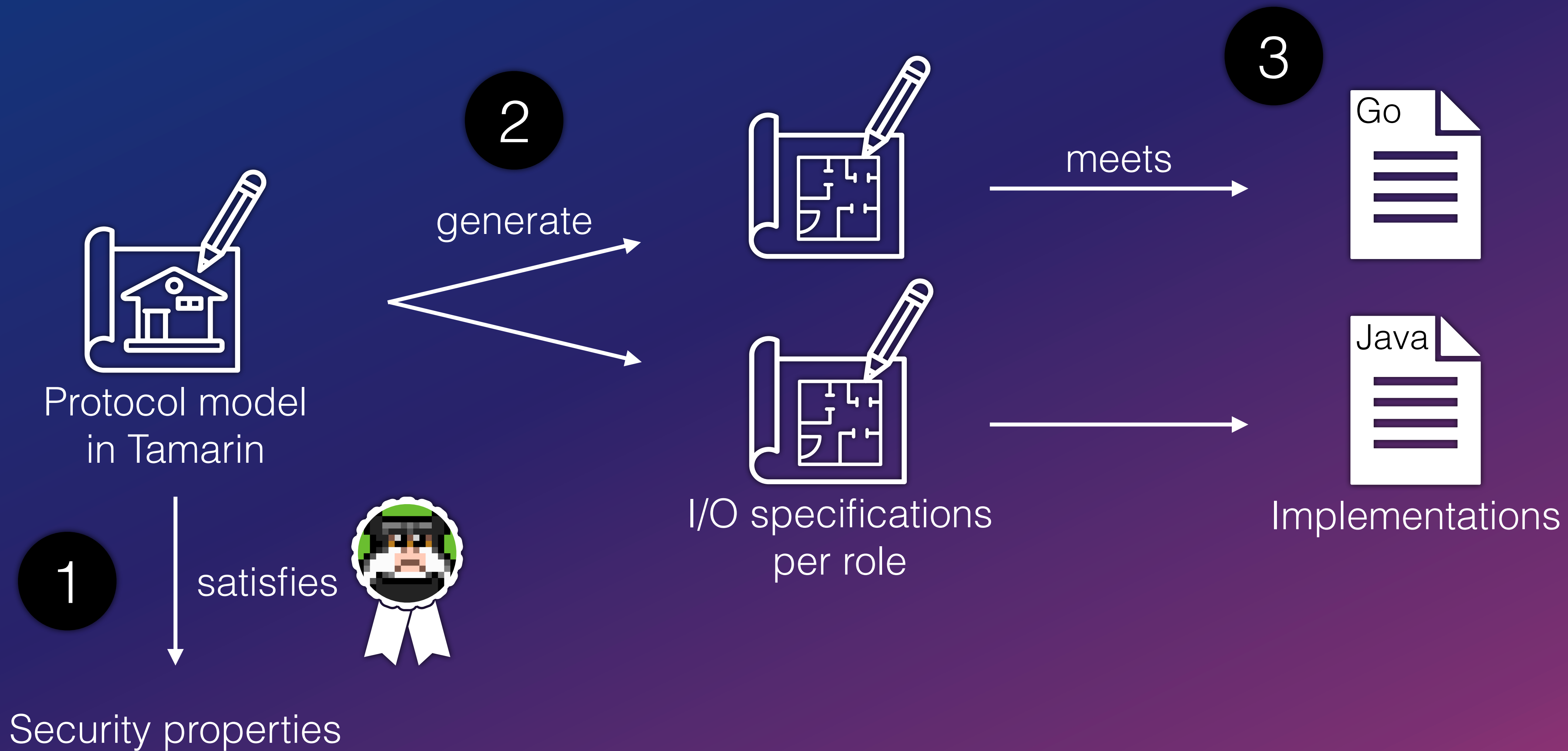


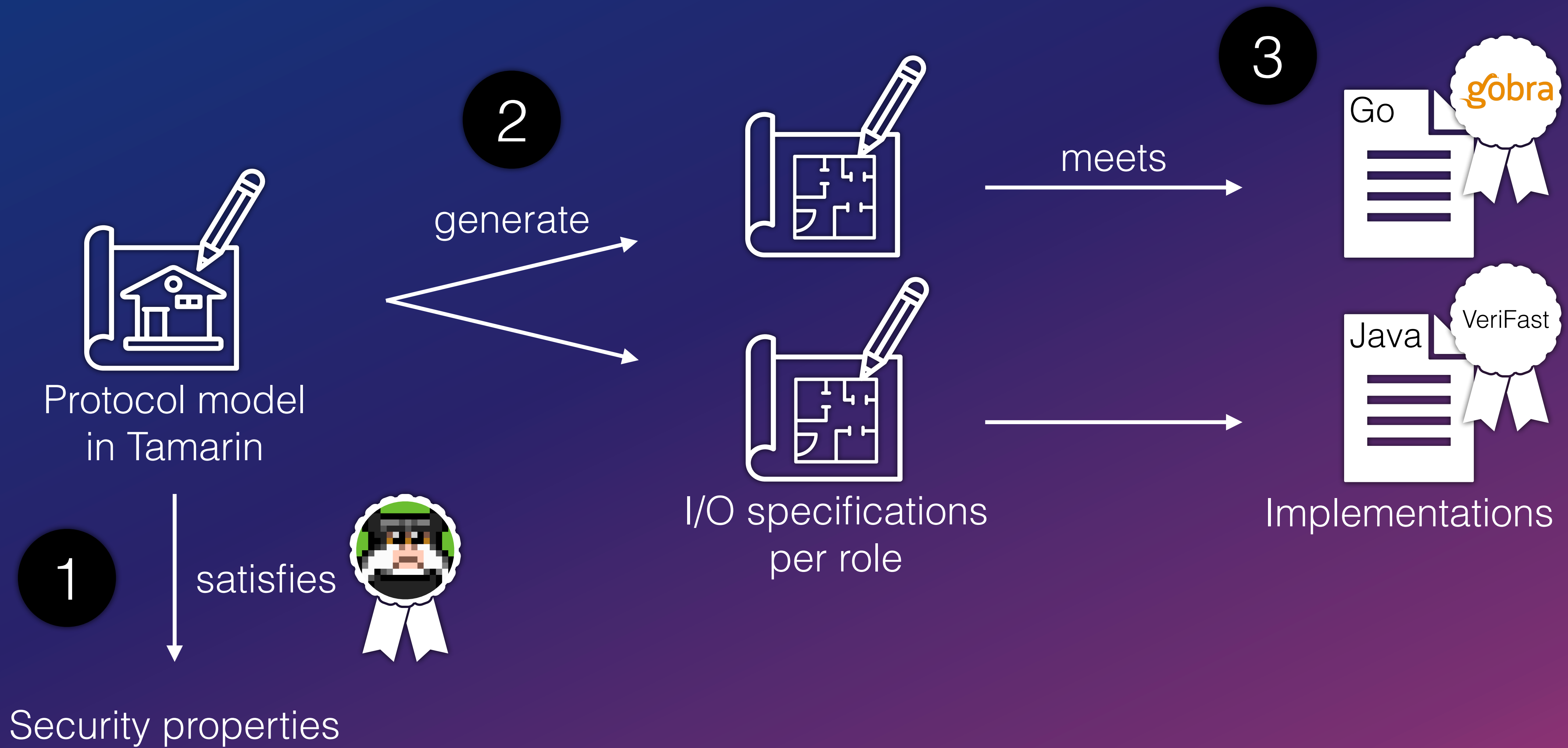
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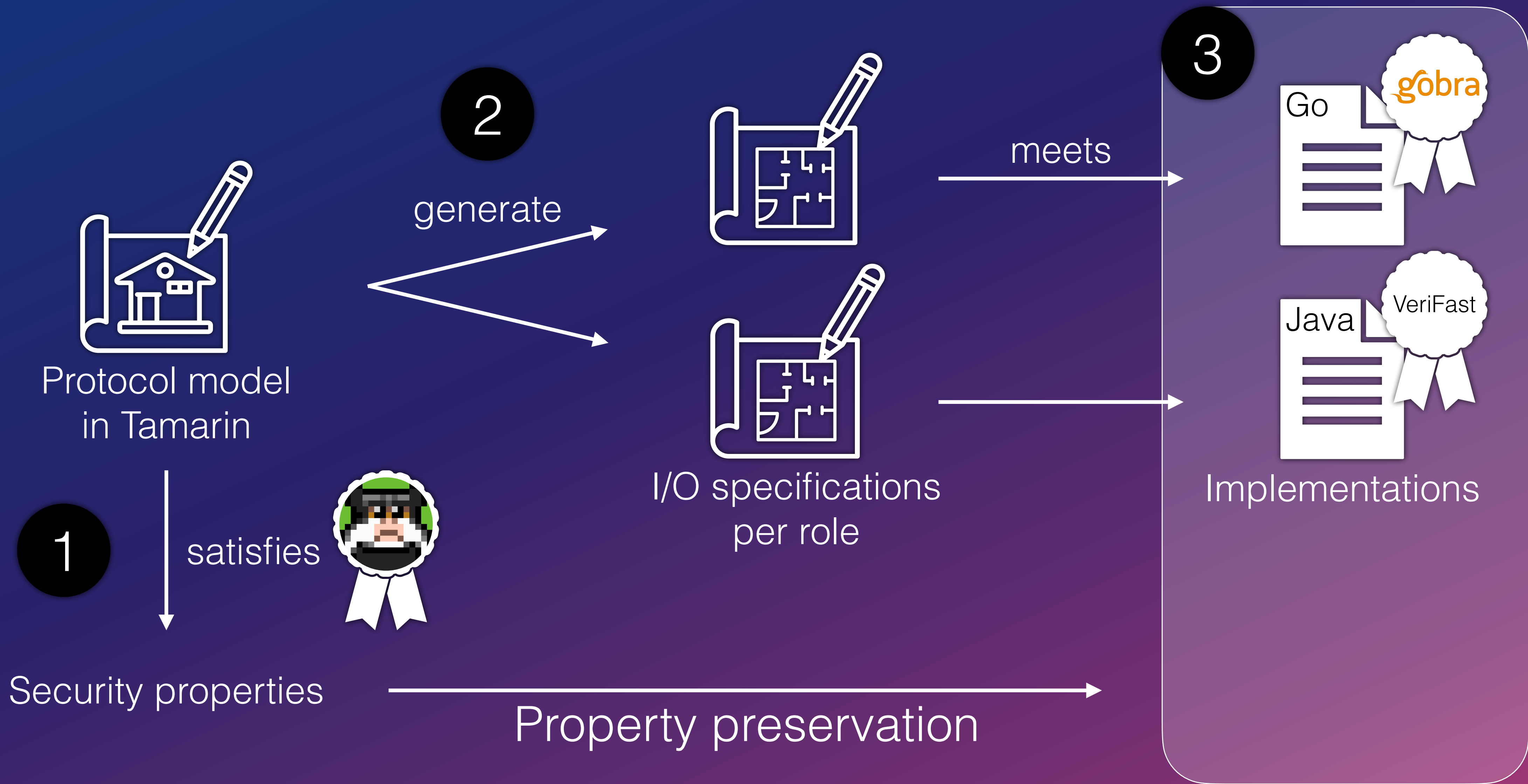


