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Scout: Using High-Level Design Constraints to Automatically Generate Design Variations

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Version 1



Version 2



Version 3



Designing alternatives leads to better designs

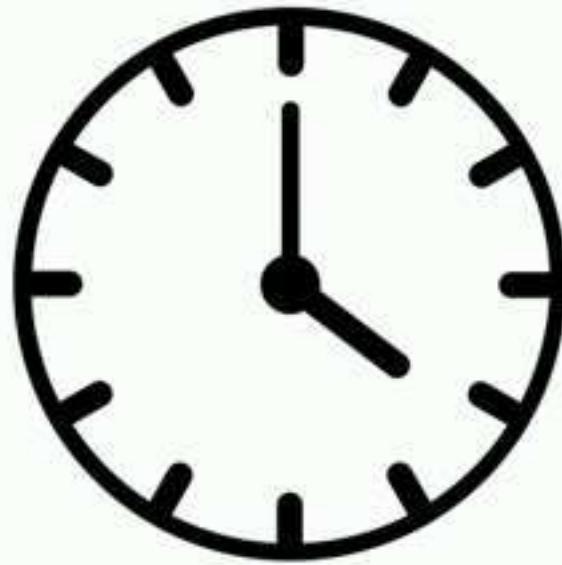
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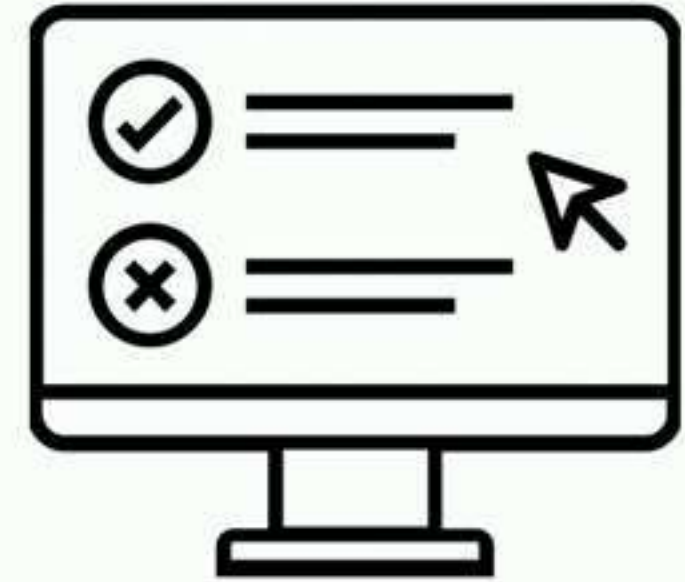
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Usability & Visual Design



Designing alternatives is difficult.

Scout: Using High-Level Design Constraints to Automatically Generate Design Variations

- Can we generate many **good** design variations automatically to help designers?
- Can we help designers follow design principles?




Scout: Inputs and Outputs

High-Level Design Constraints

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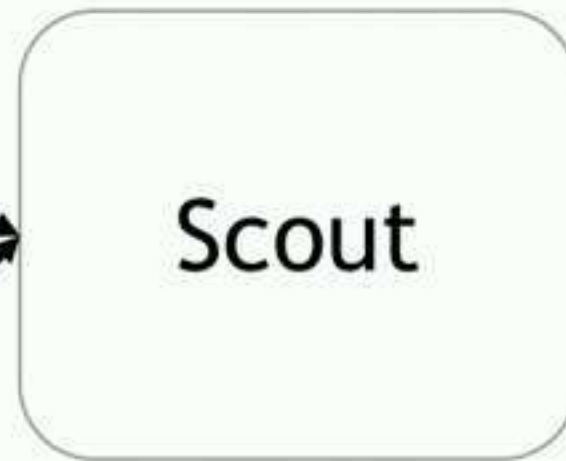
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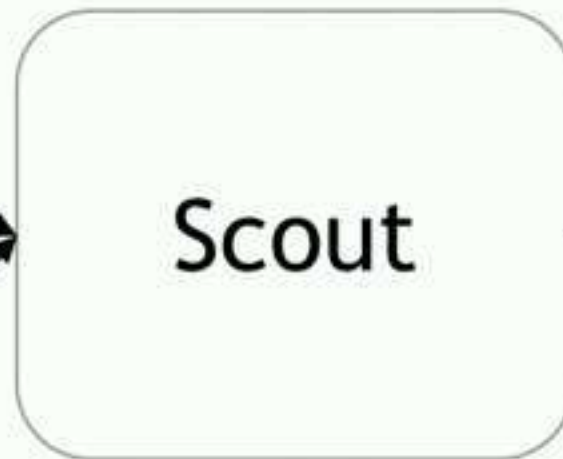


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Basic Design Constraints
(e.g. non-overlapping)

Visual/Graphic Design

N design variations that satisfy the constraints



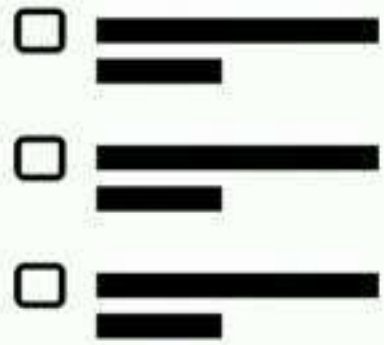
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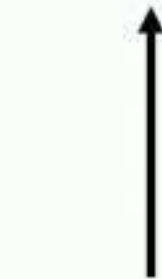
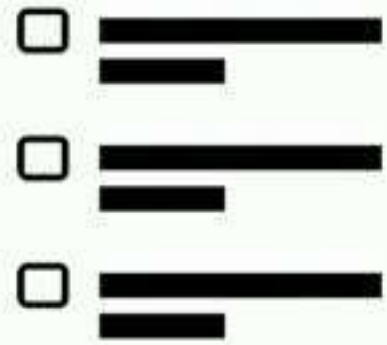
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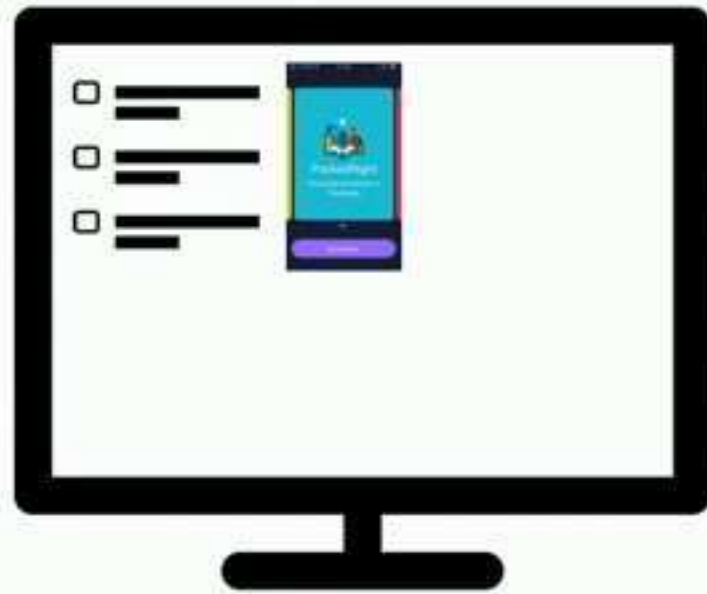
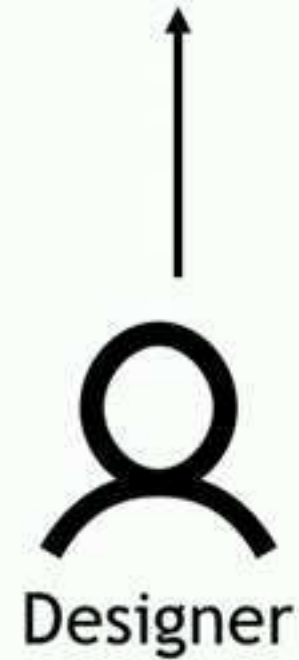
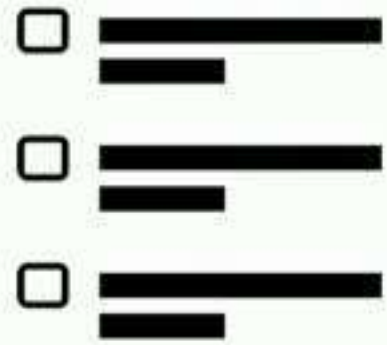
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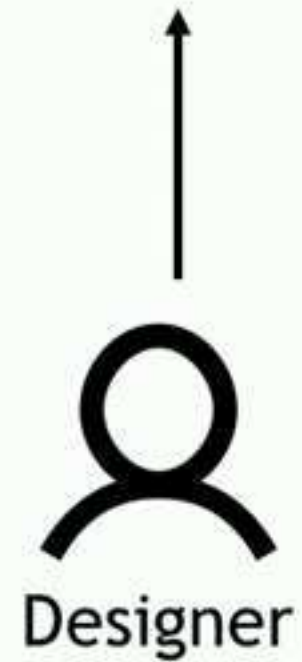
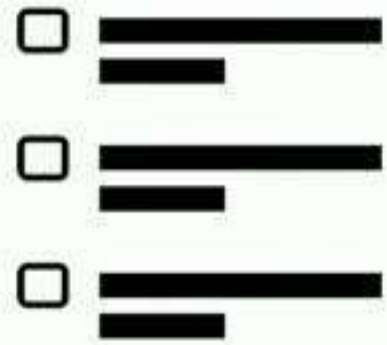


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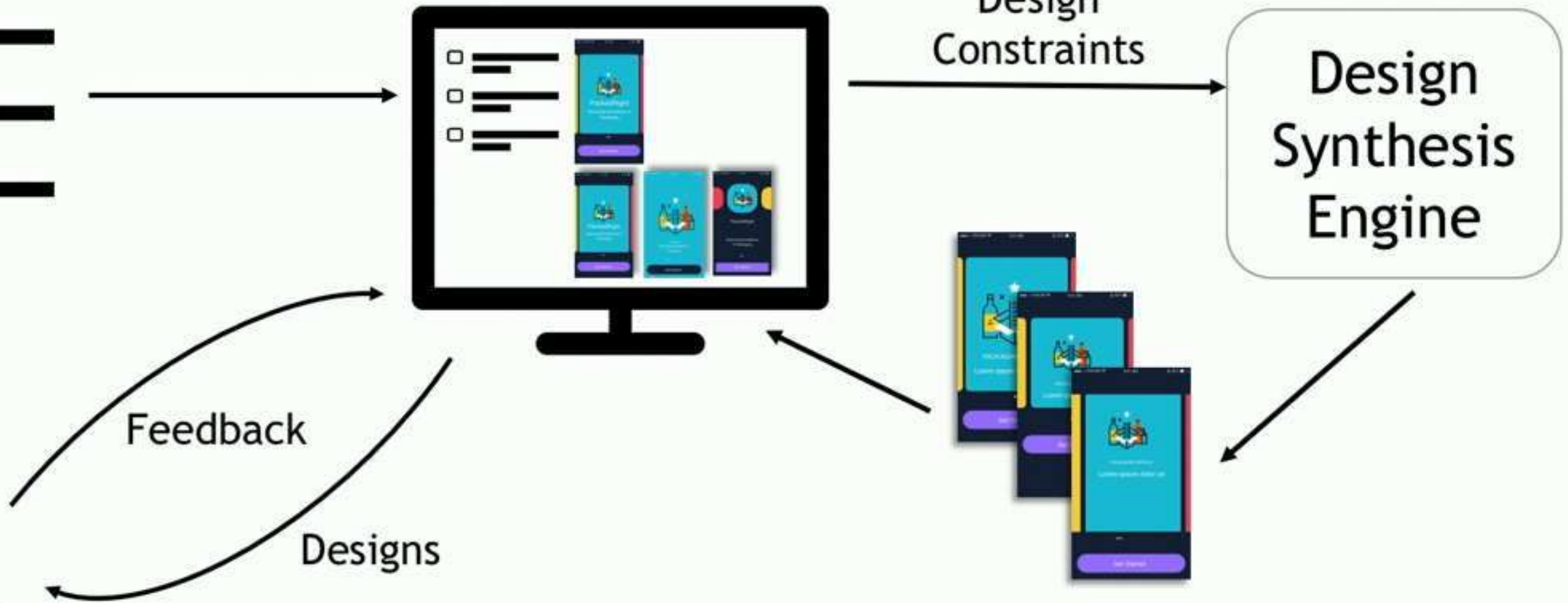
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Overview

- Scout System Overview
- **High-Level Design Constraints**
- Design Synthesis Engine

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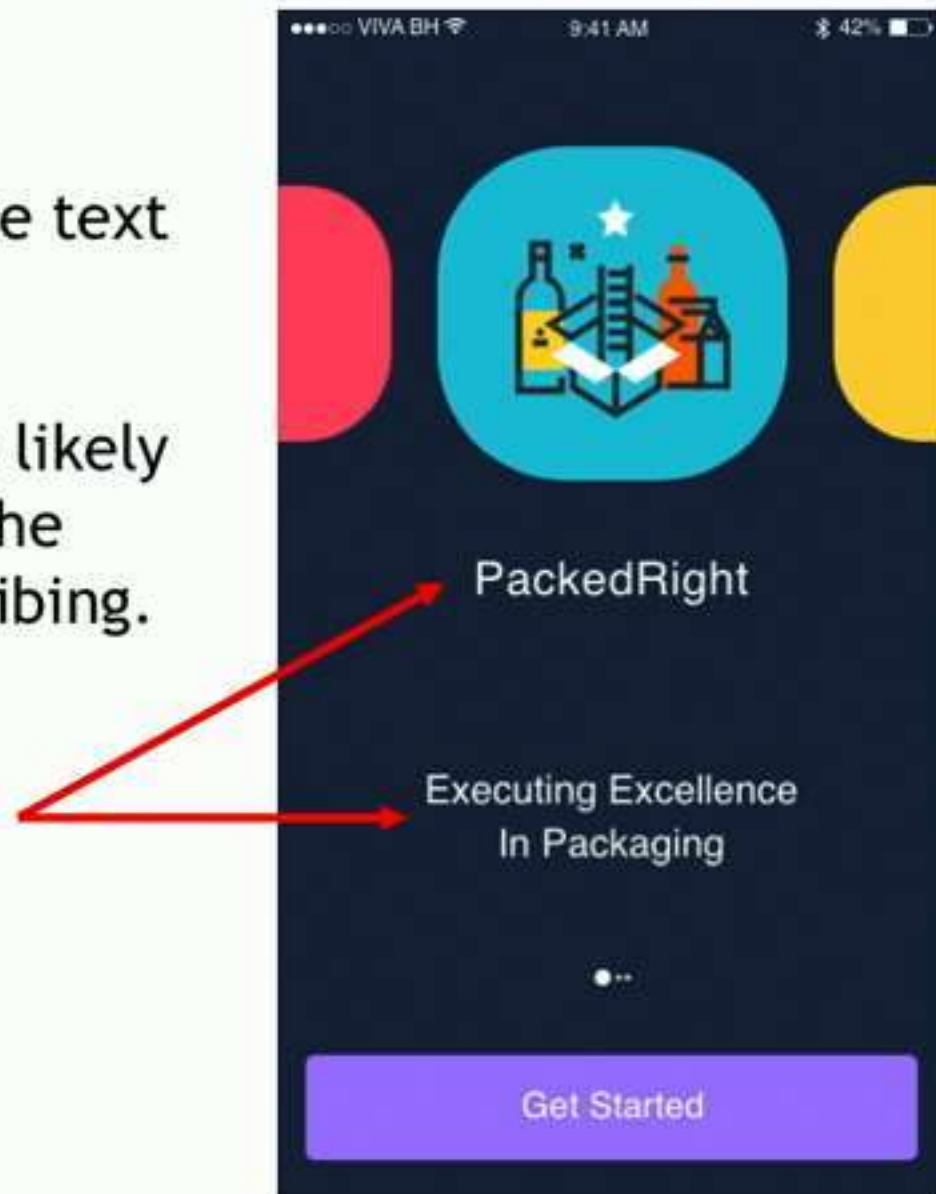
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Good

Title text and tagline text appear together with the icon.

The user will see them as a cohesive unit.

A High-Level Grouping Constraint

- Designer can use them to group a set of **related** elements
- Two aspects: **Order** and **Type**

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Variations



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High-Level Feedback Constraints



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Element

Keep this element here.

High-Level Feedback Constraints



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Relational

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Global

Use the 10px layout grid.

Overview

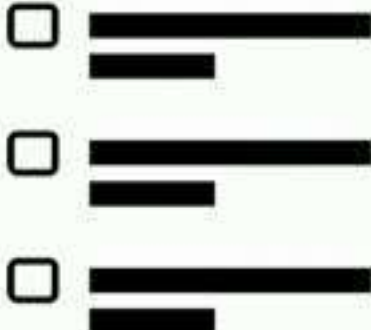
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Design Synthesis Goals

- Encode high-level **design constraints**, and **basic design** constraints (e.g. non-overlapping), and **feedback constraints** as a set of constraints to generate designs.
- Generate good designs that respect **usability** and **graphic design** principles (e.g. alignment, symmetry)
- Generate many designs quickly to make the system interactive.

