

Secure Compilation

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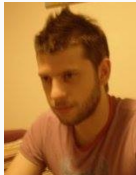
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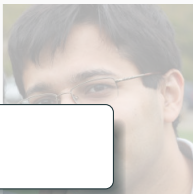
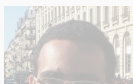
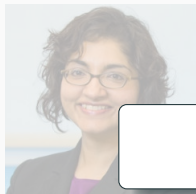
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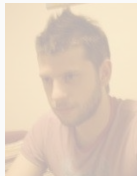
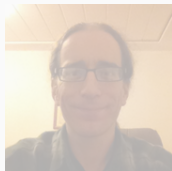


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What is Secure Compilation?

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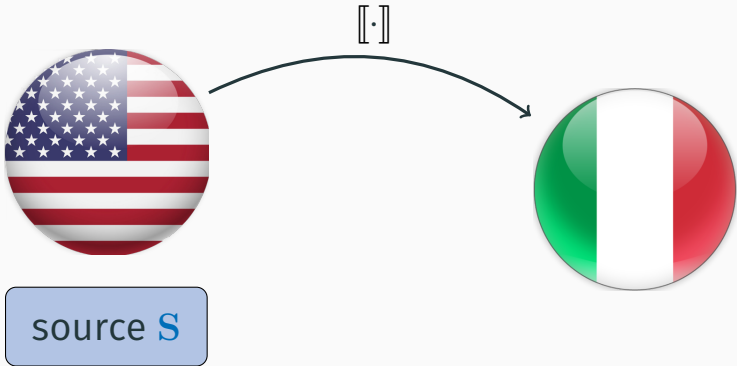


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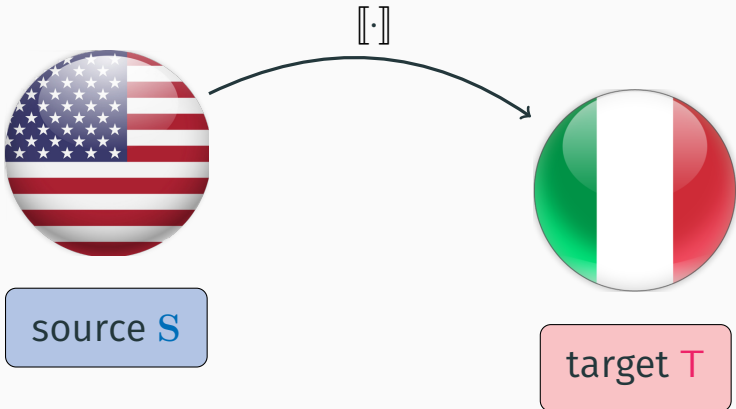