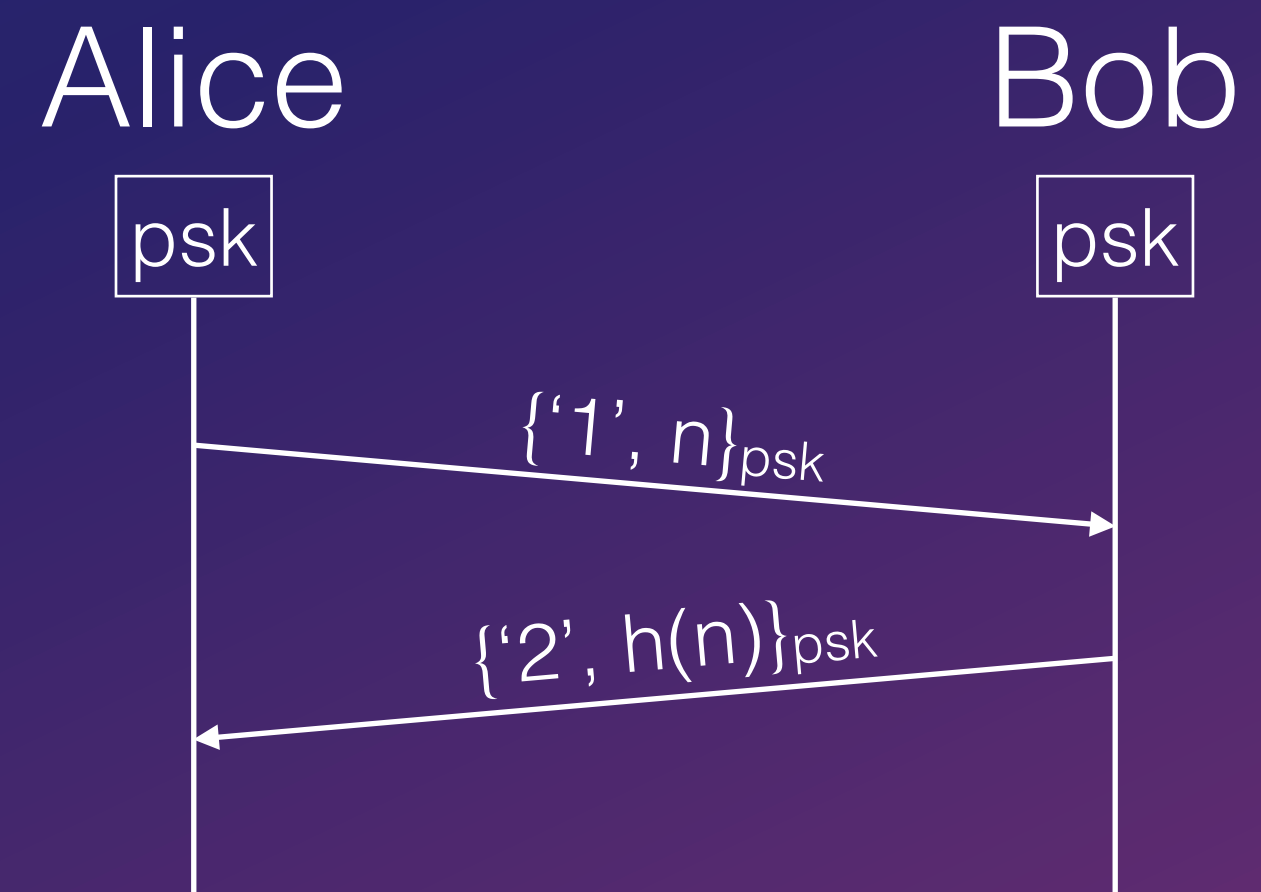
Security properties



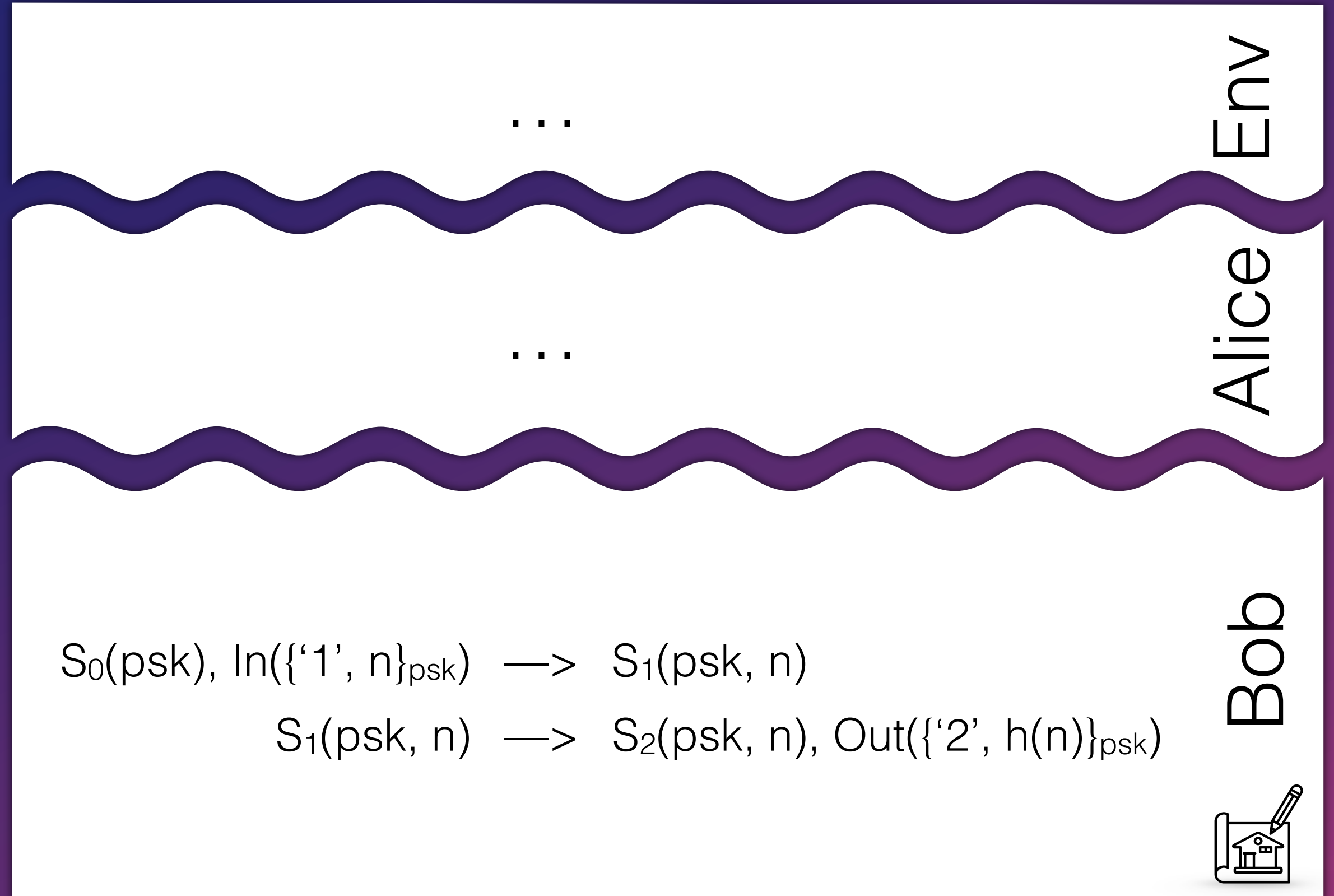
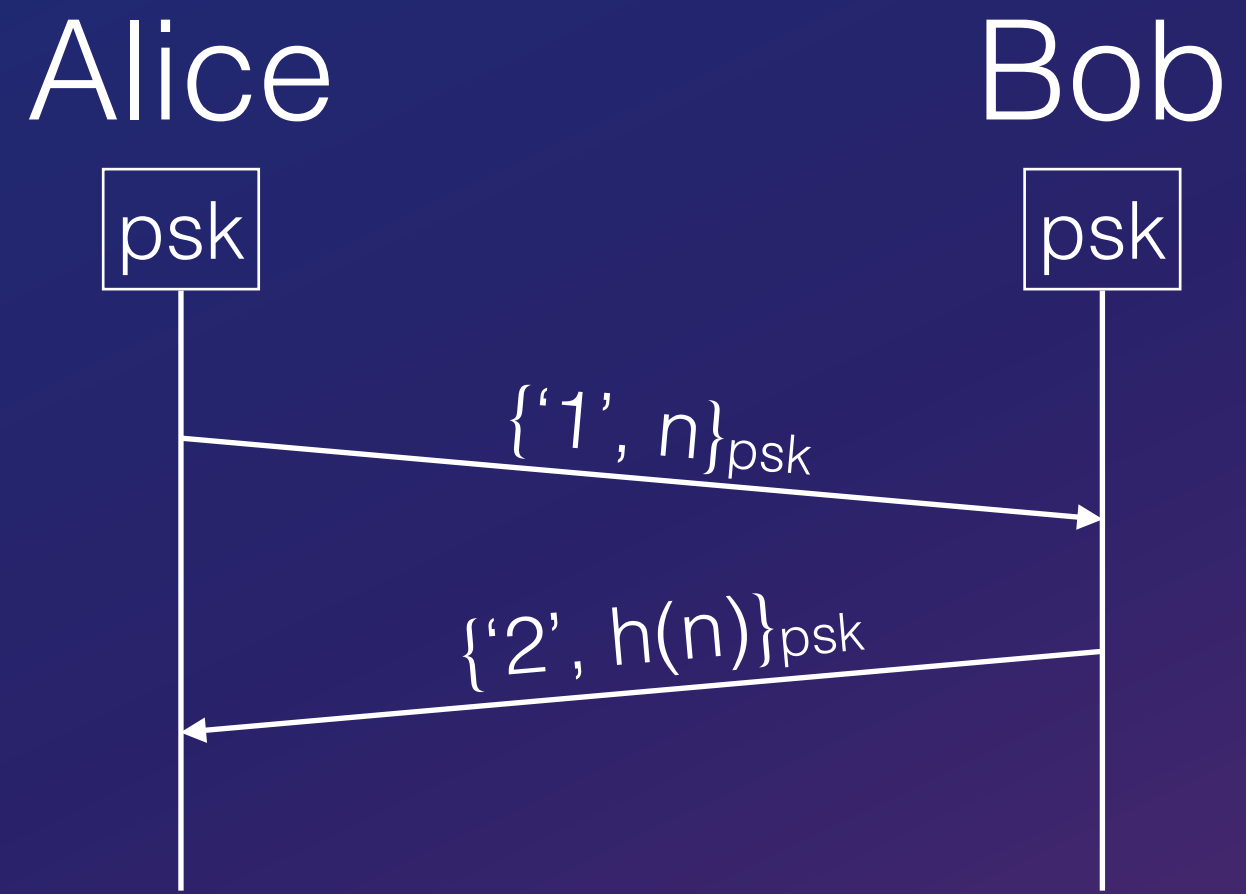