Design Synthesis: Inputs and Outputs

High-Level Design Constraints



Interface Elements



N design variations that satisfy the constraints



Basic Design Constraints (e.g. non-overlapping)

High-Level Constraints
- Semantic Groups, Labels, Prominence Levels, Feedback

Design Variables
- Alignment, proximity, arrangements

For each design, for all elements X, Y coordinates, height, width

Design Synthesis - Encoding the Constraints

- Basic design constraints
 - Non-overlapping
 - UI elements stay inside containers and design canvas
- High level constraints
 - Semantic Groups
 - Prominence Levels (e.g. increase or decrease visual salience)
 - Feedback constraints

Design Synthesis - Finding Solutions

Variables – modify different properties of design

- Alignment
- Margins
- Proximity
- Label position
- Arrangement
(e.g. horizontal, rows)



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Searching

- Randomly order variables
- Backtracking/Branch and bound to assign variables iteratively
- Check and discard invalid solutions
- Generate N designs



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Design Synthesis - Getting Good Designs

- Visual Cost Variables
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- Approach
 - Generate a bunch of designs
 - Rank them by cost
 - Return lowest cost first



Version 1,
Cost: 20



Version 2,
Cost: 50



Version 3,
Cost: 60

Challenges

- Generating good designs
 - Ranking function
 - Bias the search to choose good combinations of variables
- Diversity
 - Lots of spatially different designs
- Scalable and interactive
 - Can't overwhelm the solver



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Platform-Independent Migration of Stateful JavaScript IoT Applications

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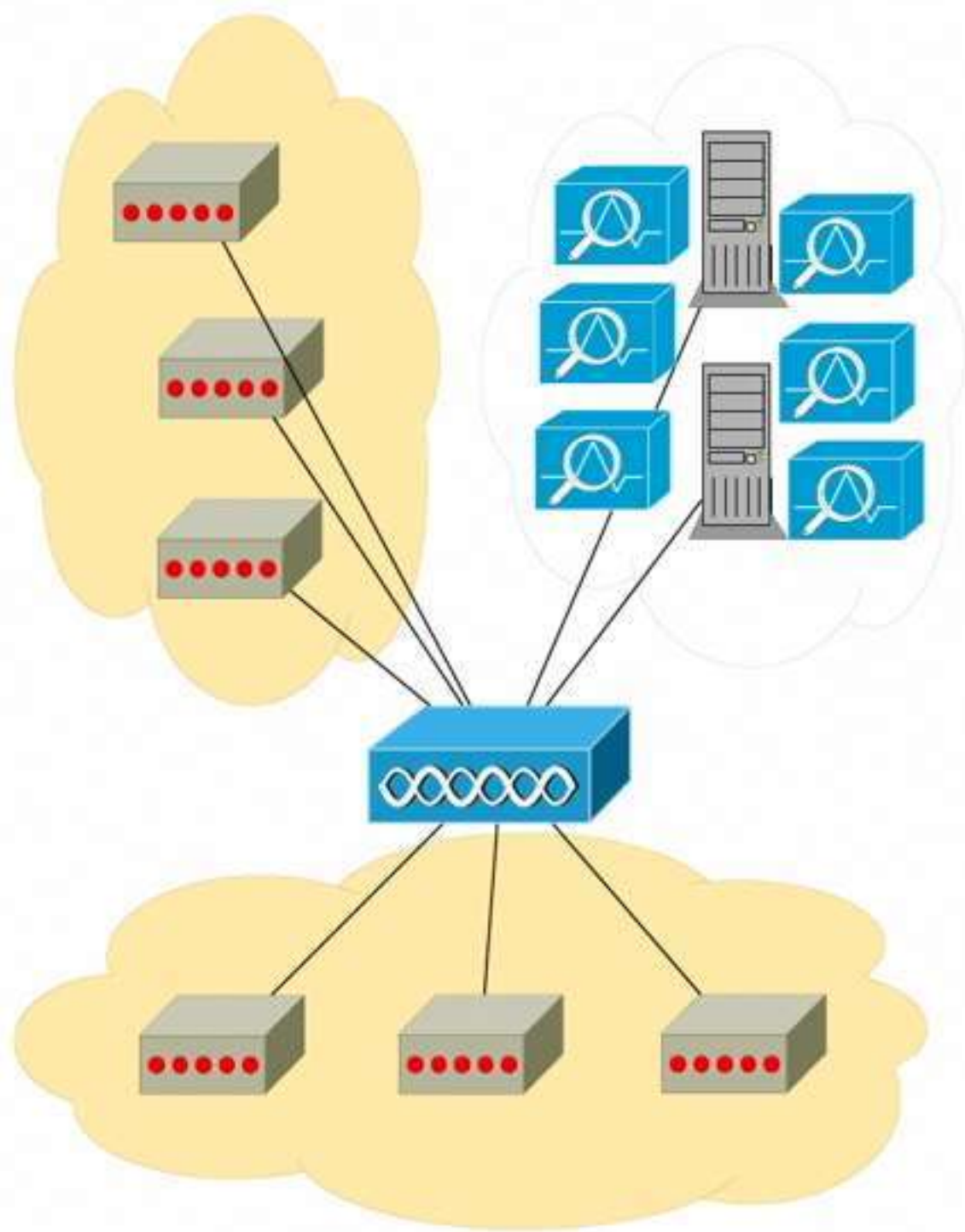


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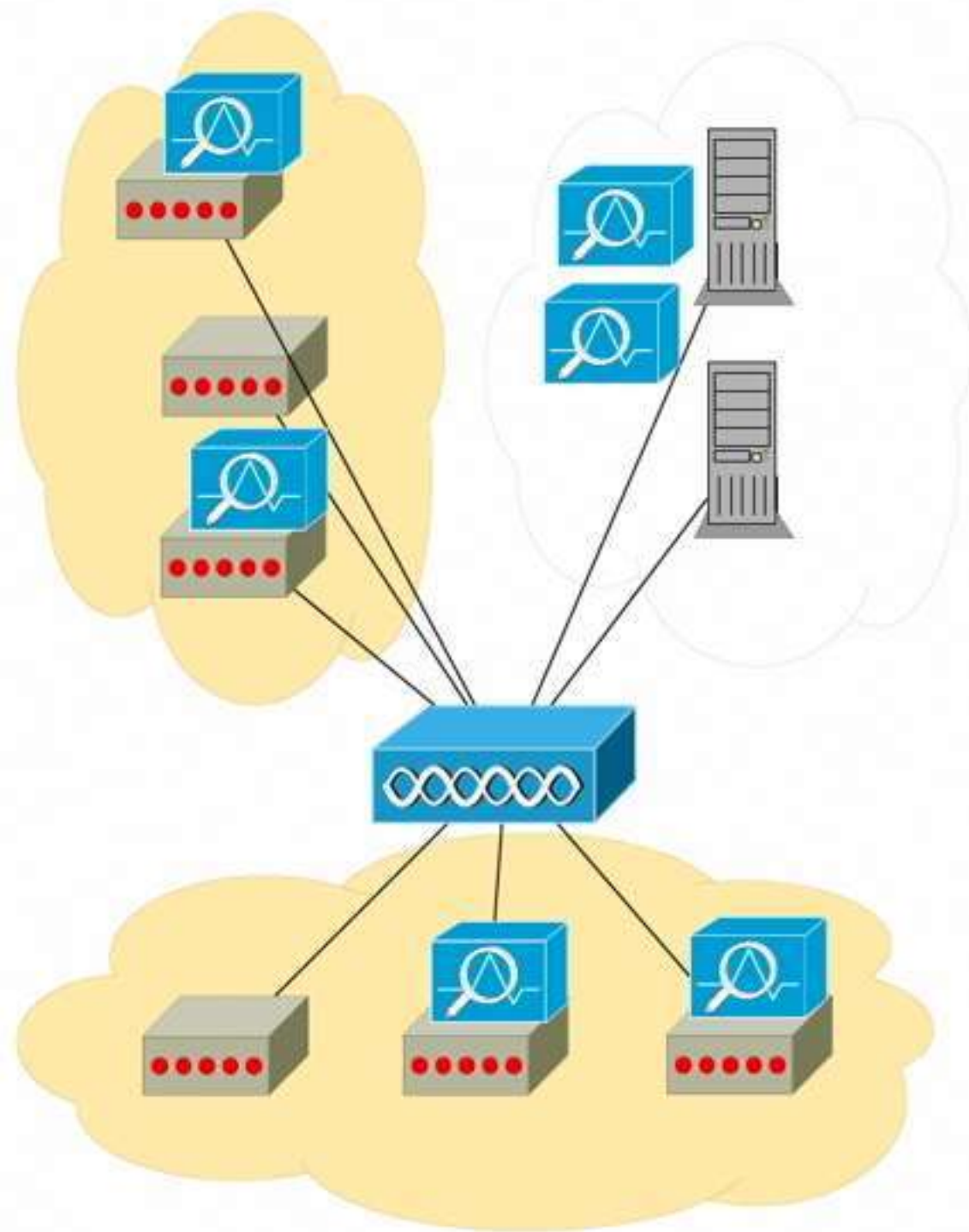
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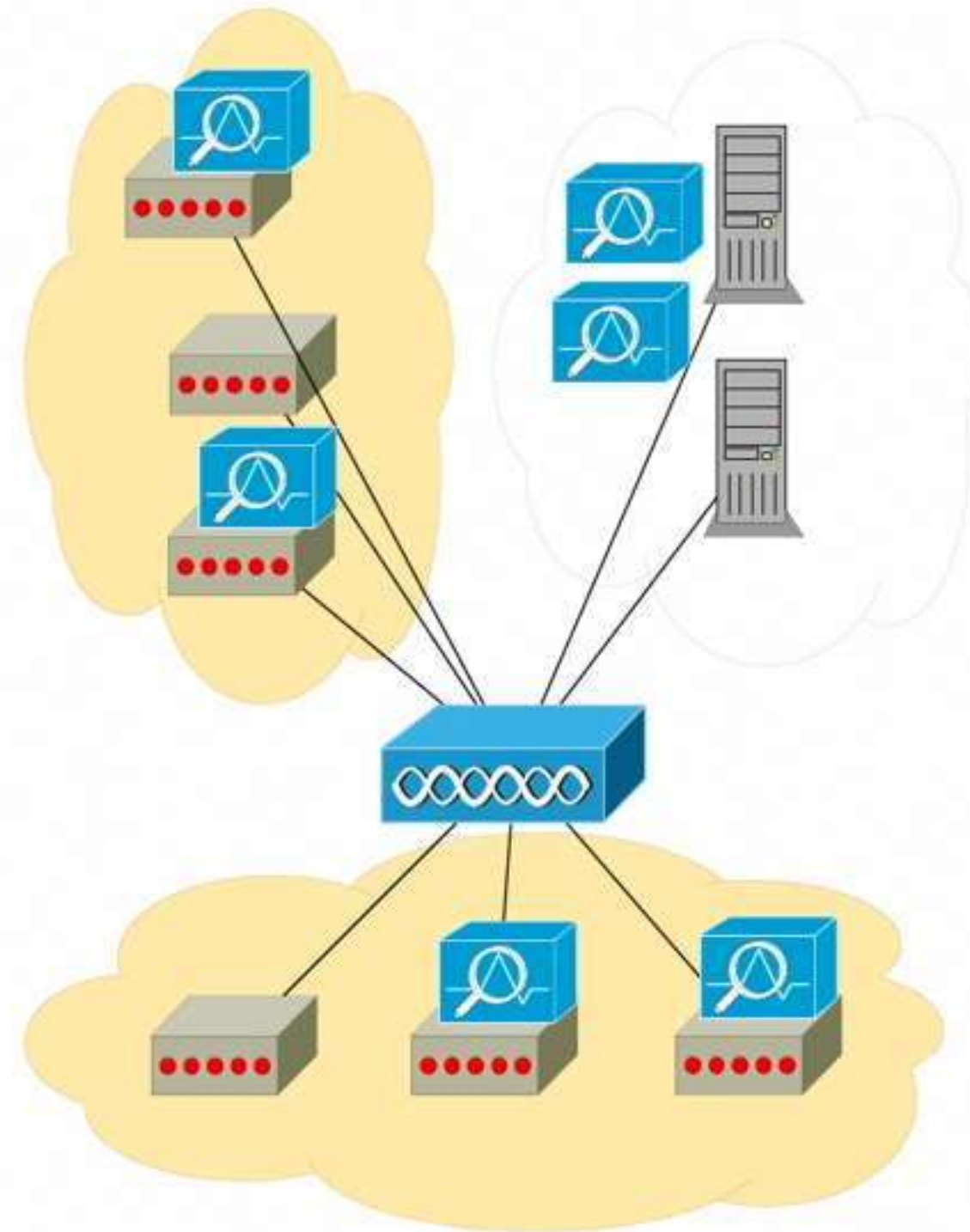
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- Emerging trend: running applications on the IoT devices themselves (edge)
 - Performance, costs, reliability

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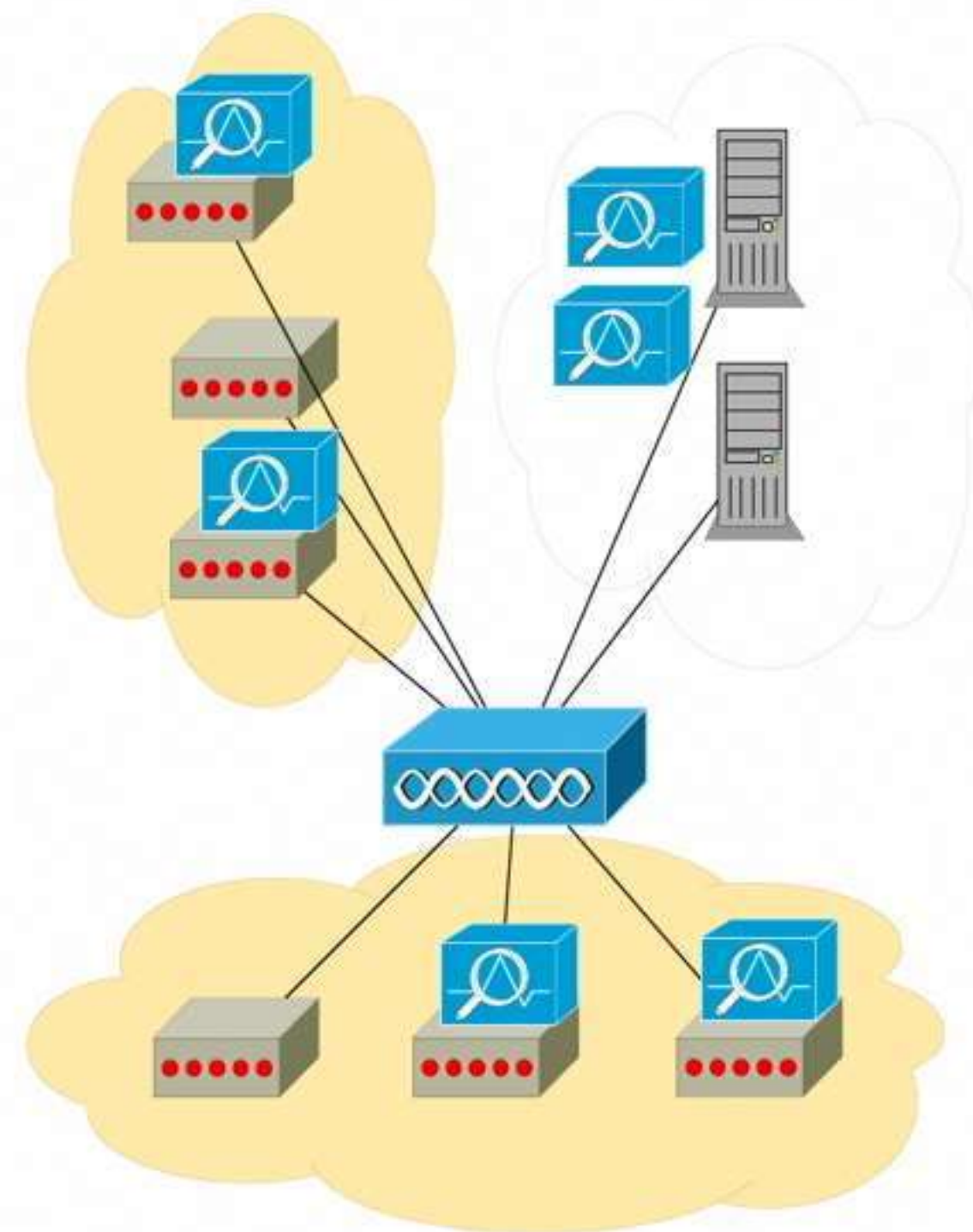