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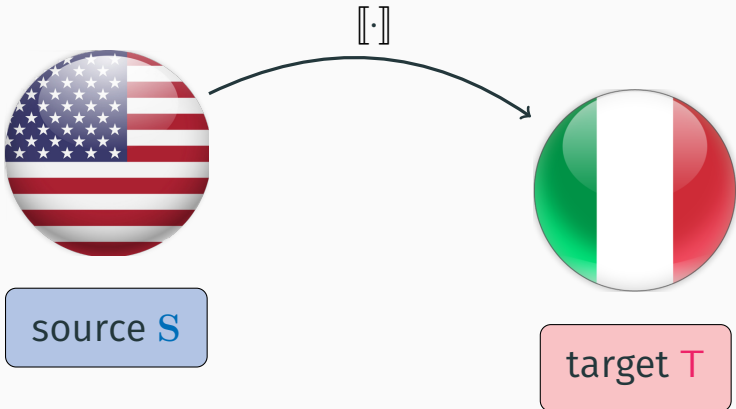
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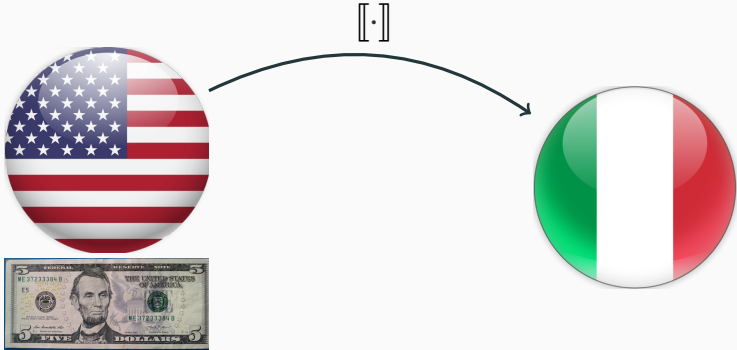
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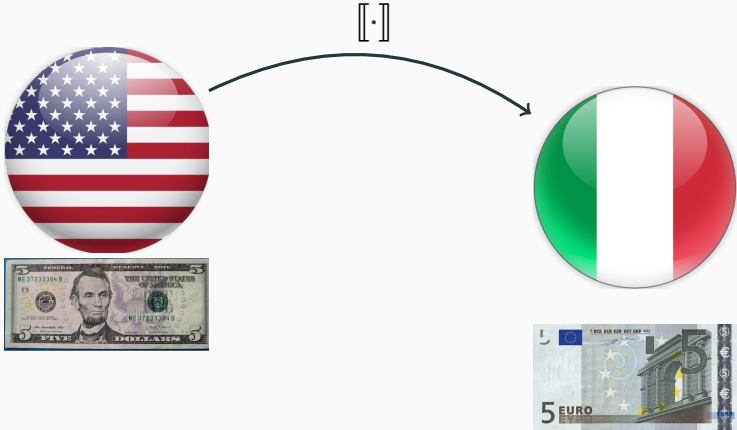
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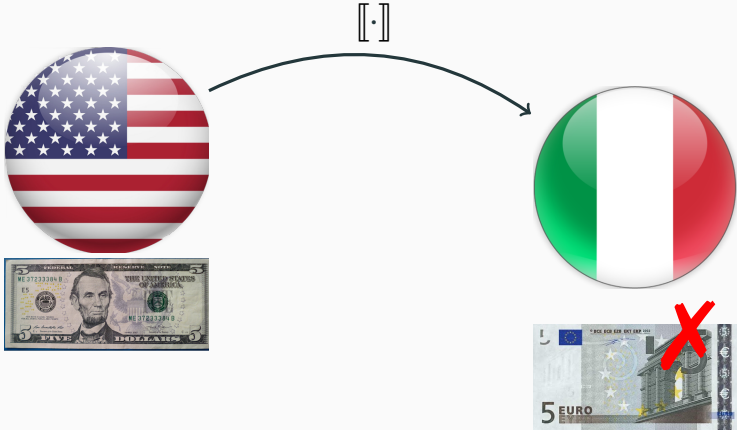
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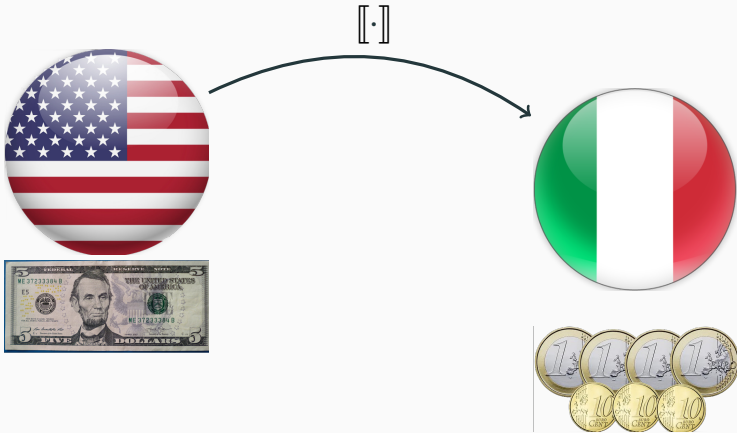