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Bob



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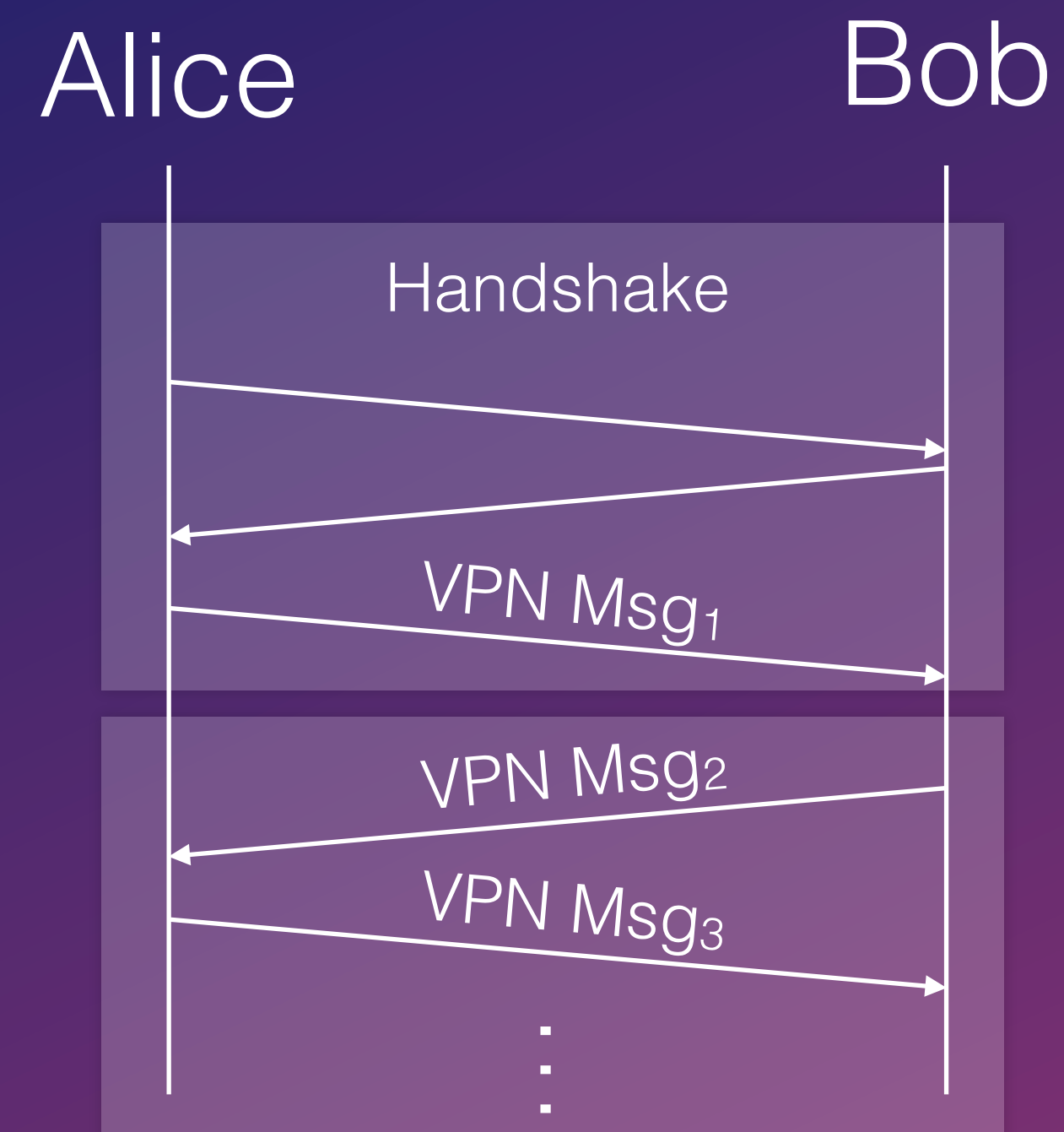
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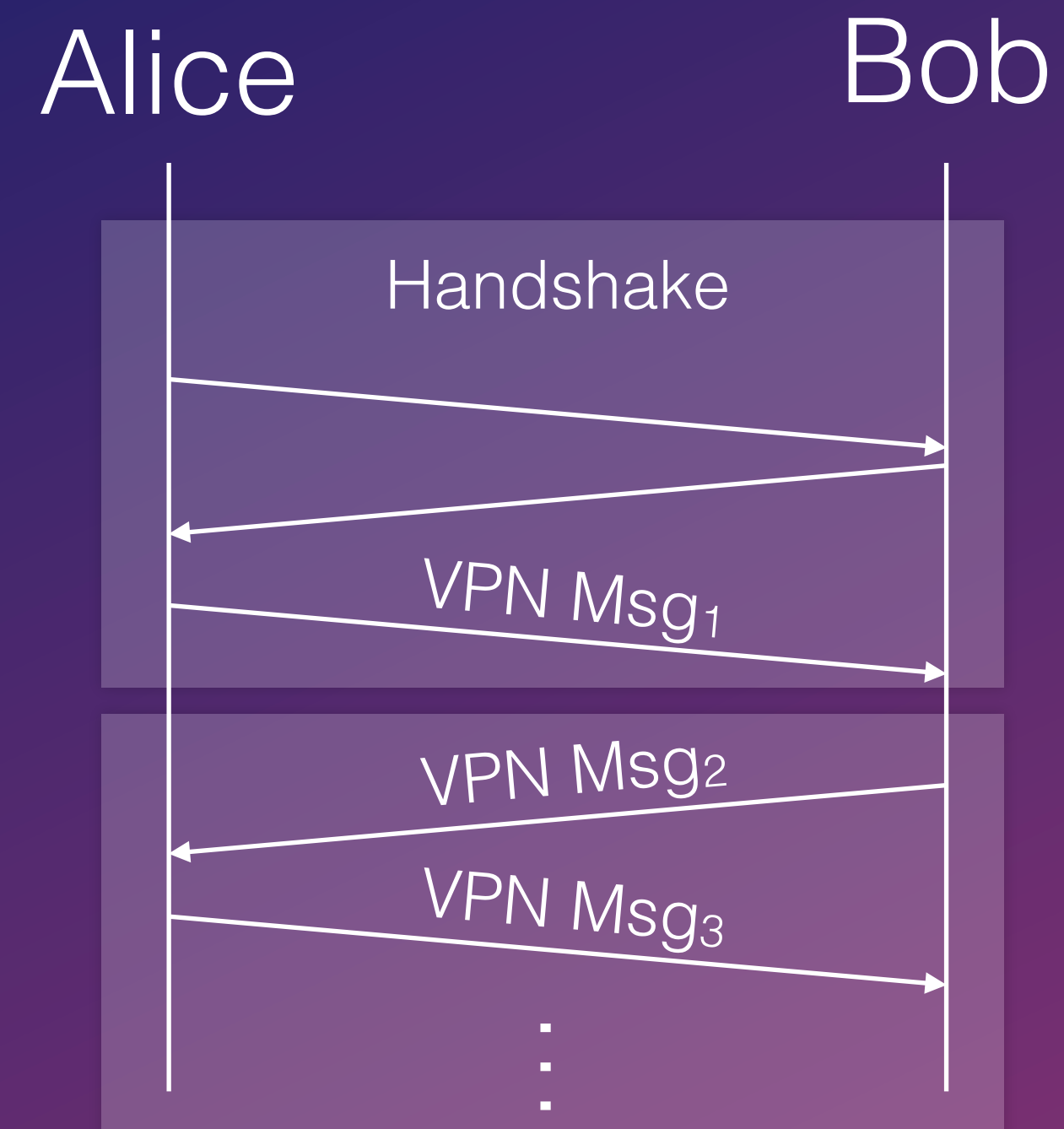
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    /*@ a4 := apply_send_transition(a3)
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```