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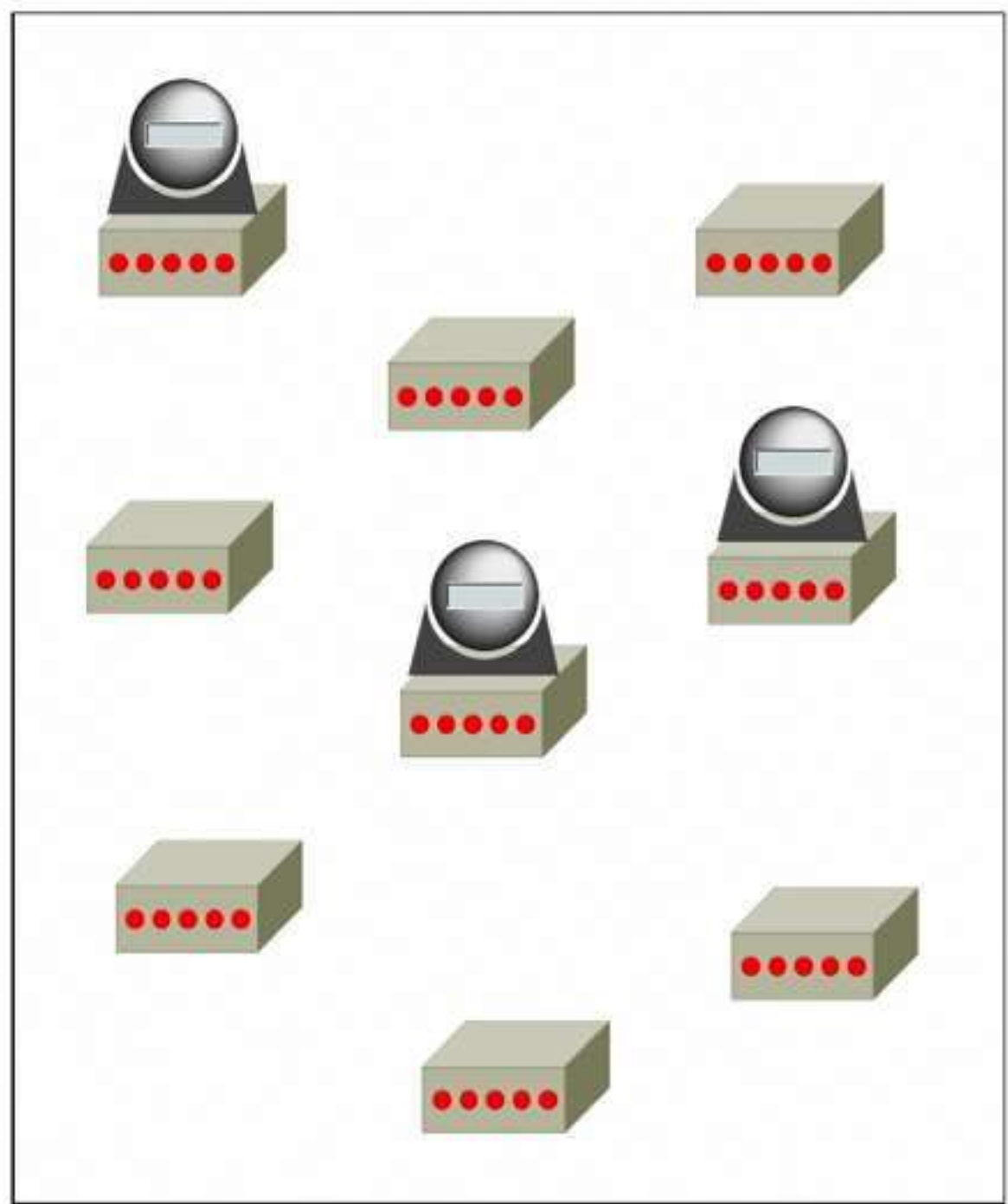
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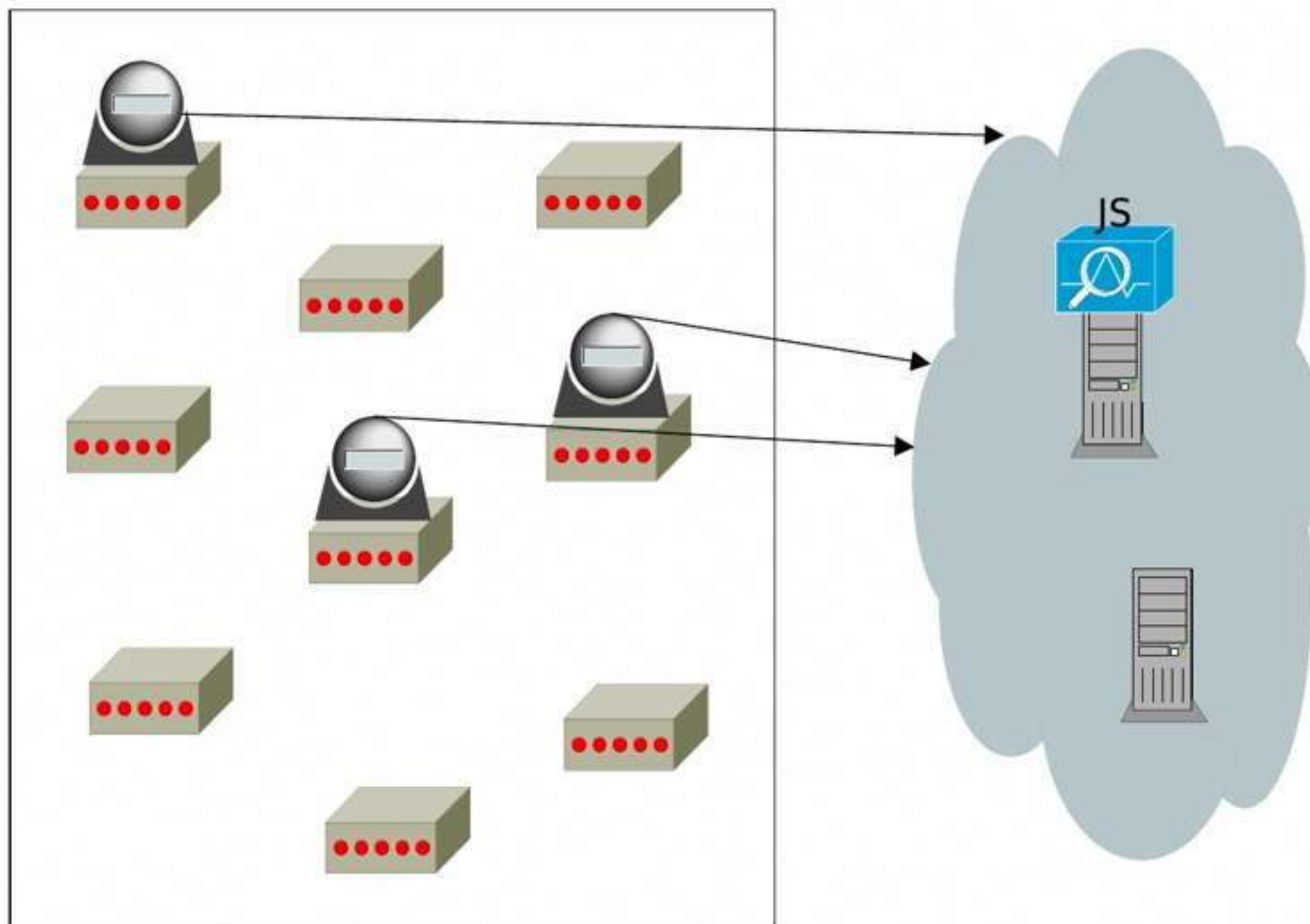
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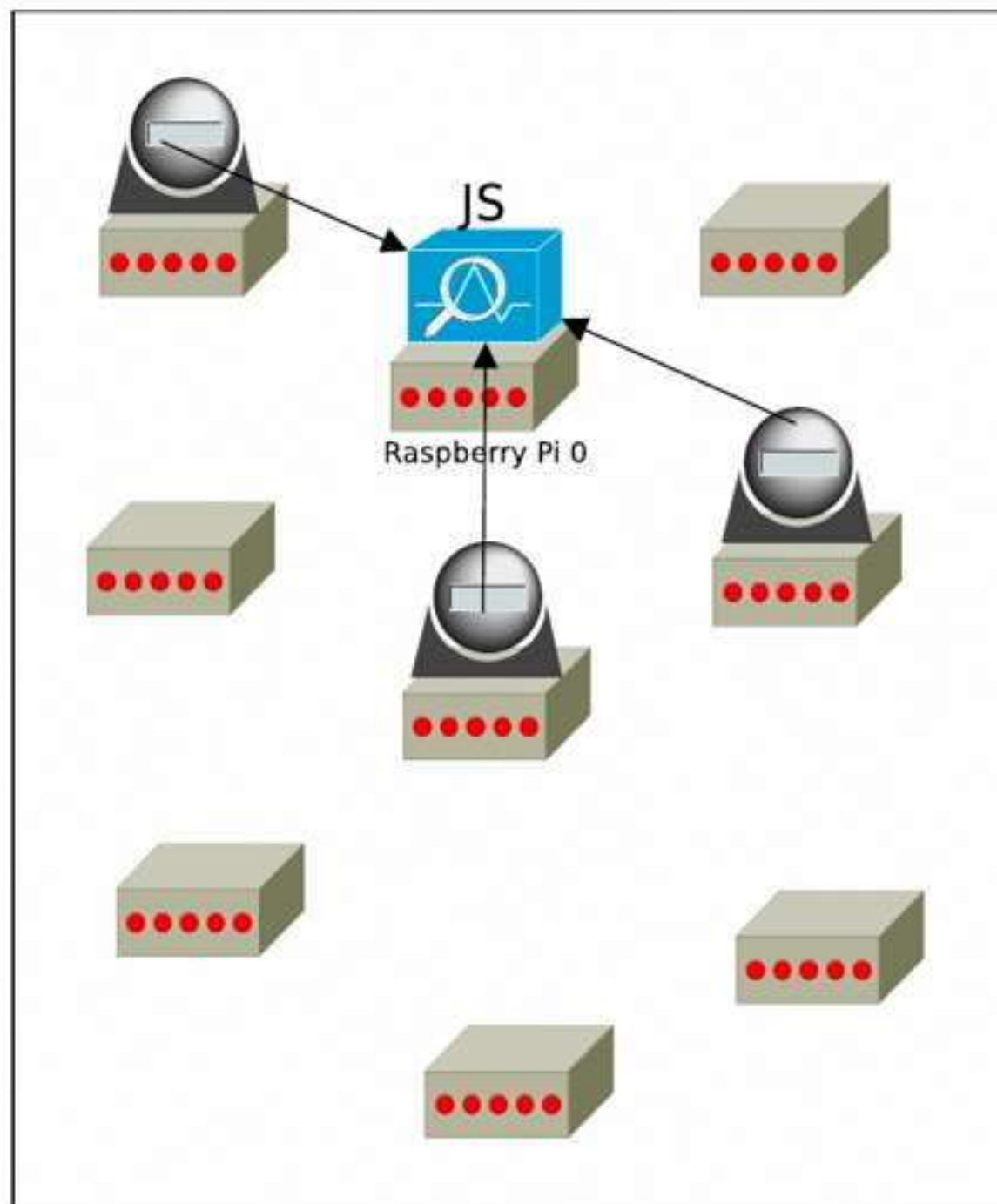
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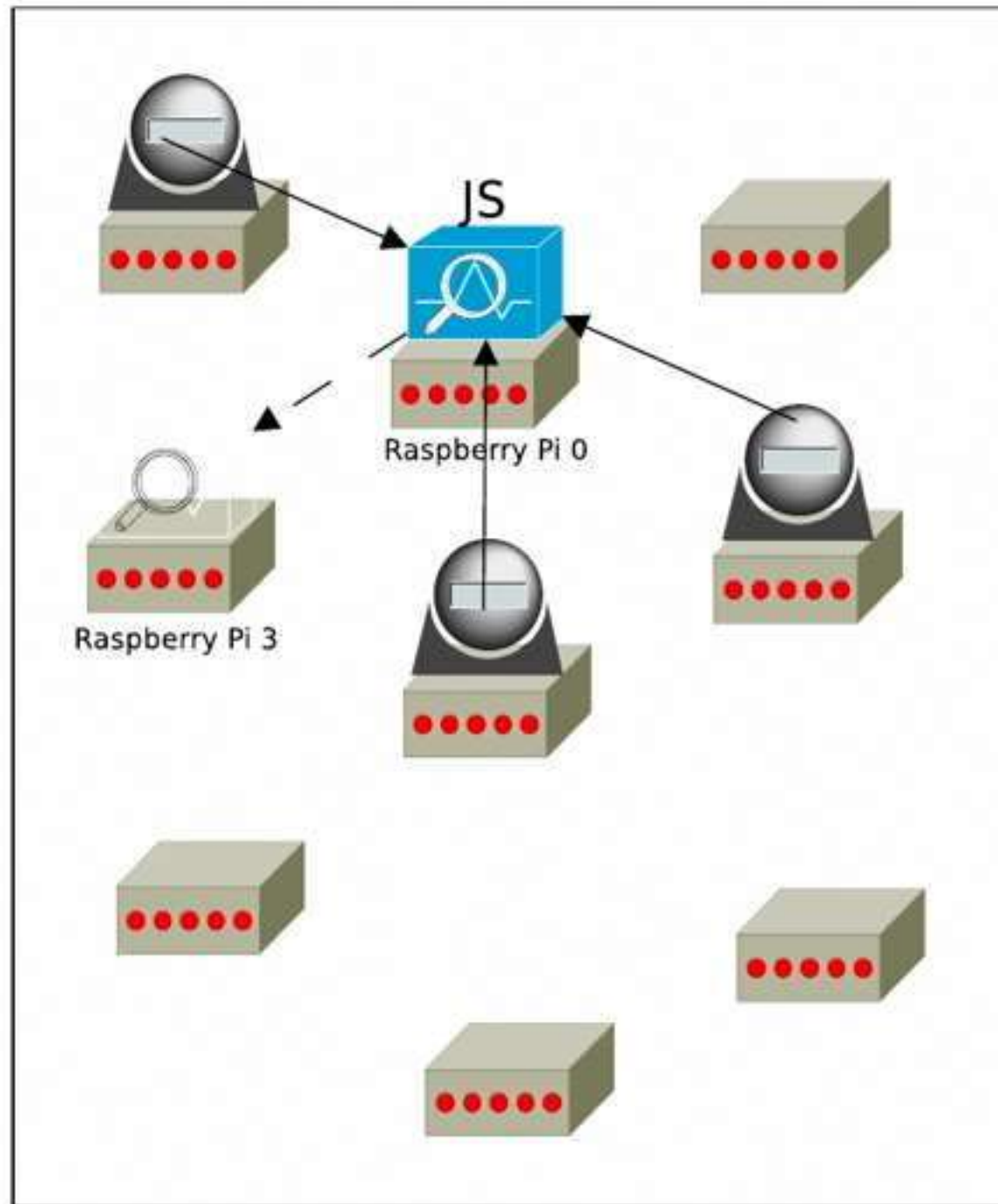
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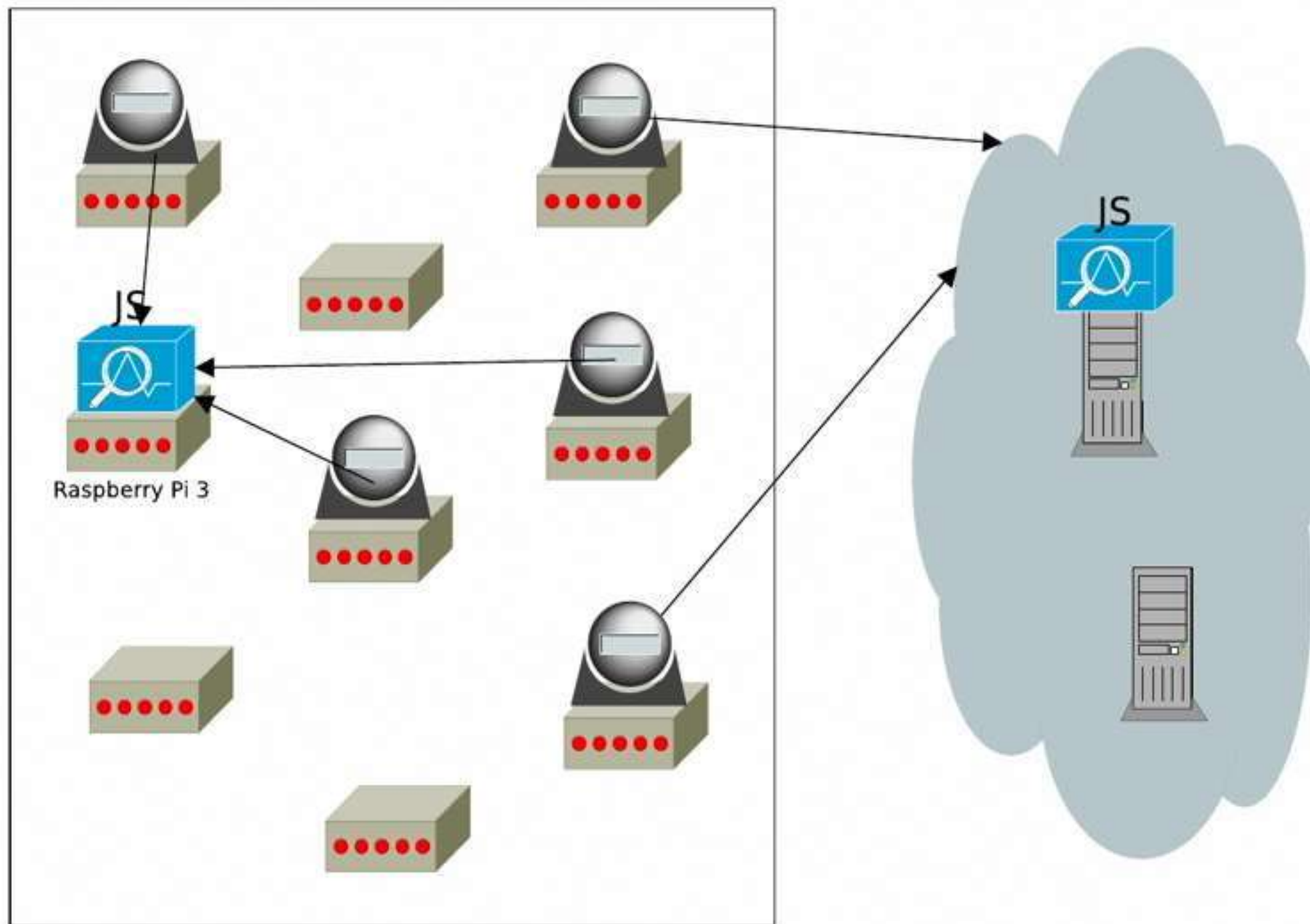