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- ~550 LoC Go code
- ~1.3k lines of generated I/O spec
- ~2.8k lines of proof annotations



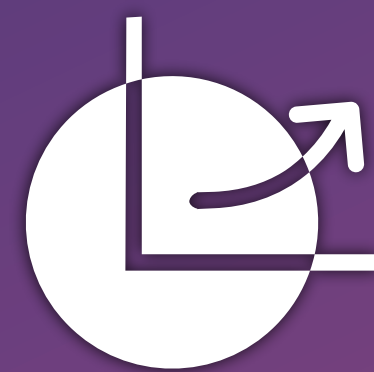
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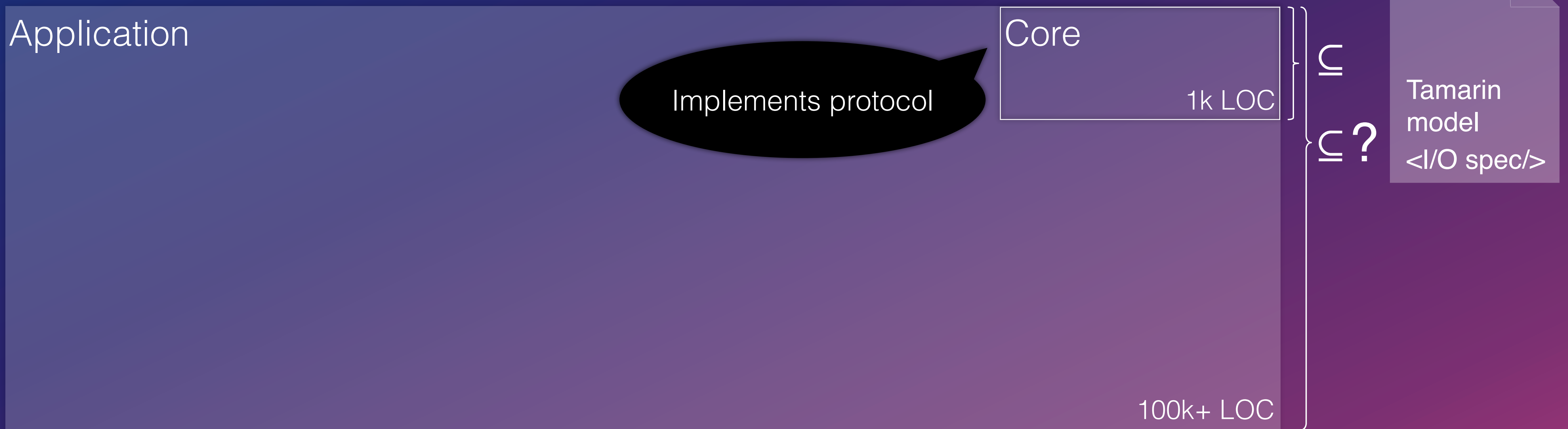
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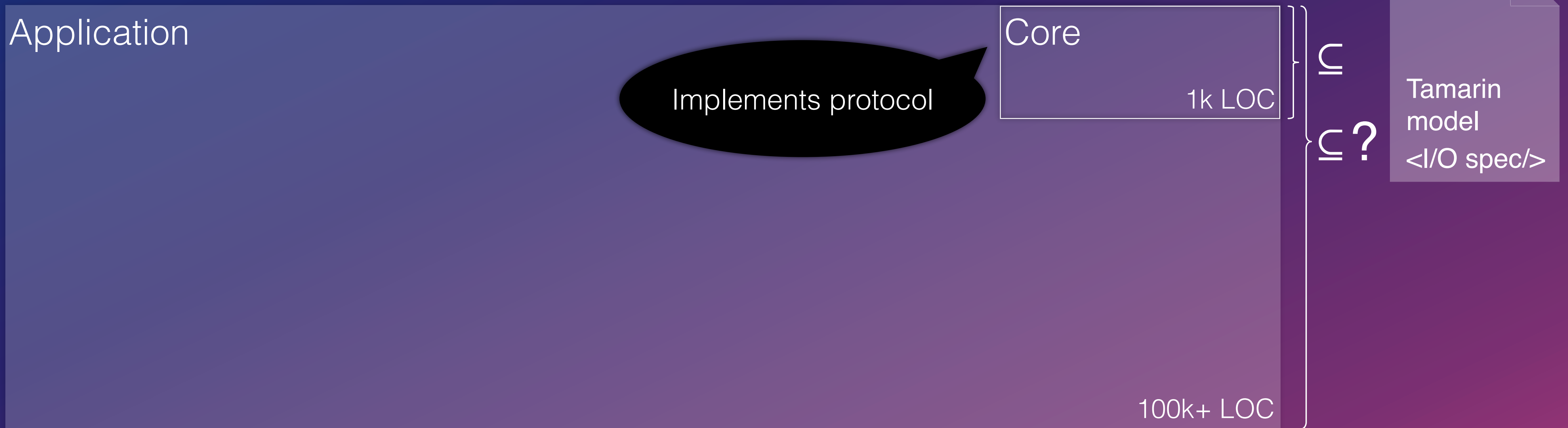


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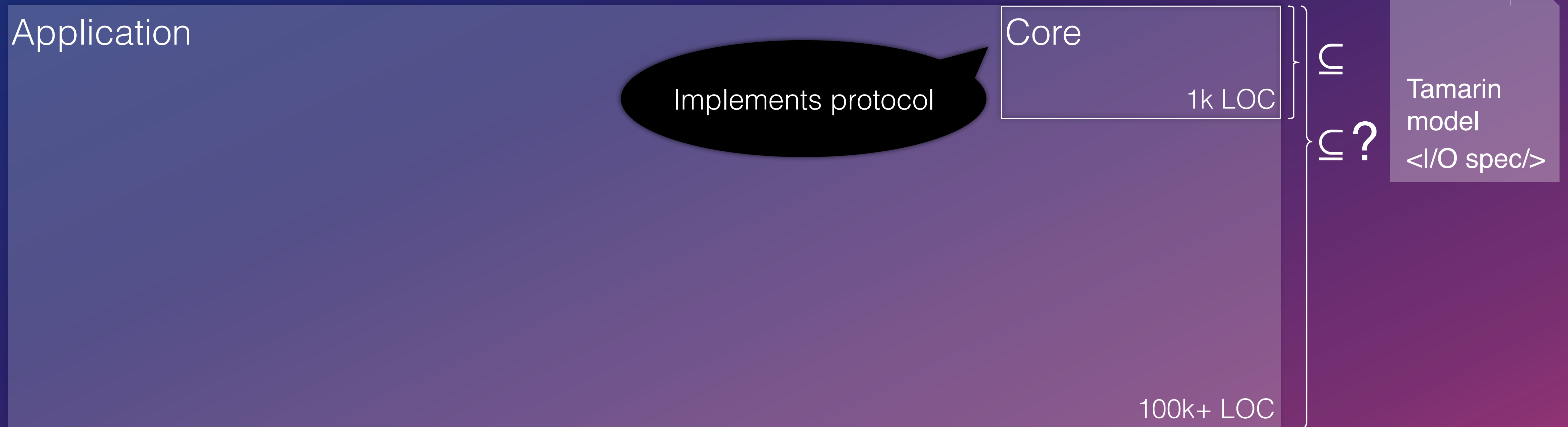
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Application violating core's preconditions