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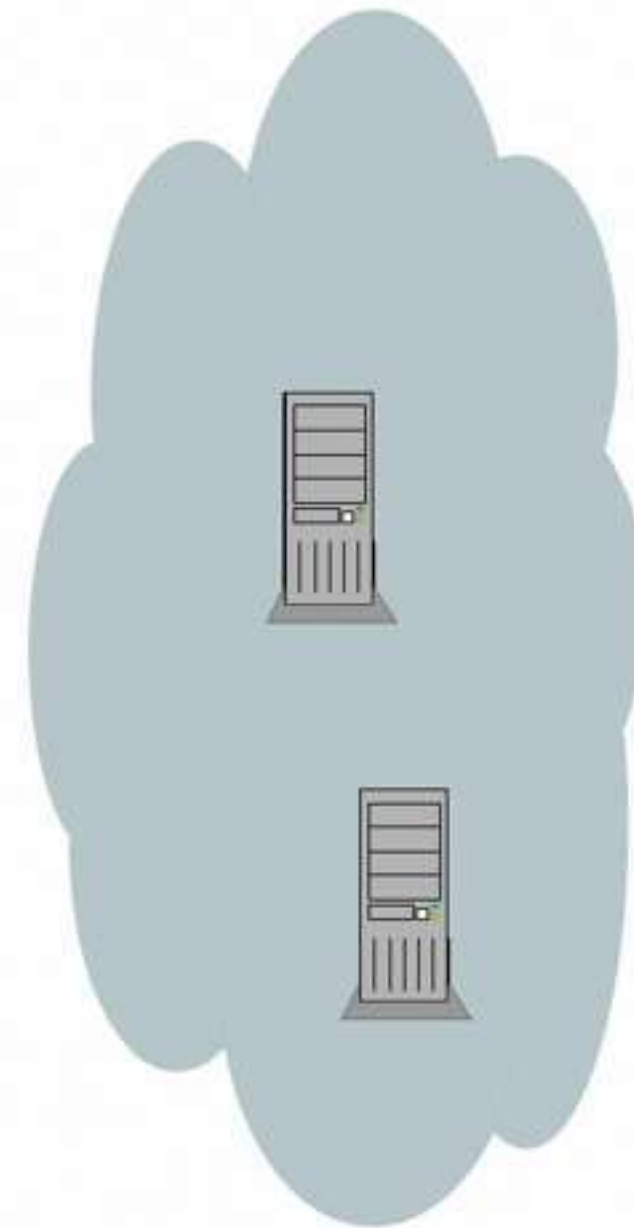
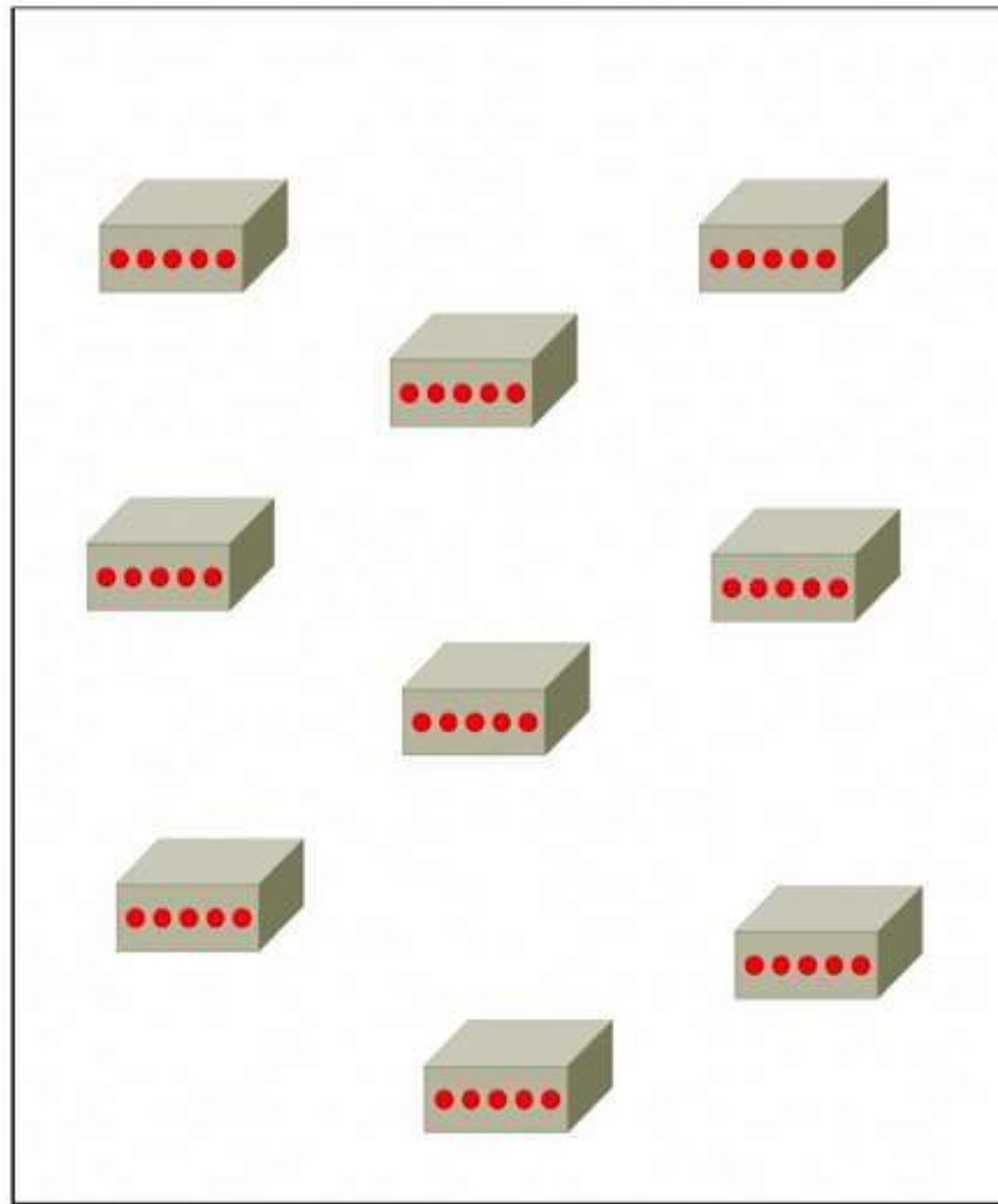
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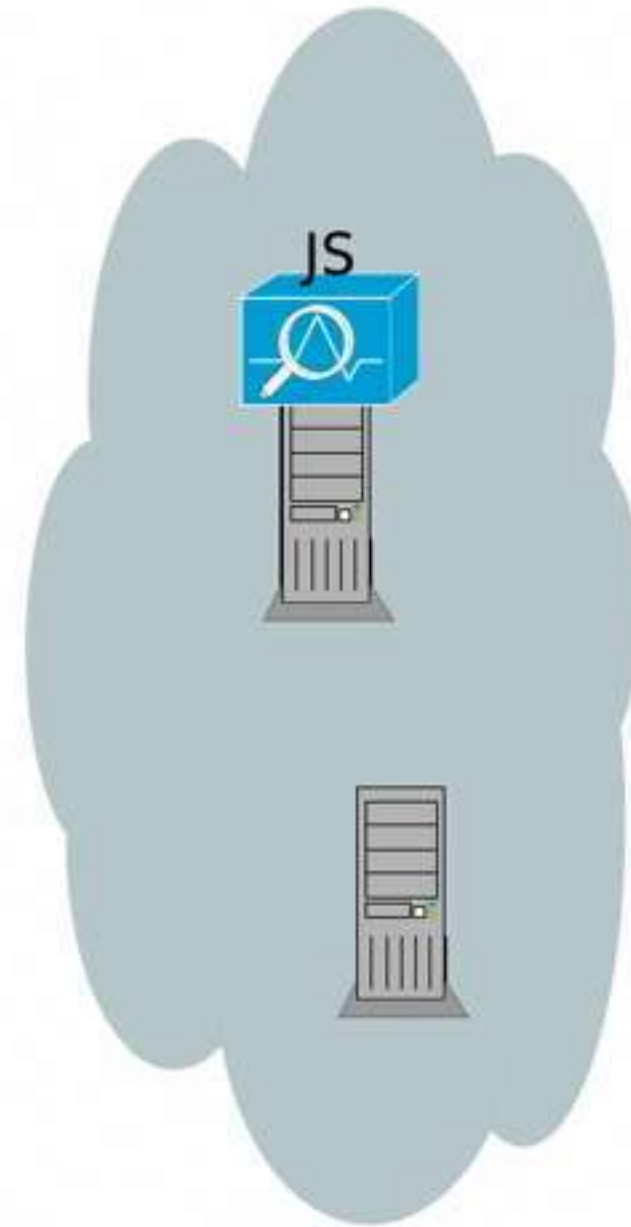
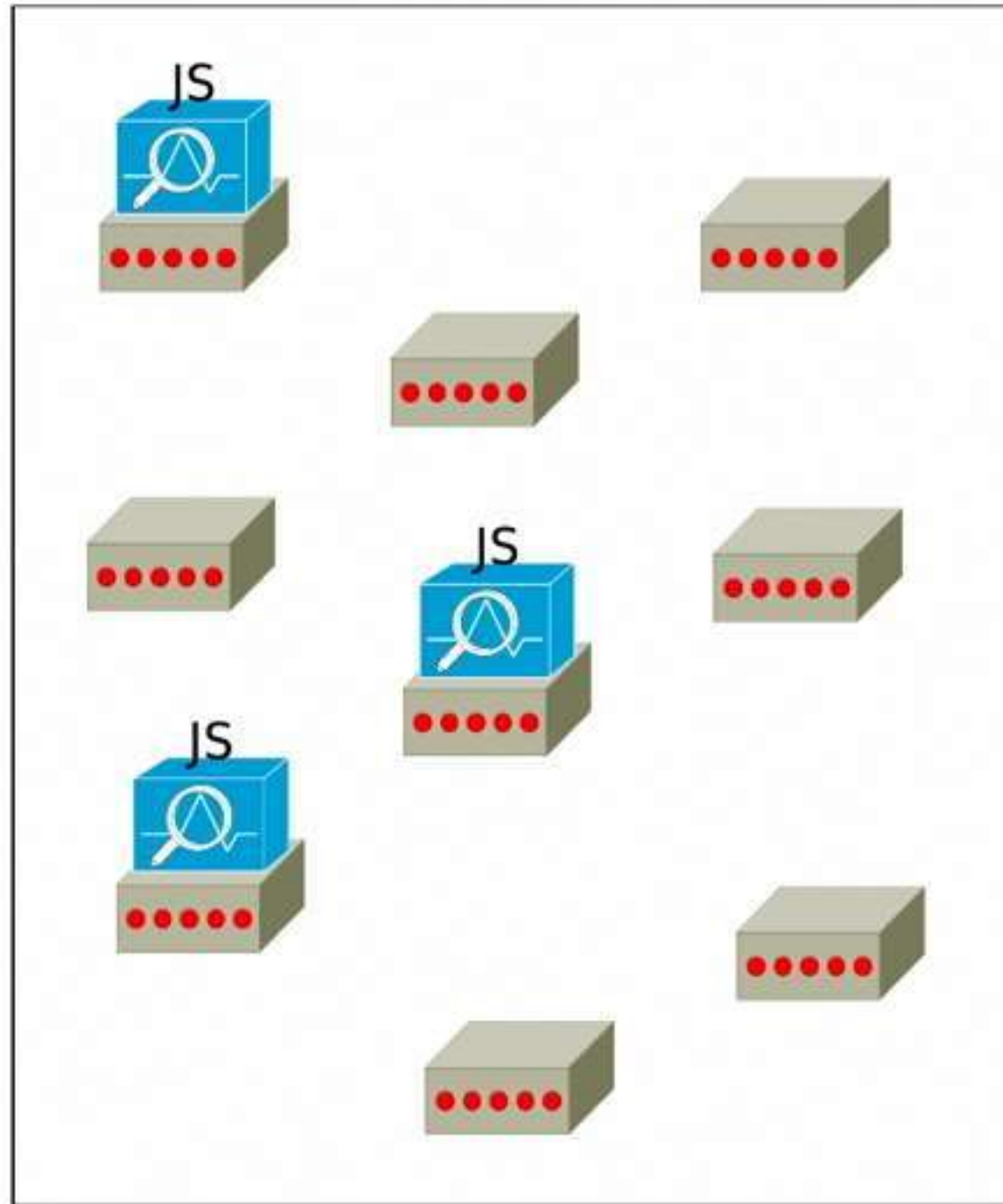
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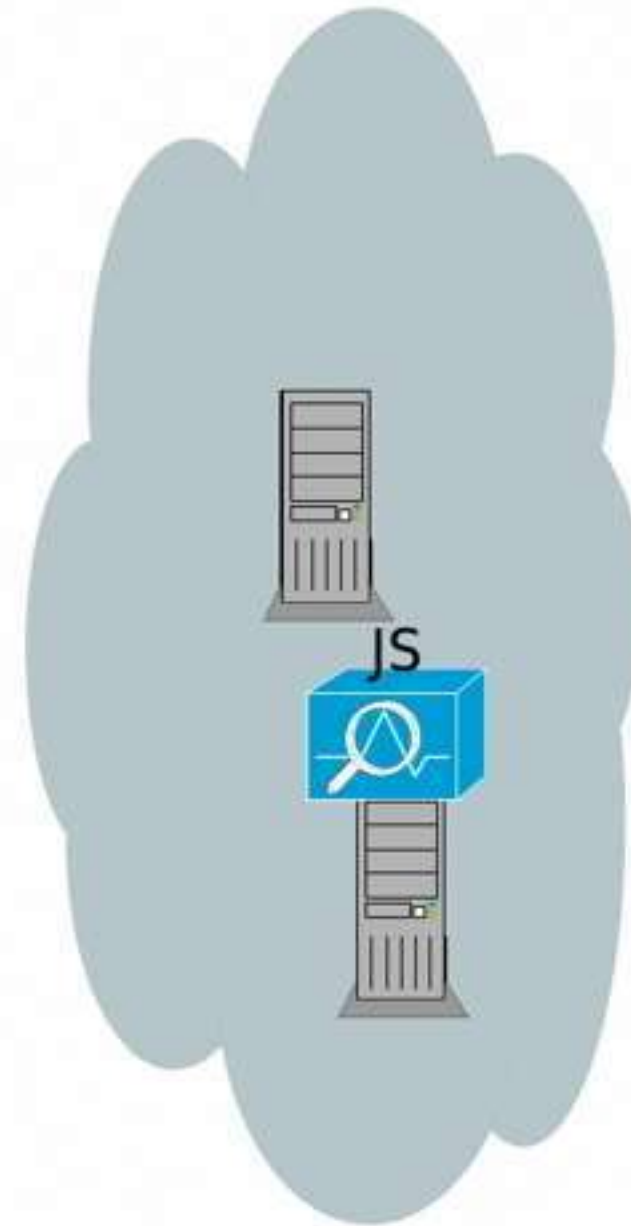
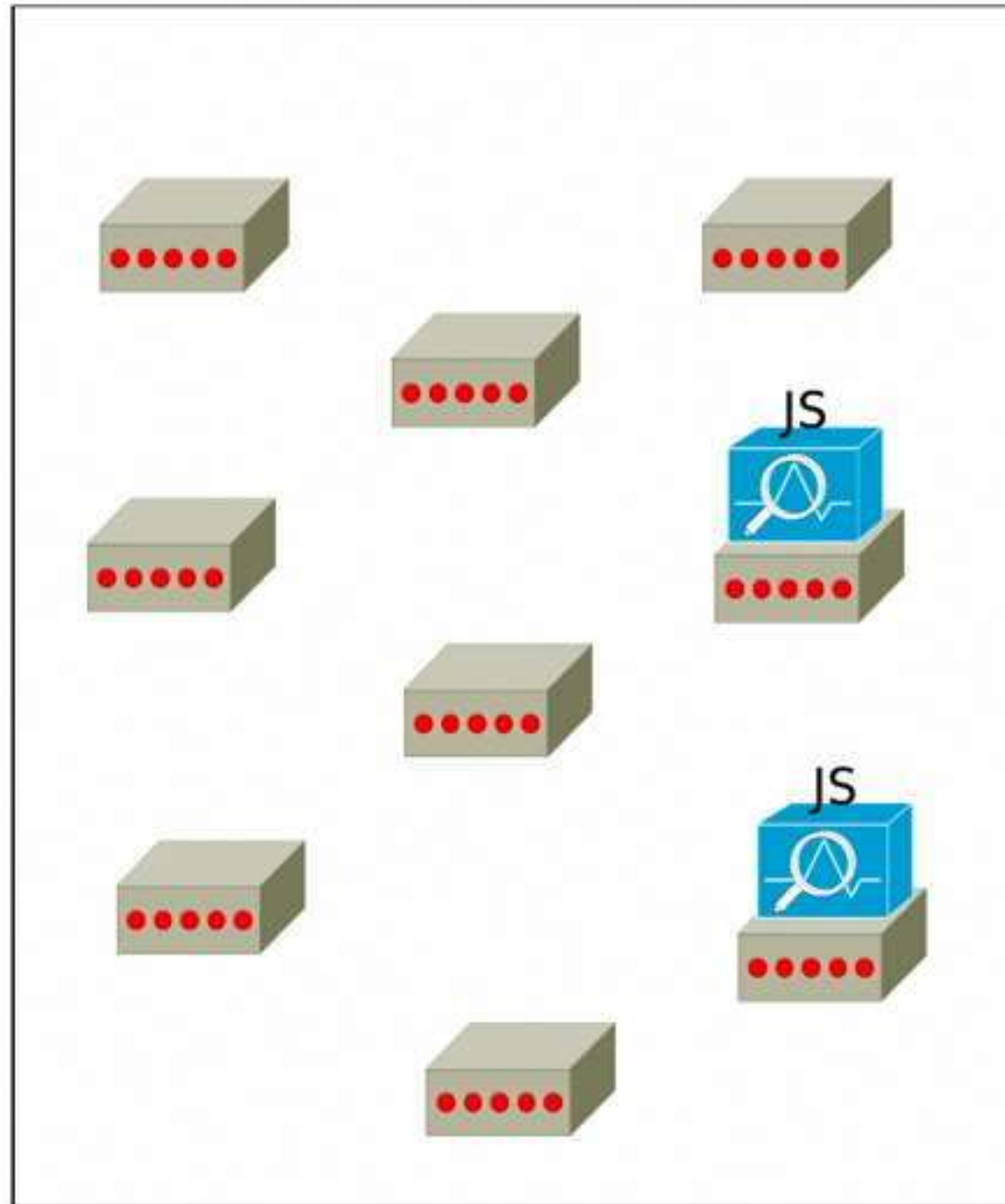
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Approach: Code Instrumentation & Reconstruction