1. I/O Independence

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Enforce with
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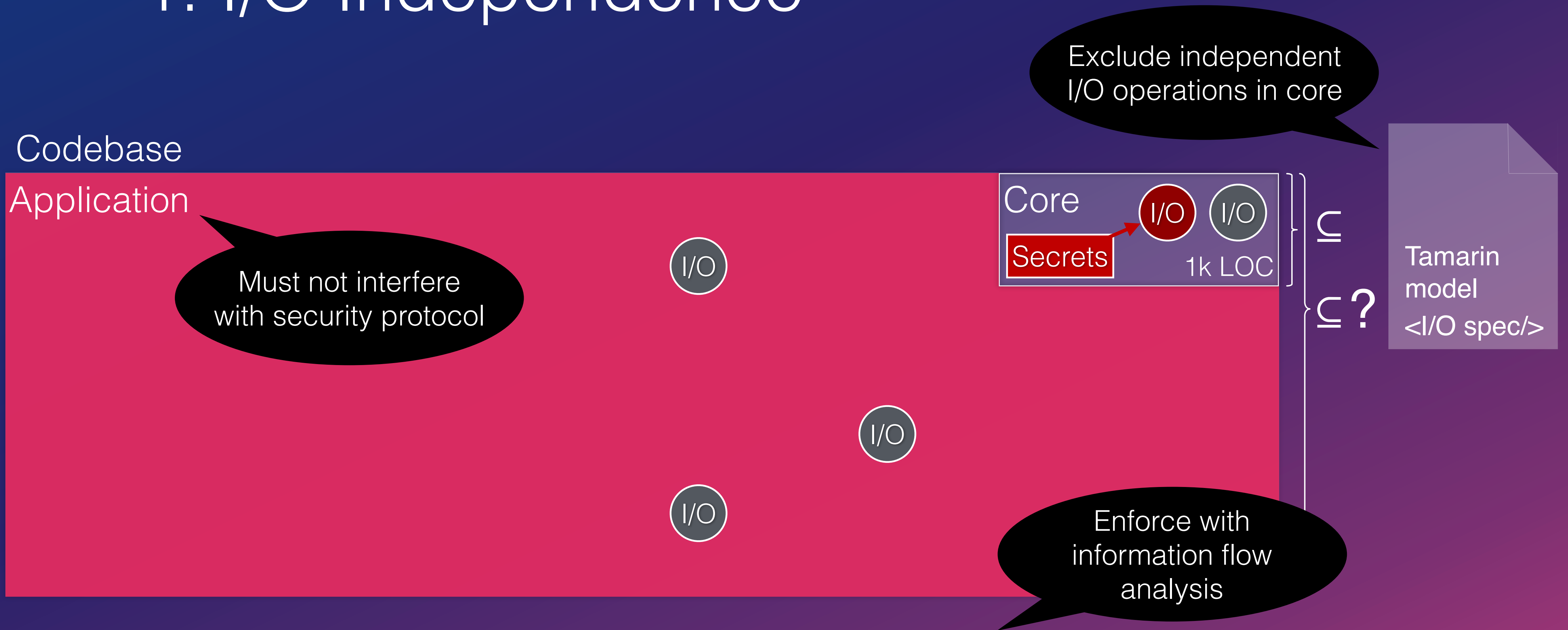
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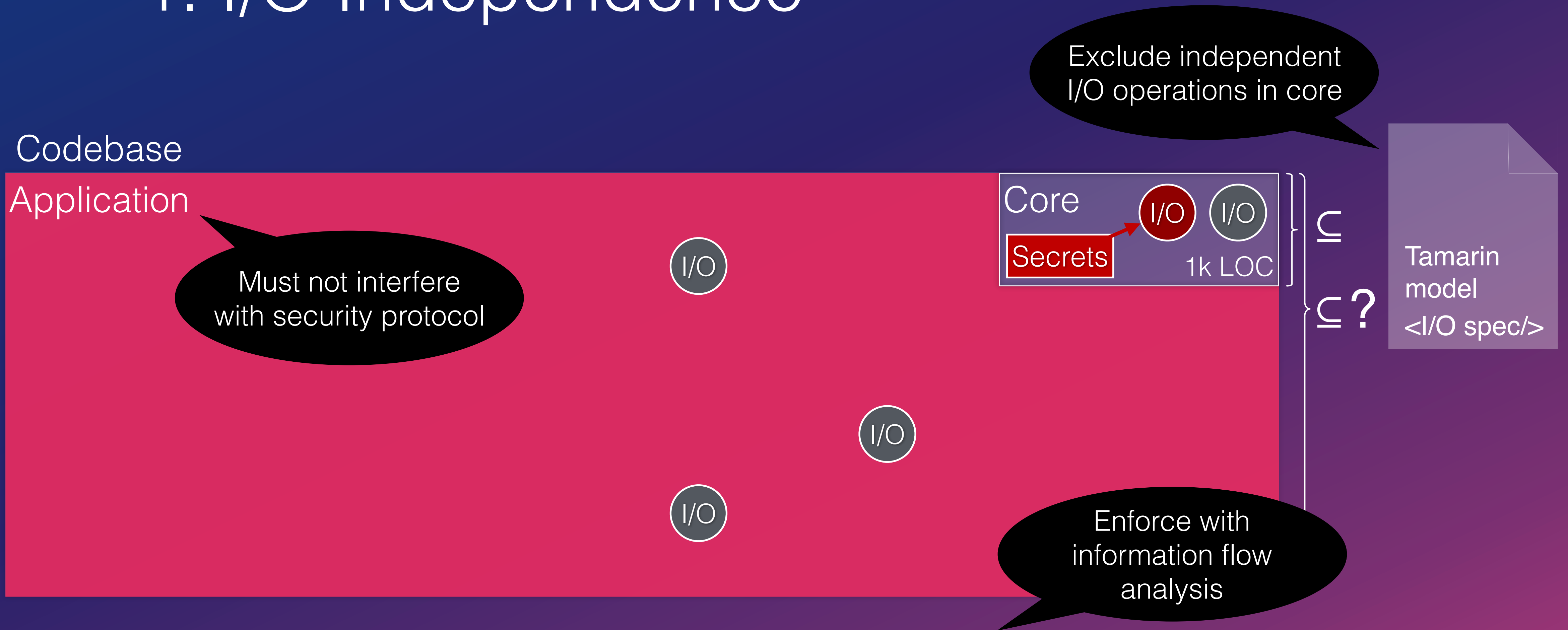
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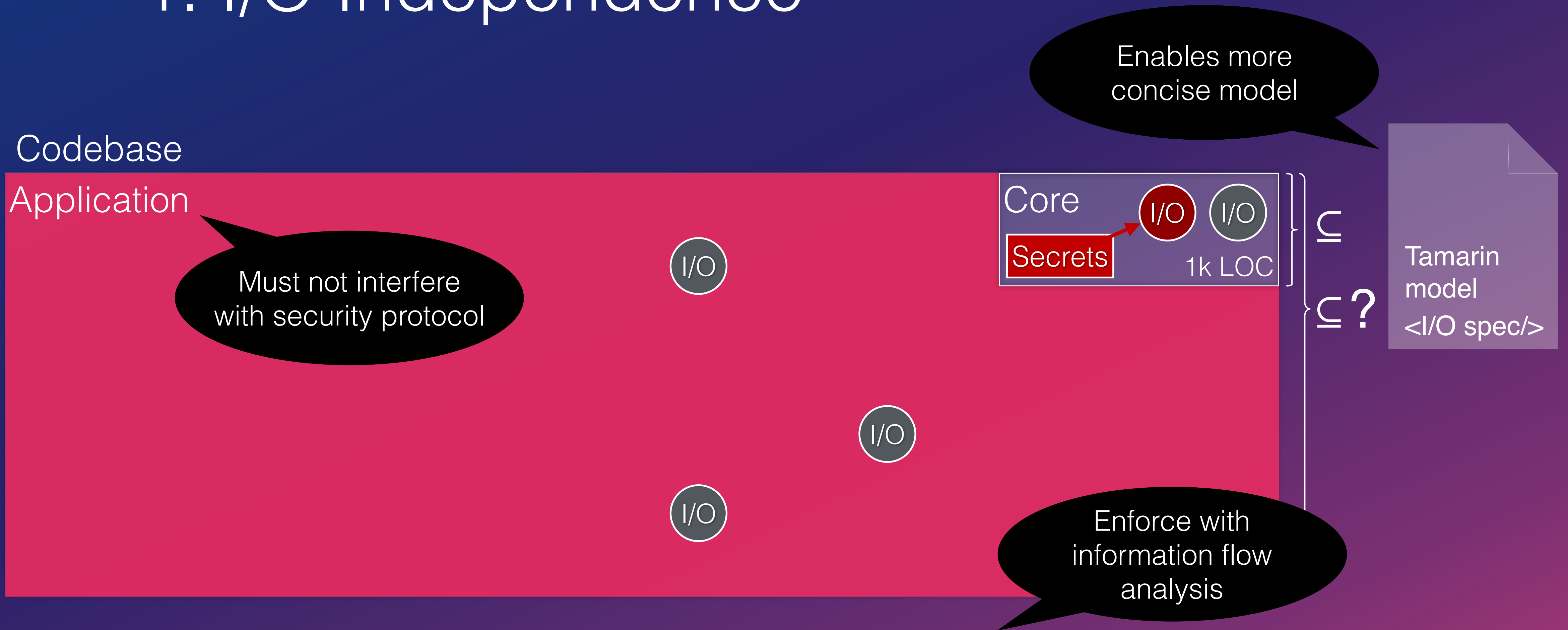
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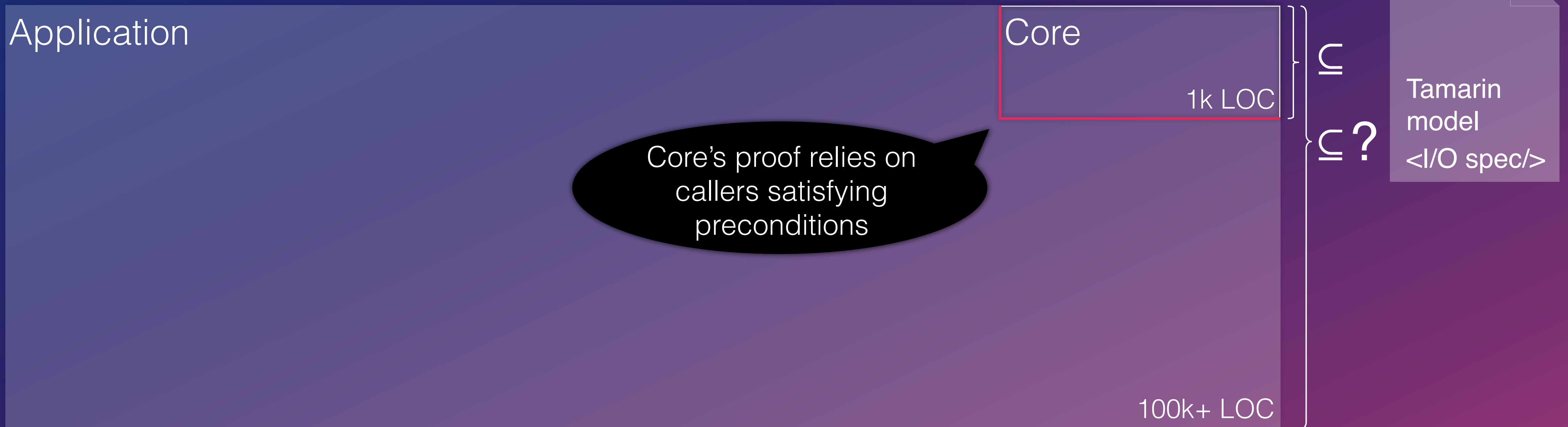


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2. Discharging Core's Assumptions

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Constructors



Members



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    ...
}
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```
func BuggyApp1(psk []byte) {
    c := Constructor(psk)
    go Send(c, []byte{})
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```

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    go func() {
        c0 := Constructor([]byte{})
        Send(c0, psk)
    }()
    go func() {
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        Send(c0, psk)
    }()
}
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}
```

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→ Escape analysis ensures locality of Core function arguments

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    c := Constructor(psk)
    ApiFunc(c, psk, psk)
}
```