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4   var value = 0;
5   counter.addVar("value", value);
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7   var anon1 = function() {
8     anon1 = new Scope(createcounters, "anon1");
9     value += 1;
10    anon1.setVar("value", value);
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12    return value;
13  }
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15  counter.addFunction("anon1", anon1);
16  return anon1;
17 };
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ThingsJS / ThingsMigrate: Open-Source on GitHub



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ThingsJS is a framework for running JavaScript applications on IoT devices such as Raspberry Pis <http://thingsjs.juliengs.com/>

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ThingsJS

- Nodes
- Codes
- Debug

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engine- IoT_Device_01	IDLE
engine- IoT_Device_02	IDLE

Raw Motion Video Stream Action

engine- IoT_Device_00 Status Graph Console



--- Select Code --- ▶ Run

engine- IoT_Device_01 Status Graph Console



--- Select Code --- ▶ Run

engine- IoT_Device_02 Status Graph Console



Team and Resources



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Research Team

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Resources:

- ThingsJS: <http://thingsjs.juliengs.com>
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Work done in collaboration with Intel

PGo

Compiling Distributed Systems Specifications into Implementations

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Distributed Systems are Hard

- Distributed systems are hard to **design** and **build**
- **Non-deterministic** sequence of events
- Components can **fail**



Google's data center, Council Bluffs, IA
<https://www.google.com/about/datacenters/gallery>

Distributed Systems are Everywhere

- Distributed systems are widely deployed [1]
- Failures can be very **costly**
 - DynamoDB's outage in 2015 caused downtime on Netflix, Reddit, etc [2]
 - S3's outage in 2017 caused loss of millions of dollars [3]



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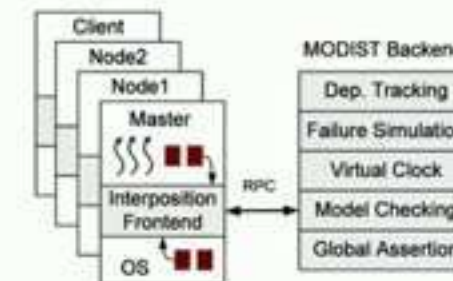
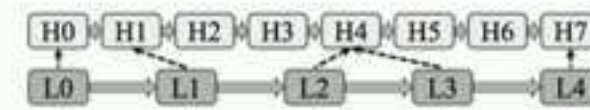
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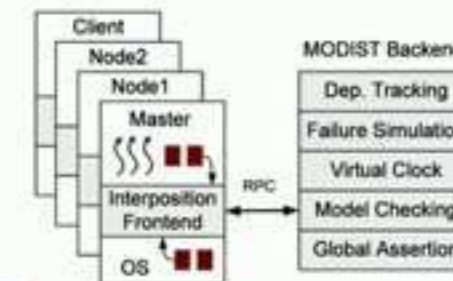
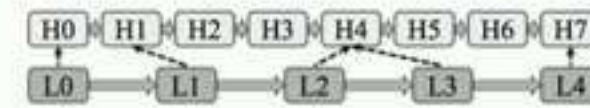
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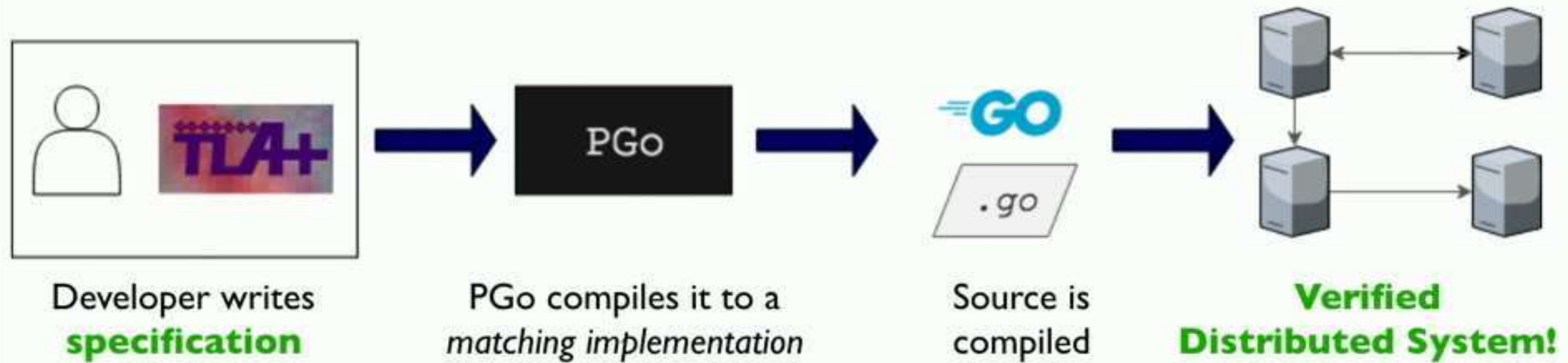
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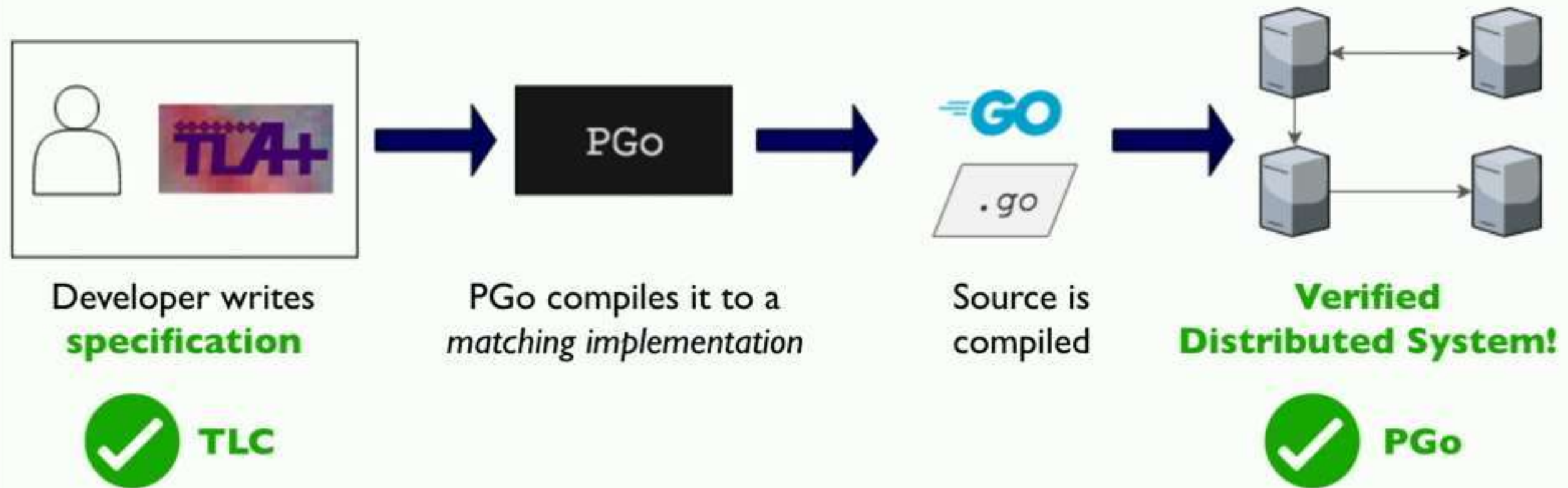


Hard to scale to large systems,
or require a lot of work from developers

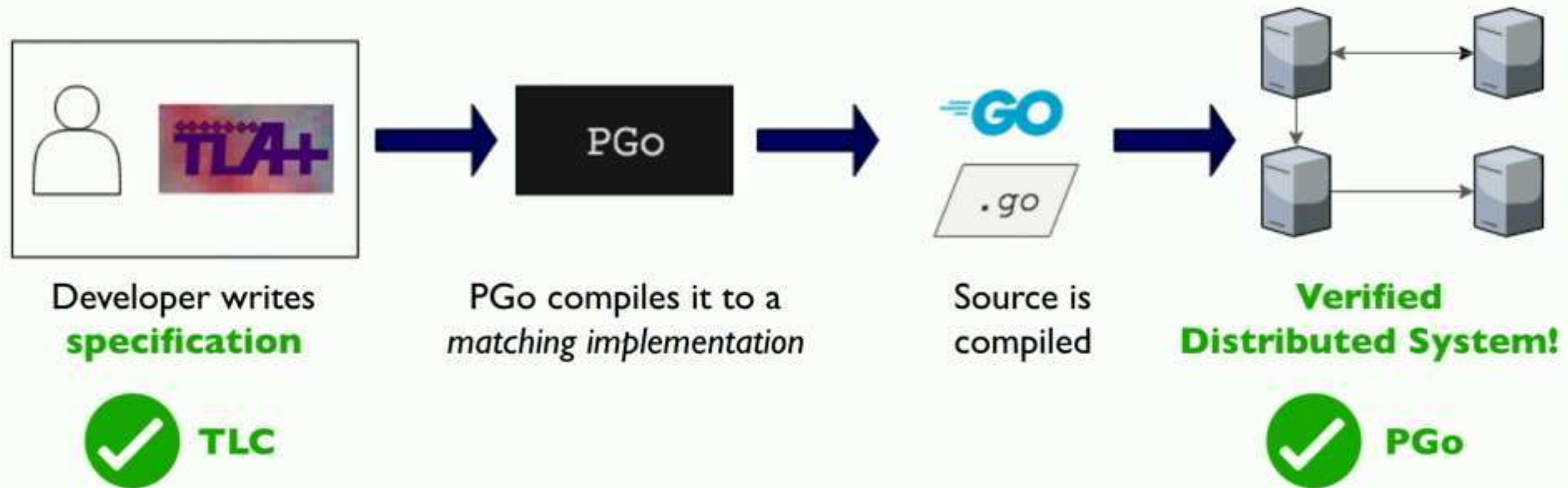
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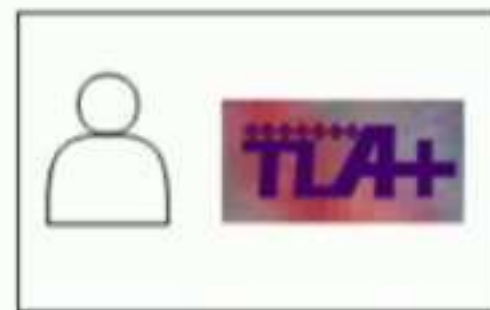
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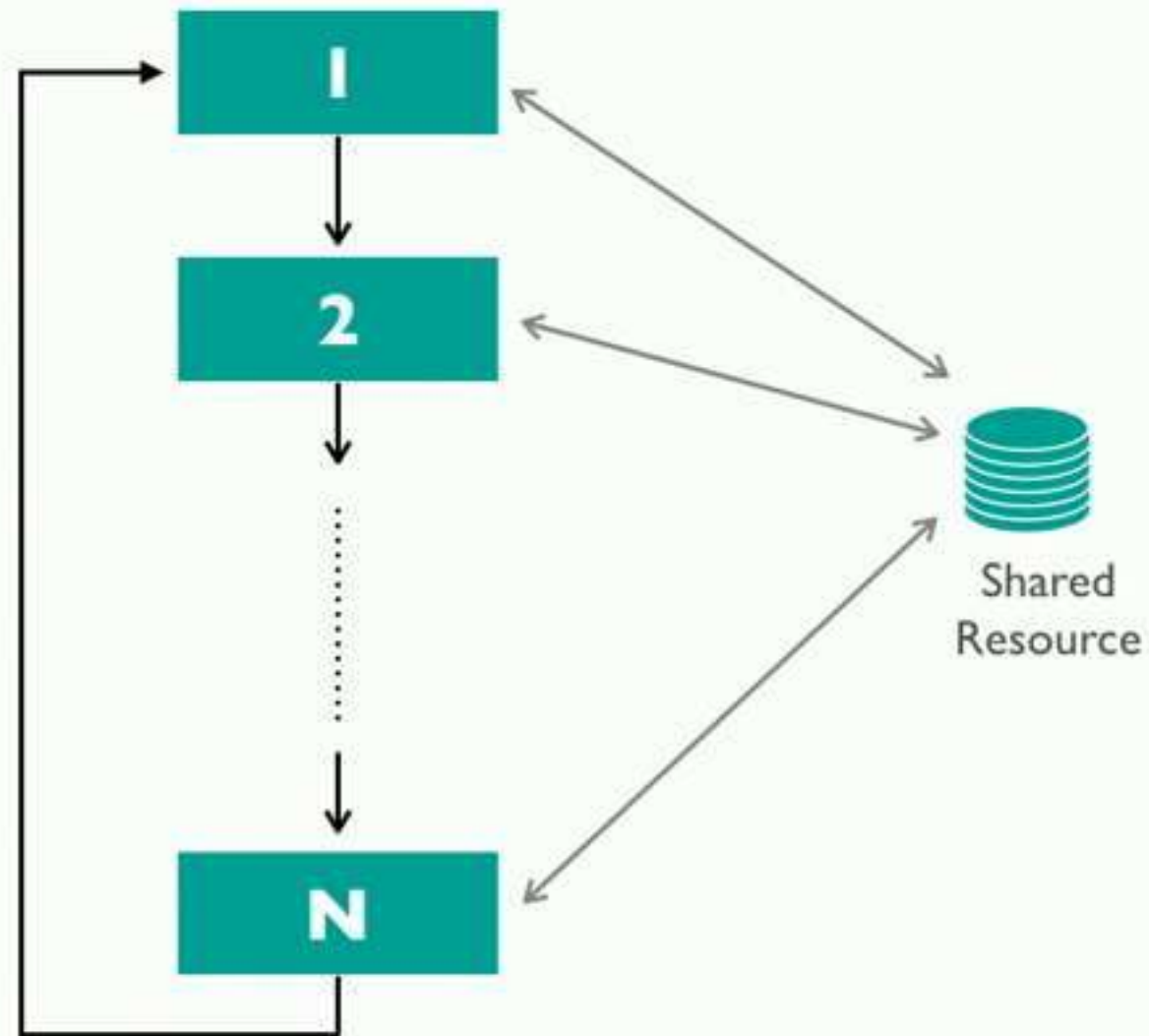
Transition from *design* (specification) to *implementation* is **automated**

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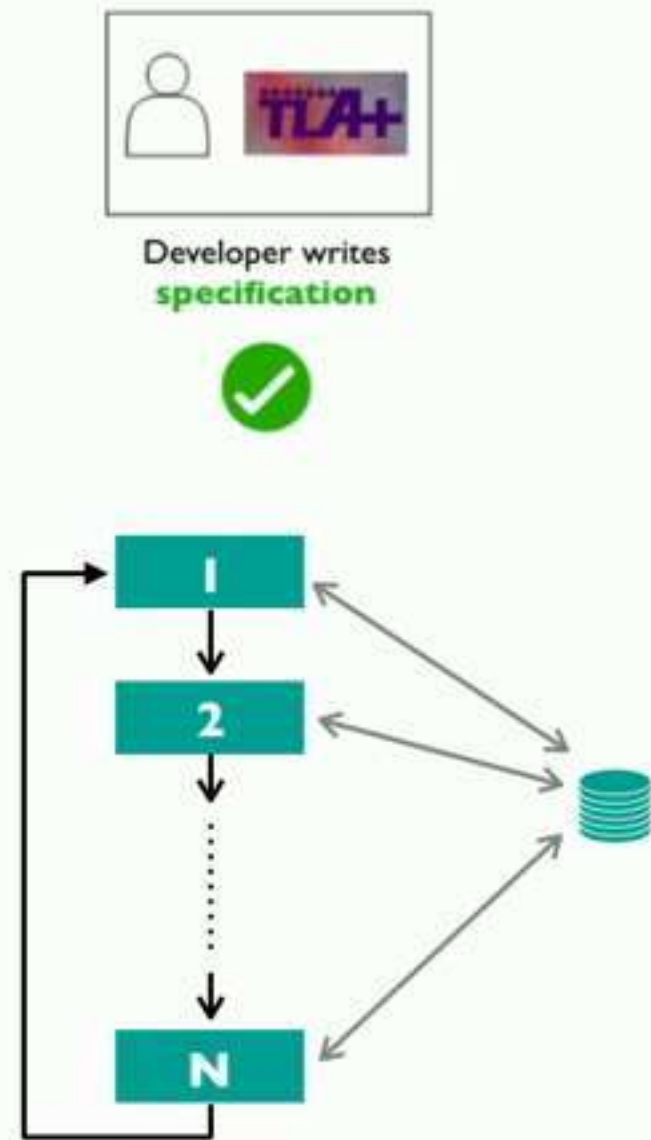
Round-Robin Resource Sharing



Developer writes
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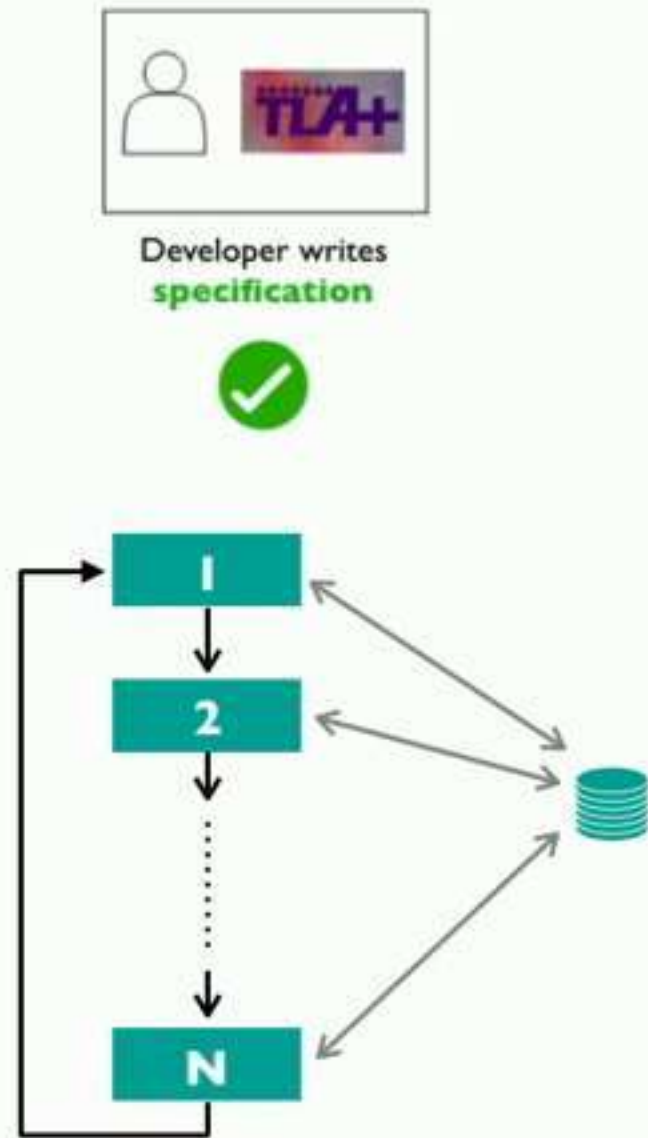


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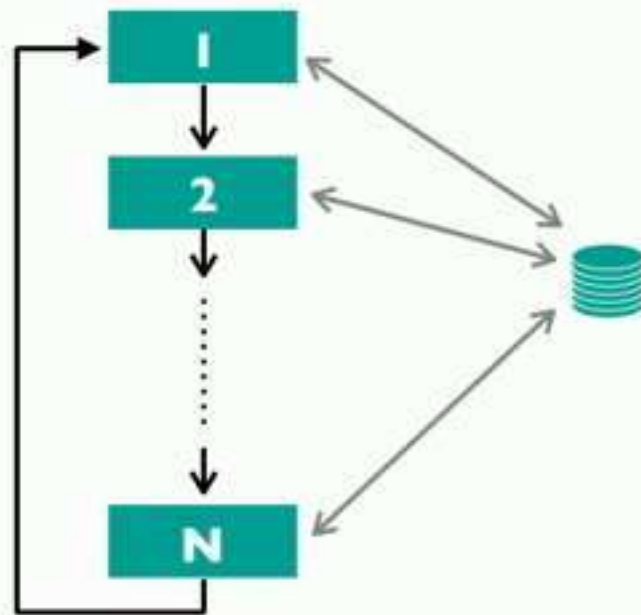
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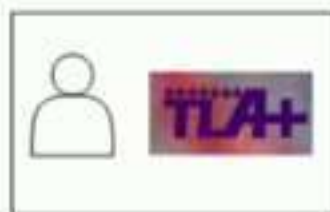


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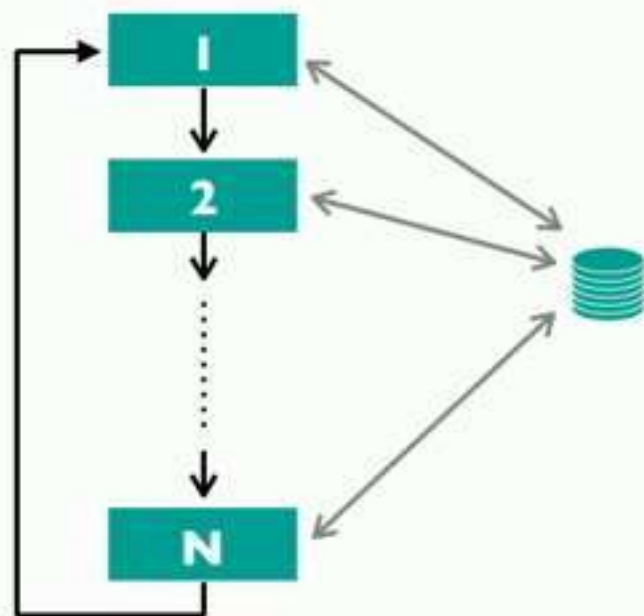
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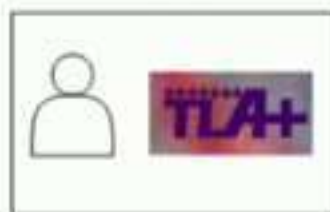
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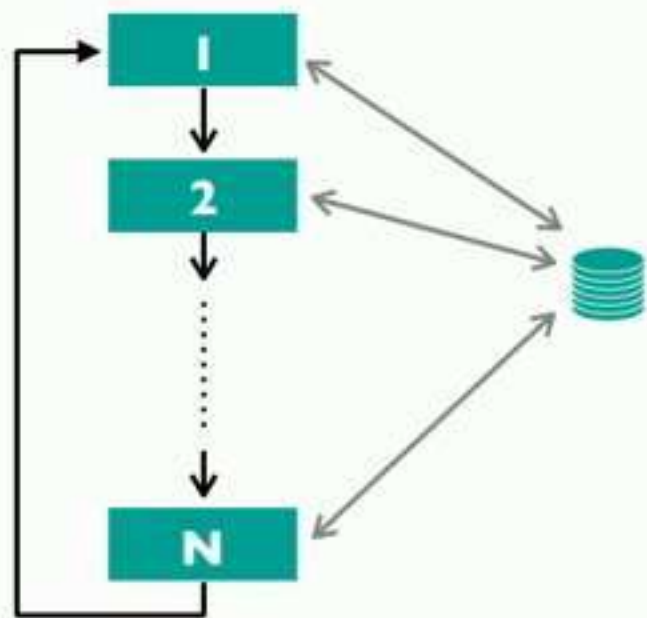
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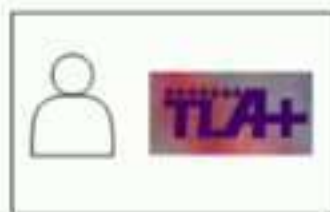
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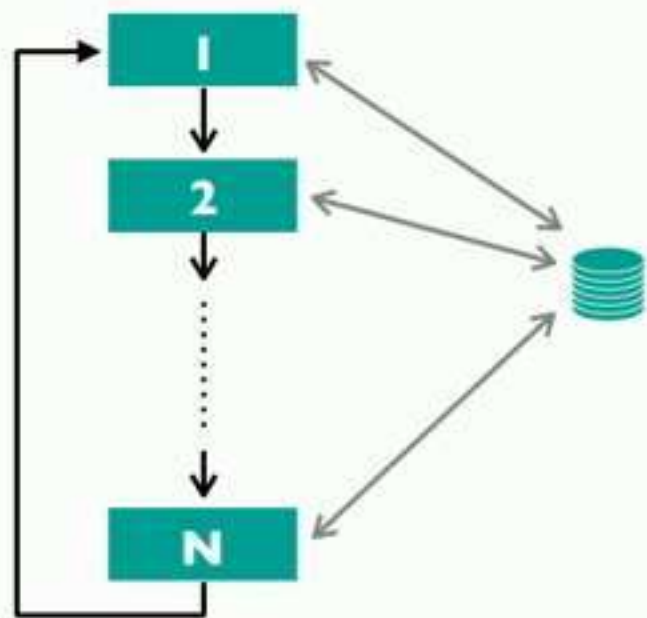
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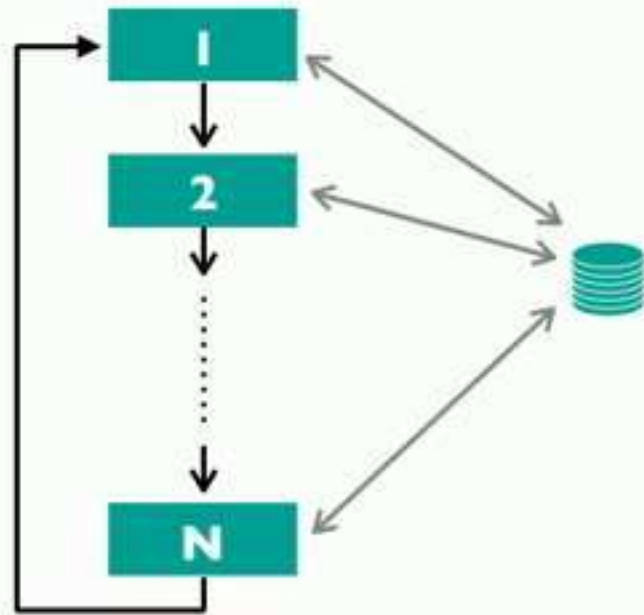
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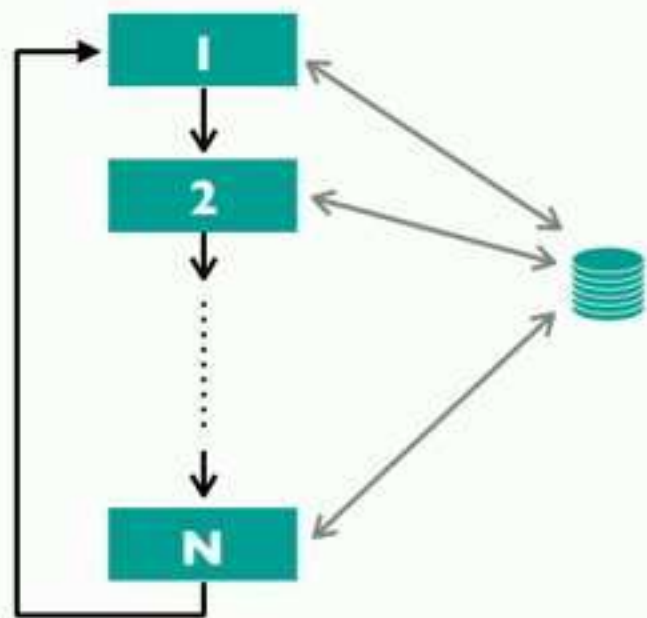
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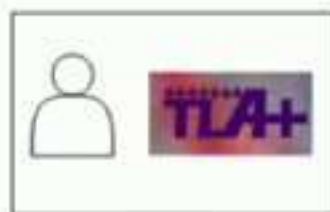
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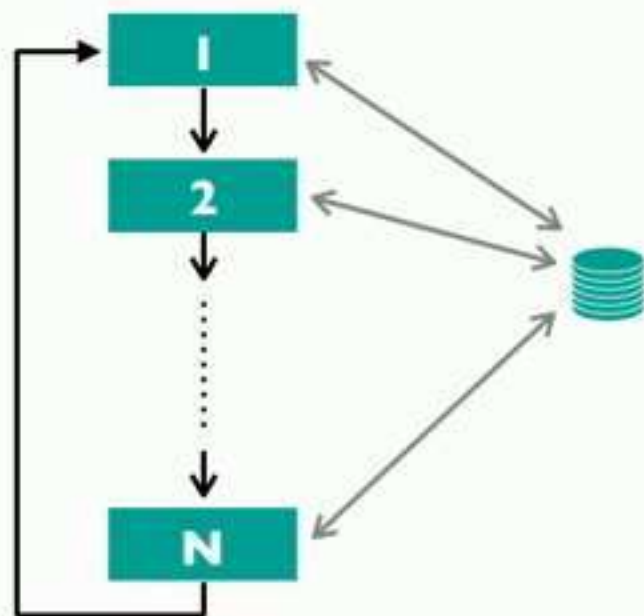
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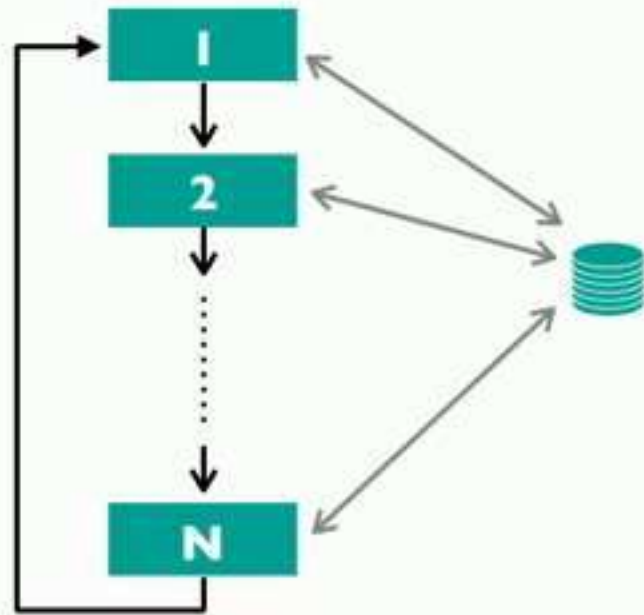
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PGo Workflow: (1)

Properties of our System



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Invariants

Token is
within bounds

$\text{token} \in 0..procs-1$

Properties

Counter
Converges

Termination \Rightarrow
(counter = procs * iters)

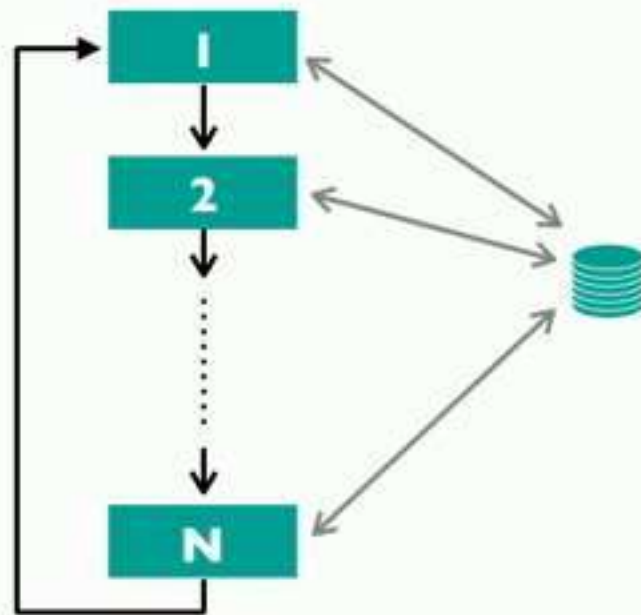
Processes
Get the Token

$\forall p \in \text{ProcSet} :$
 $\langle \rangle (\text{token} = p)$

PGo Workflow: (1) Verifying



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Model Checked with TLC!