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}
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```
func BuggyApp3(psk []byte) {
    c := Constructor(psk)
    ApiFunc(c, psk, psk)
}

func BuggyApp4(psk []byte) {
    c := Constructor(psk)
    Send(c, c.psk)
}
```

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    c := Constructor(psk)
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}
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//@ requires c != nil ==> Inv(c)
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func Send(c *Core, msg []byte) {
    ...
}
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```
func BuggyApp5(psk []byte) {
    c := Constructor(psk)
    c.psk = []byte{}
    Send(c, []byte{})
}
```

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func BuggyApp3(psk []byte) {
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func Send(c *Core, msg []byte) {
    ...
}
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func BuggyApp5(psk []byte) {
    c := Constructor(psk)
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    ...
}
```

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func BuggyApp5(psk []byte) {
    c := Constructor(psk)
    c.psk = []byte{}
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}
```

→ Pointer analysis ensures disjointness of Core function arguments and maintenance of Core invariant

Soundness

```
func main() {  
  
    c := Constructor()  
  
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}
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func Constructor() (c *Core) {  
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func main() {  
  //@ L := {}; I := {}  
  
  c := Constructor()  
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  Send(c, a)  
  
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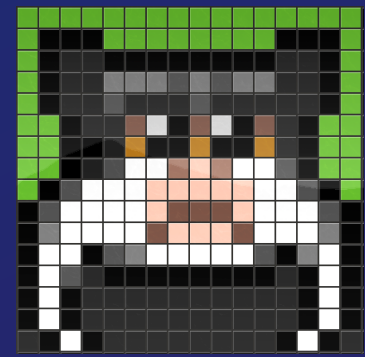
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Secret-independent I/O operations refine the symbolic attacker

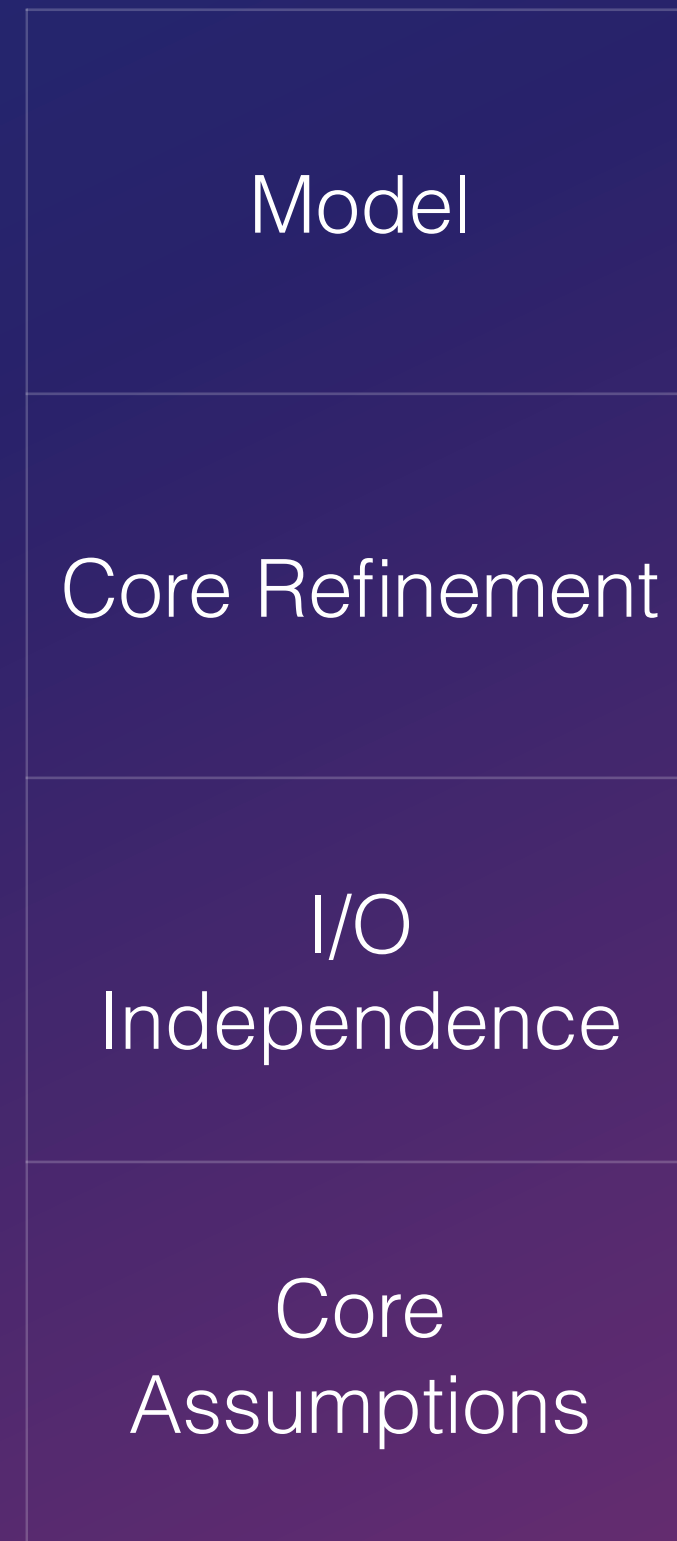
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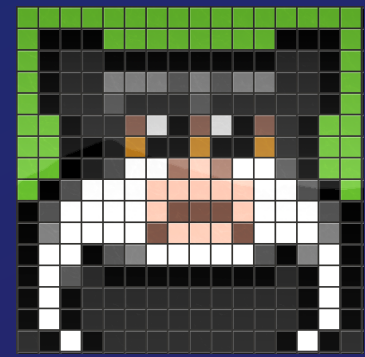
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	LoC	Proof annotations	Verification time [min]	Effort
Model	319	75	3.3	< 2 pms
Core Refinement	749	2761 + 1064 (generated)	1.2	< 3 pms
I/O Independence	~105k		0.5	< 0.5 pms
Core Assumptions	~105k		2.2	< 1.5 pms

Conclusions

Implements protocol

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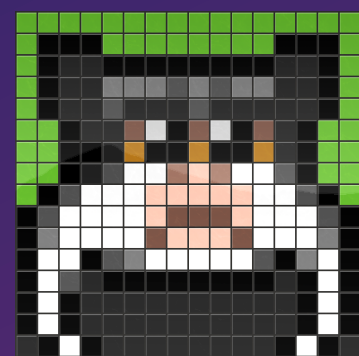
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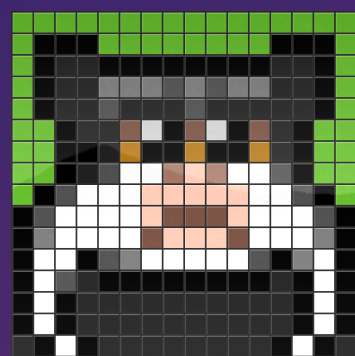
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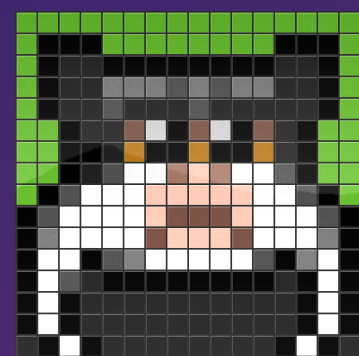
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Static analyses enforce that Application uses Core correctly

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