Model Checking Results

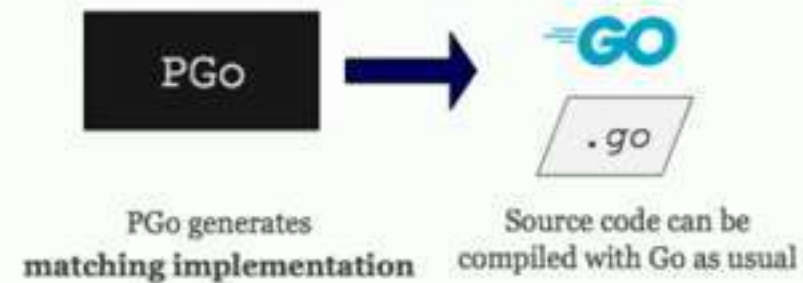


General

Start time: Fri May 04 01:45:30 PDT 2018
End time: Fri May 04 01:45:37 PDT 2018
TLC mode: Breadth-first search
Last checkpoint time:
Current status: Not running
Errors detected: No errors

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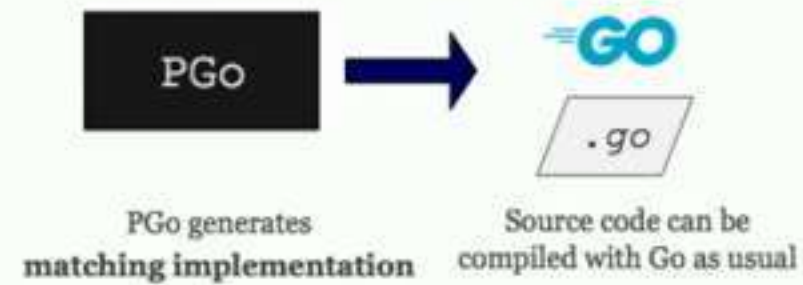
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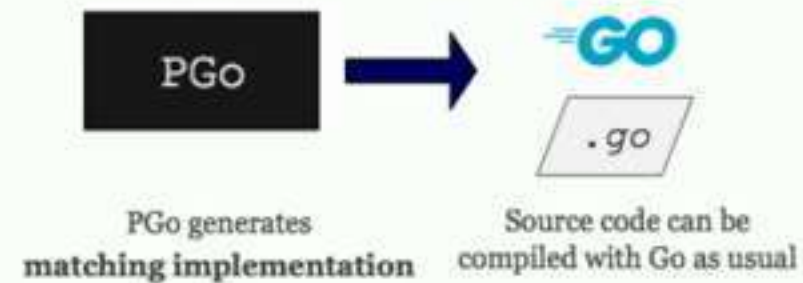
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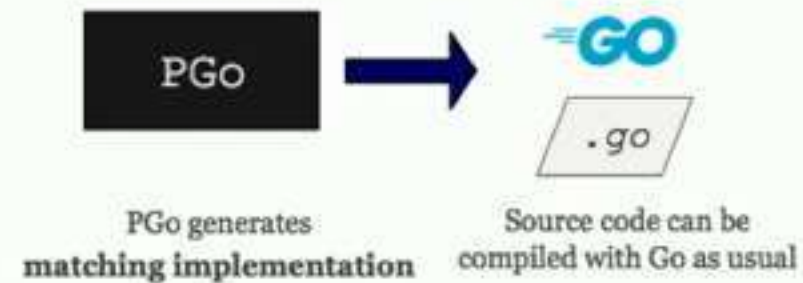
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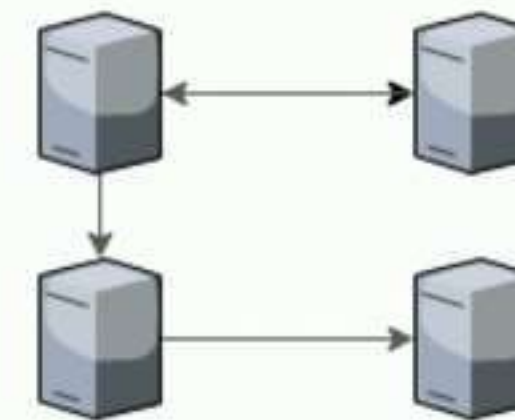
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PGo Workflow: (3) Using Compiled Code

- Generated Go code can run as **any of the processes** defined in PlusCal

```
$ ./counter
Usage: ./counter process(argument) ip:port

$ ./counter 'P(1)' 192.168.1.80:2222
```



**Verified
Distributed System!**

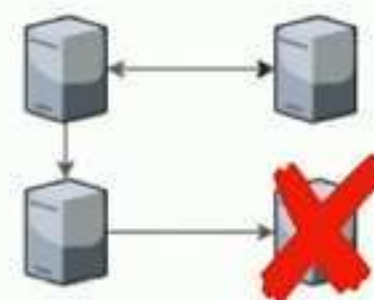


Current Status

- PGo is currently able to compile **concurrent** and **distributed** systems
- Support for different strategies to deal with **global state** in a distributed system
- Compiles simple distributed applications
 - Example: ~30 lines of PlusCal generates ~80 lines of Go source code

Work in Progress

- Support a **larger subset** of PlusCal/TLA+
- Generating distributed systems that are **fault tolerant**
- Make it easy for developers to **change generated code**

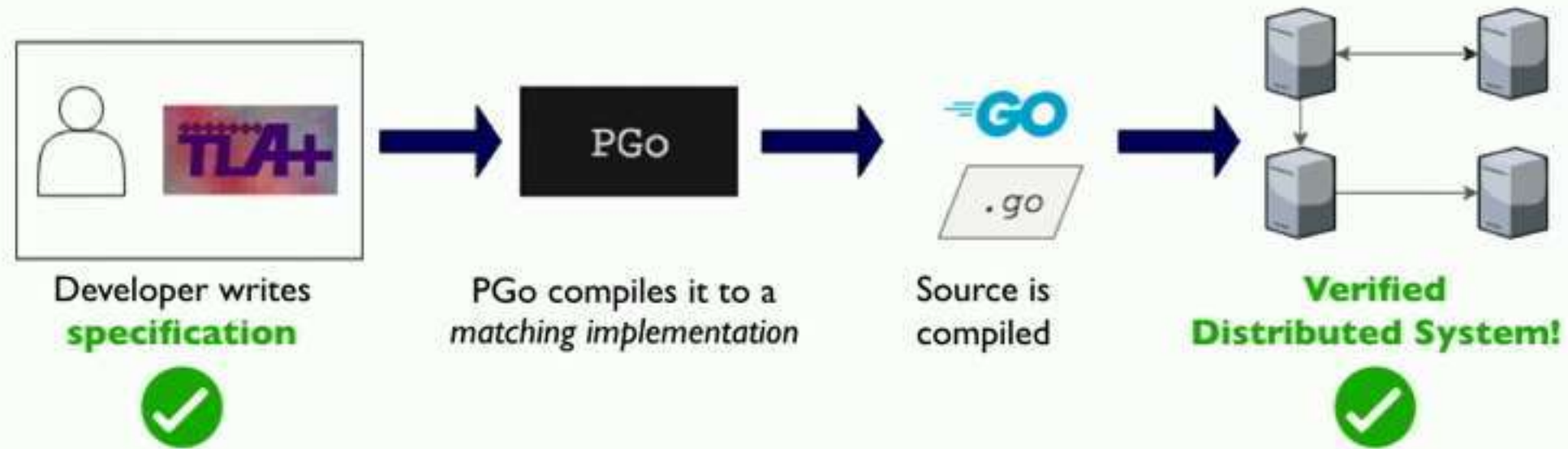


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MODULE SyncQueue
CONSTANT Message
VARIABLES in, out
Internal(q)  $\triangleq$  INSTANCE SyncQueueInternal
Fifo  $\triangleq$   $\exists q : \text{Internal}(q) \wedge \text{Fifo}$ 
```


Limitations

- Specifications are very **high level**: not everything can be compiled efficiently
- May require developers to insert **annotations** when PGo cannot infer required information (e.g., types)
- Both the PGo compiler and the associated runtime **need to be trusted** in order to claim correctness

Conclusion — PGo: Compiling Verified Distributed Systems



Bridging the gap between **design** and **implementation** of a distributed system

Writing **verified** distributed systems **easier** to build



<https://github.com/ubc-nss/pgo>

Which bugs and tests should we use in experiments?

René Just and Michael Ernst
PNW PLSE meeting
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Joint work with Spencer Pearson, José Campos, Gordon Fraser, Rui Abreu, Deric Pang, Benjamin Keller, Chris Parnin, Ian Drosos

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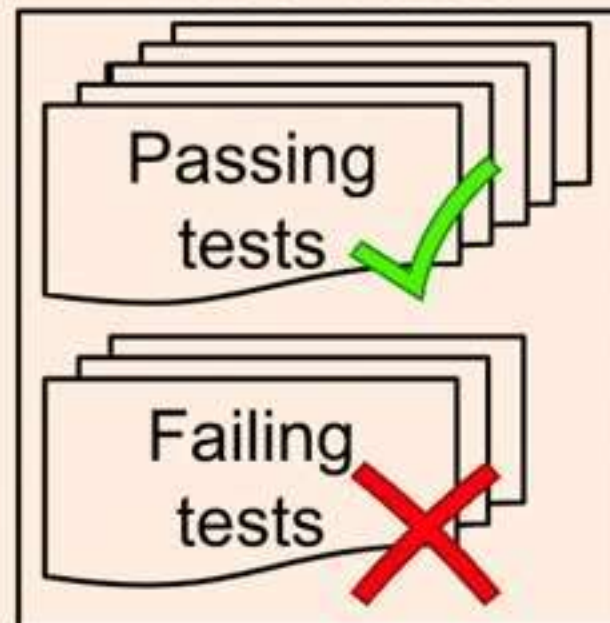
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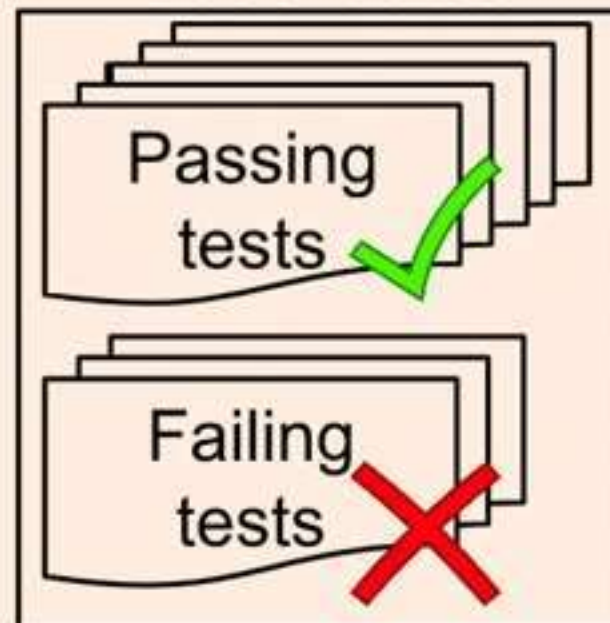
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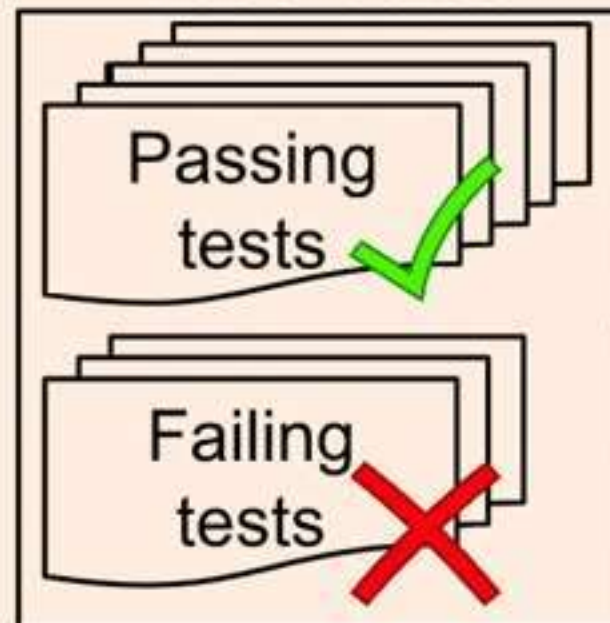
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Our work

- 2995 artificial defects
 - $> \Sigma$ previous studies
- 310 real defects
 - Each fixed by developers
 - $5 \times \Sigma$ previous studies
 - Several person-years
 - <https://github.com/rjust/defects4j>

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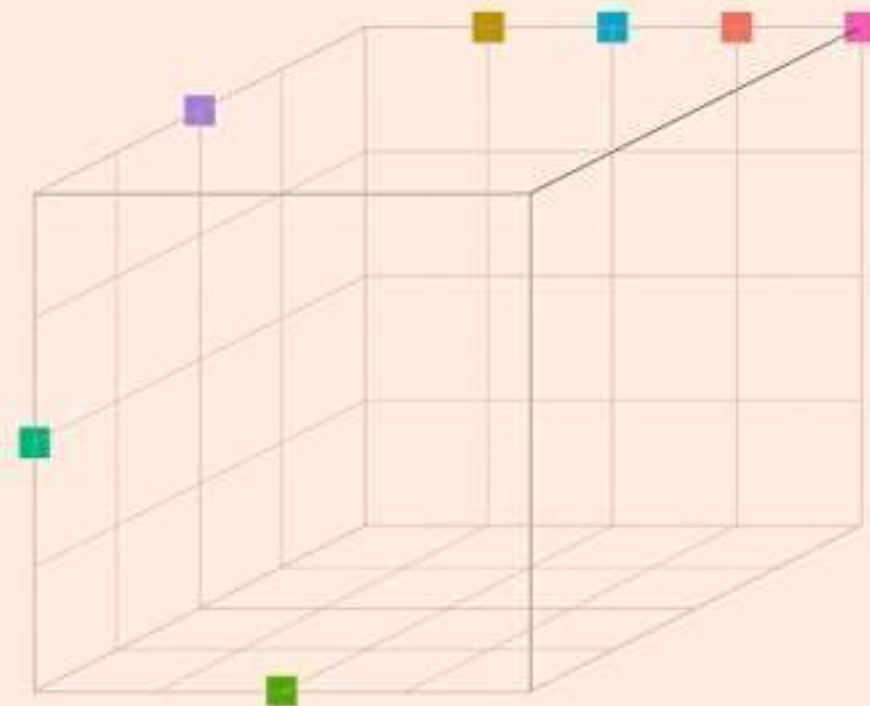
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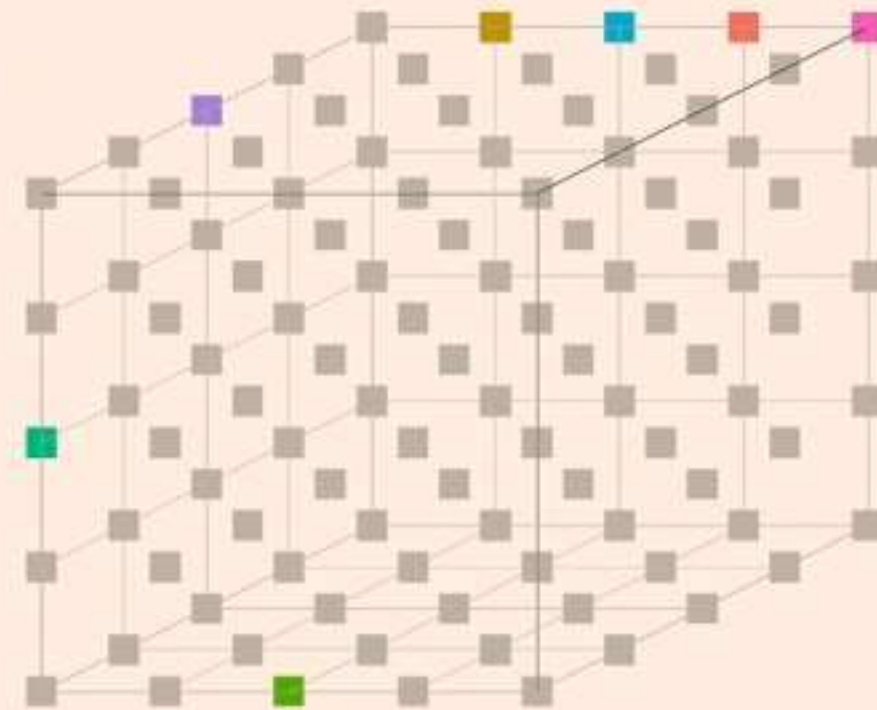
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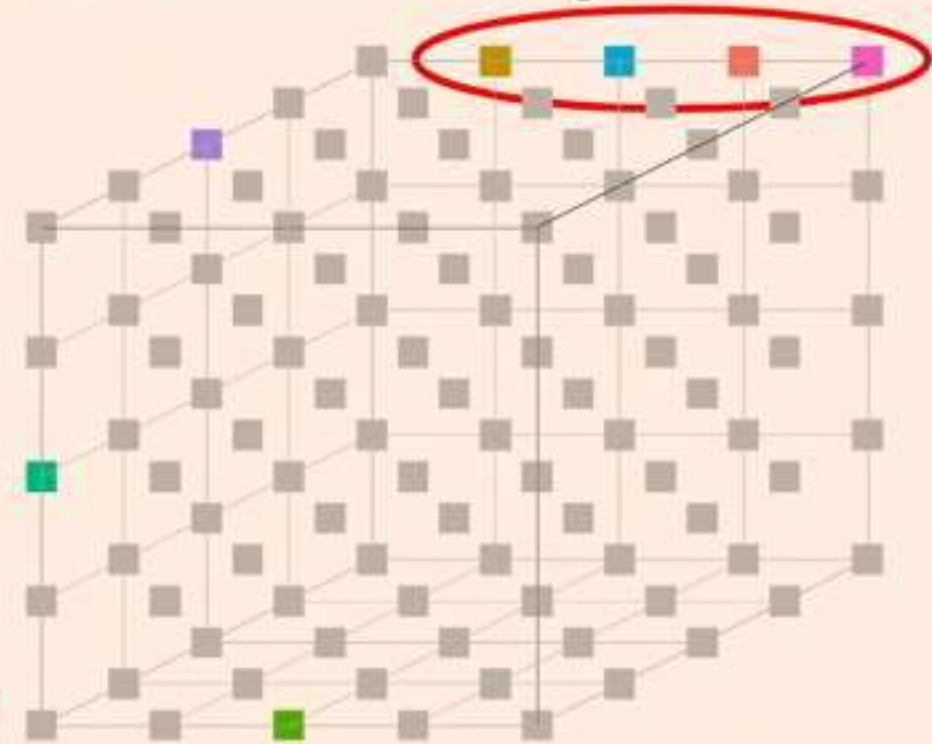
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- Barinel, D*, Ochiai, and Tarantula are indistinguishable



Existing FL techniques perform best.
No breakthroughs in the explored **design space.**

New hybrid technique

In practice, only the top results matter

- Top-10 useful for practitioners¹.
- Top-200 useful for automated program repair².

Technique	Top-5	Top-10	Top-200
Hybrid	36%	45%	85%
DStar (<i>best SBFL</i>)	30%	39%	82%
Metallaxis (<i>best MBFL</i>)	29%	39%	77%

Hybrid technique performs well on the metric that matters.

¹Kochhar et al., *Practitioners' Expectations on Automated Fault Localization*, ISSTA'16

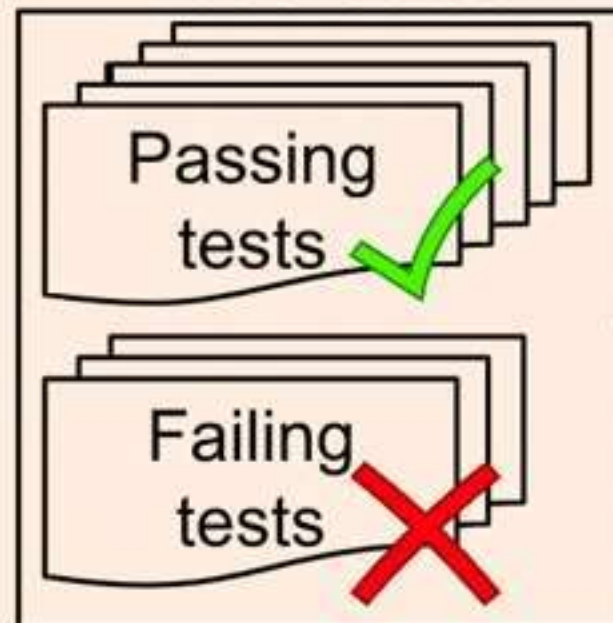
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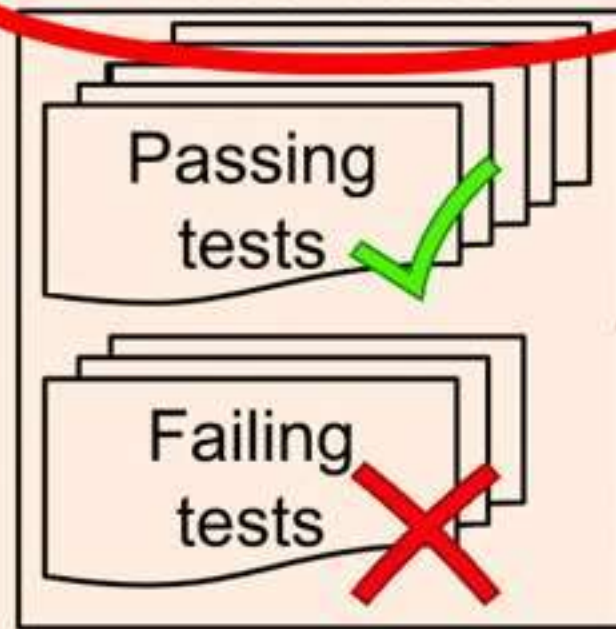

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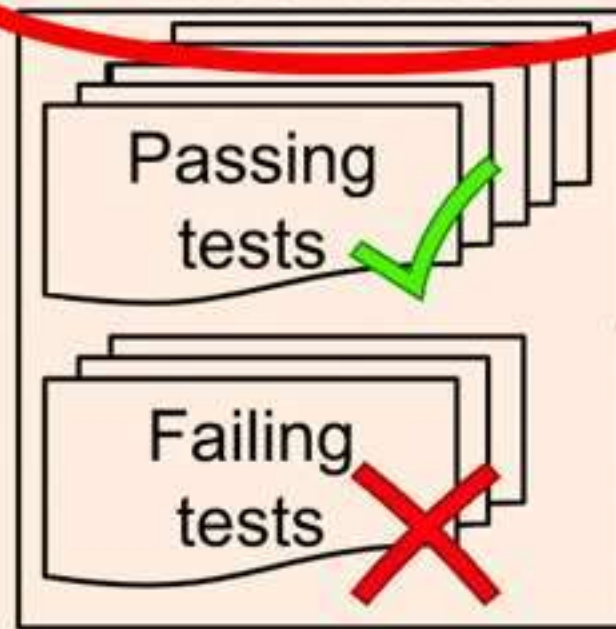
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In practice, fault localization is run on tests from **bug reports**.

User-provided tests in the bug report vs. developer-provided tests committed with the fix

Developer-provided tests have:

- More tests
- More lines of test code
- Less coverage (more focused)
- More assertions
- Stronger assertions

Effect on tools

(applied to user-provided vs. developer-provided tests)

Fault localization:

- Better EXAM score with developer-provided tests
- Better top-N score by 5-14%

Automated program repair:

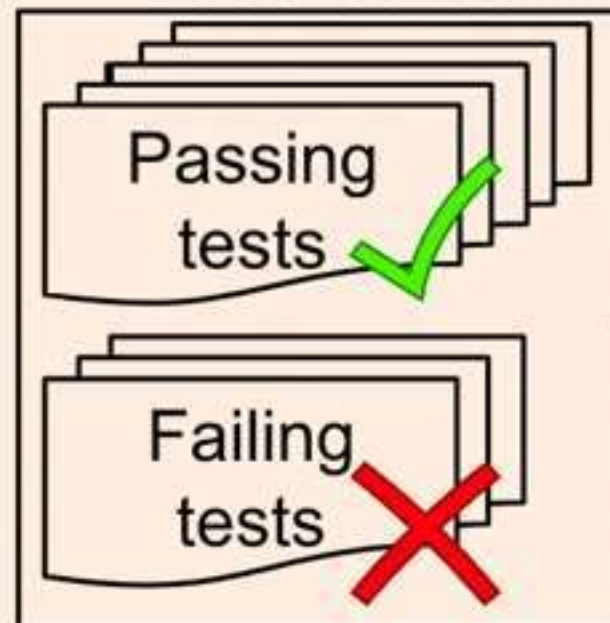
- Developer-provided tests: repair 5/100 defects
- User-provided tests: repair 1/100 defects
(For that defect, user-submitted test = developer-provided!)
 - Fewer generated patches (irrelevant measure)
 - Fewer correct patches
 - Longer run time
 - Partly due to worse fault localization

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technique 1

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Is fault localization research especially bad?

It's no worse than other research, and better than much

It has found its conscience; other areas are still seeking

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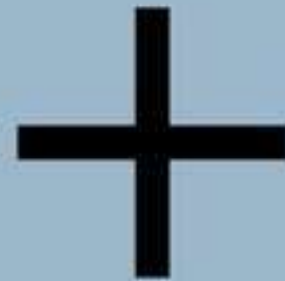
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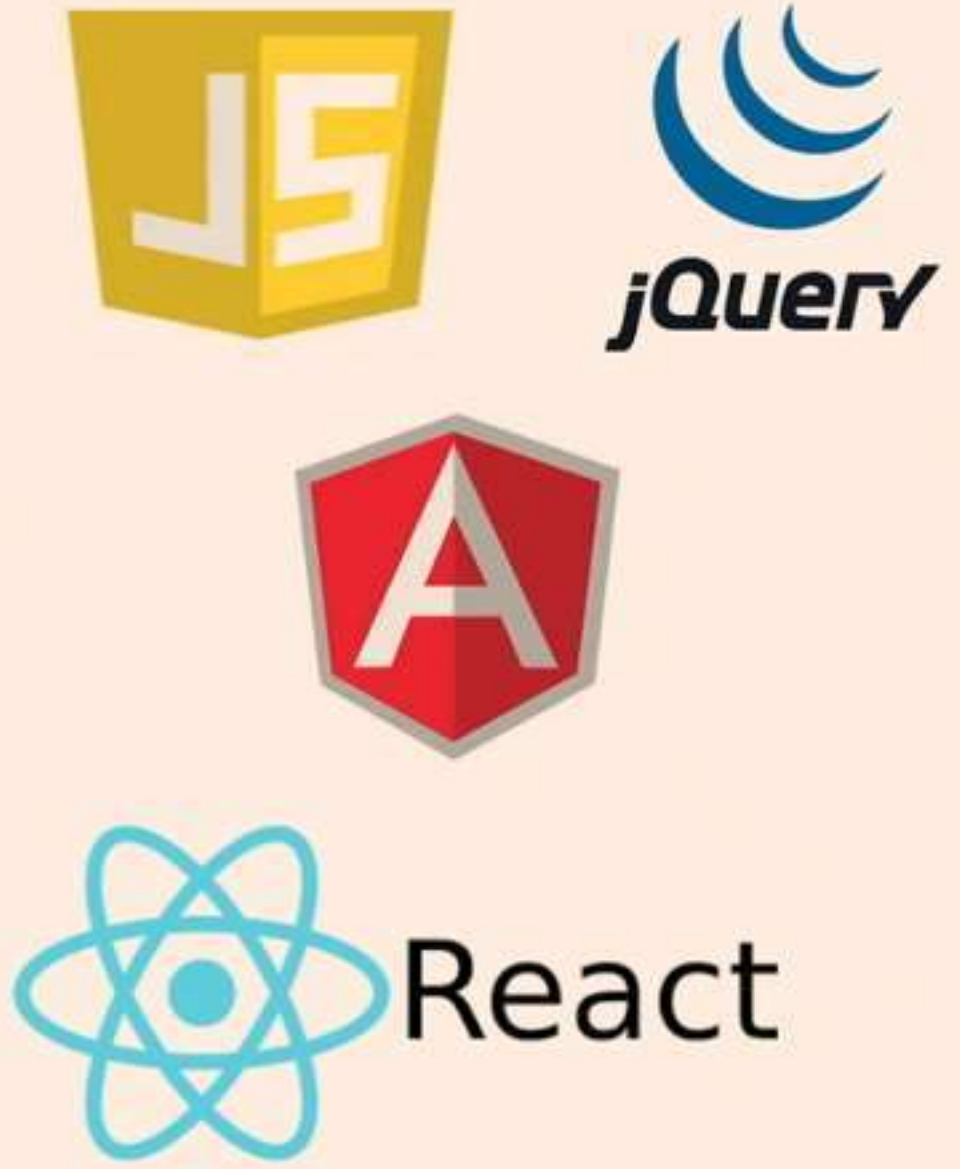
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ADA Best Practices 

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Describes behavior of complex web pages

35 pages of text → 1000 lines of formalization

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Reuse across versions, pages, websites

Much faster: small problem size, parallelism

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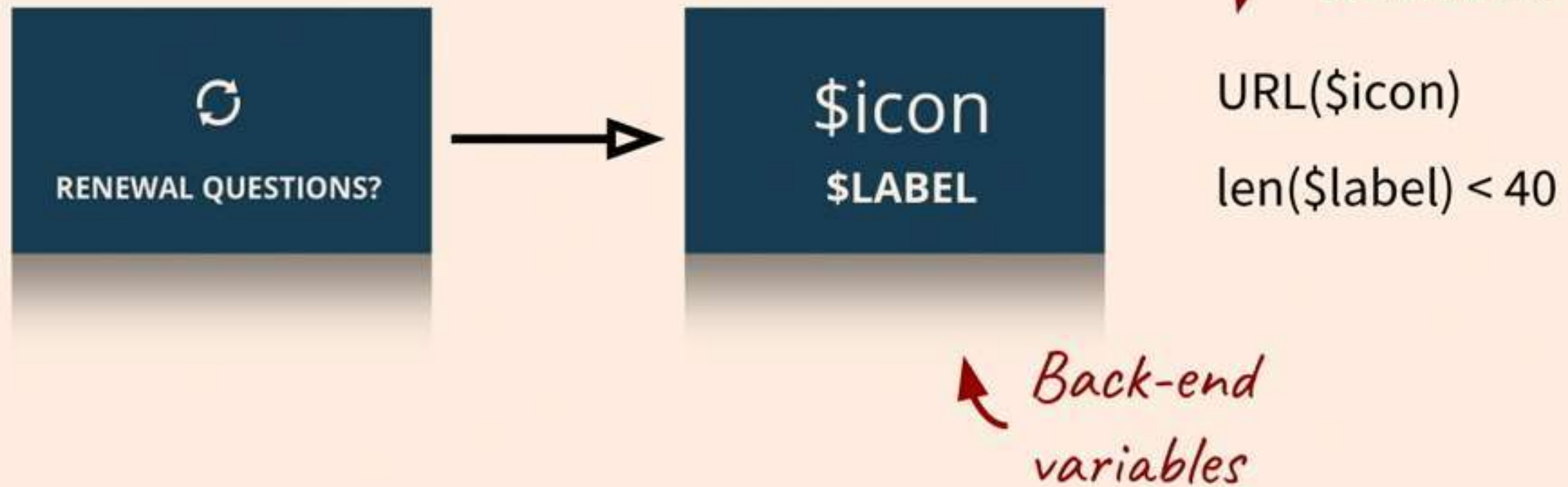


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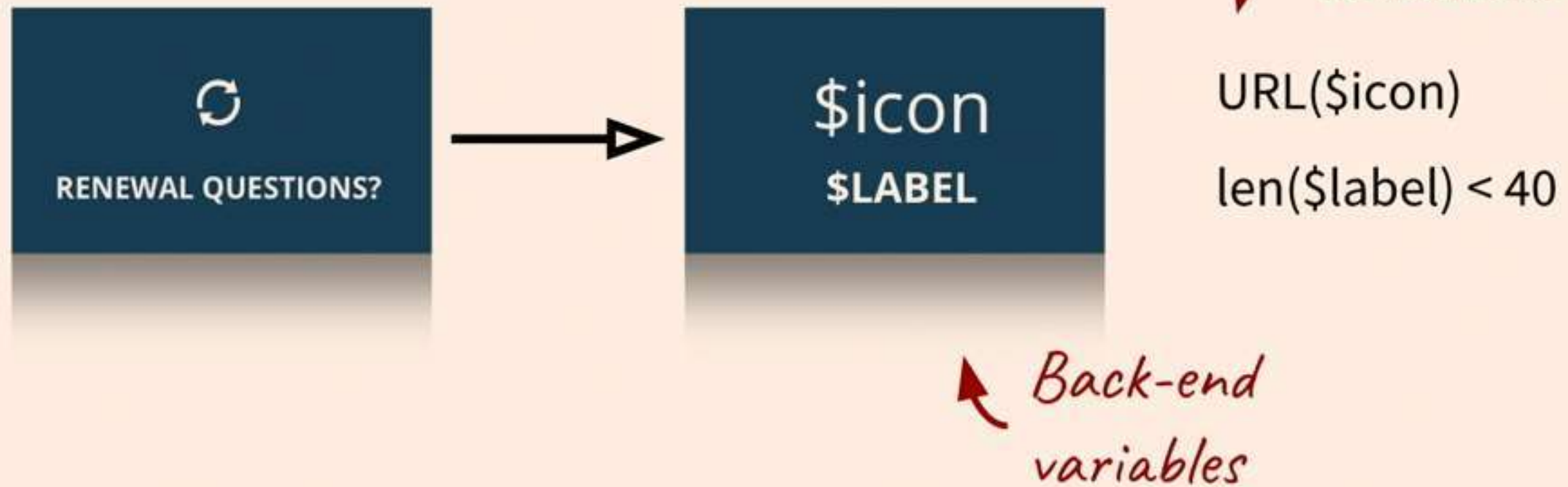


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Abstract page content into template

Prove properties of all pages a back-end can produce



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