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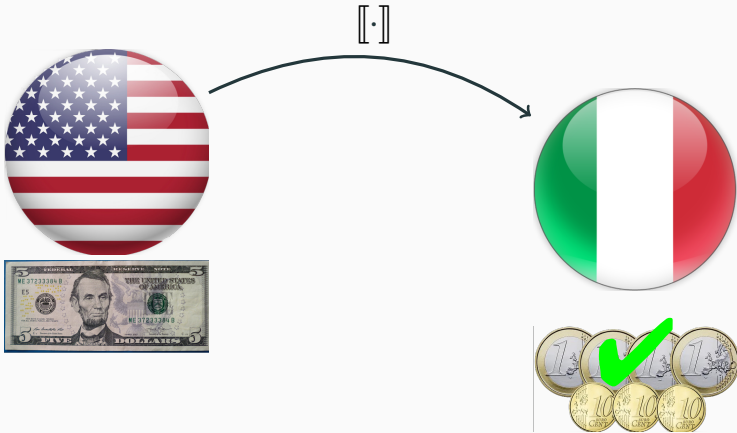
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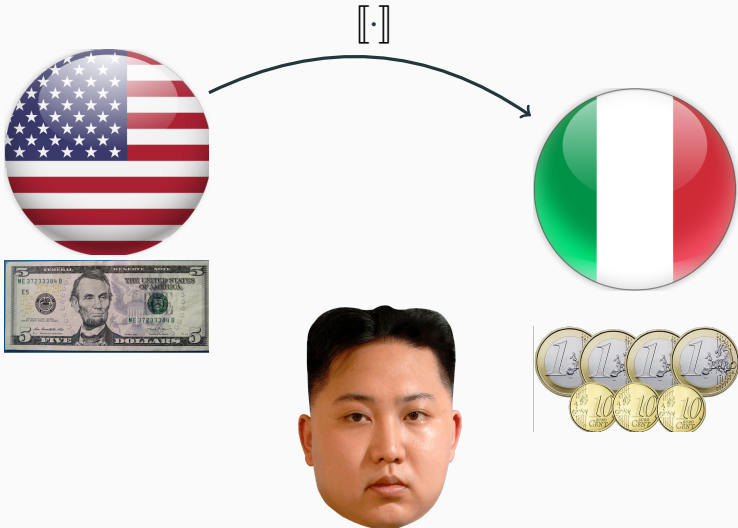
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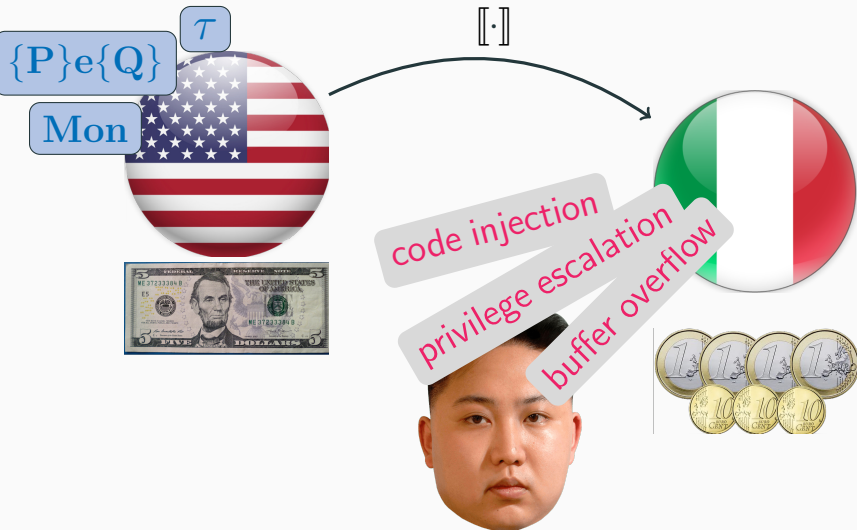
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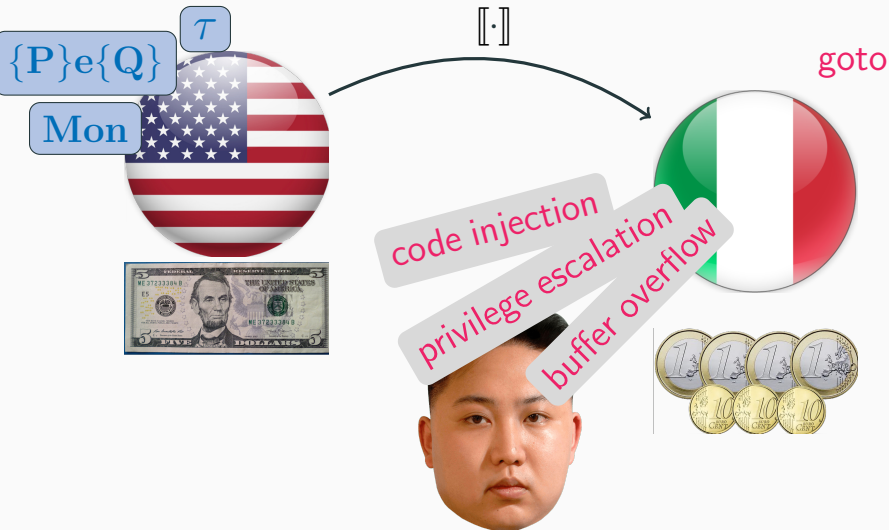
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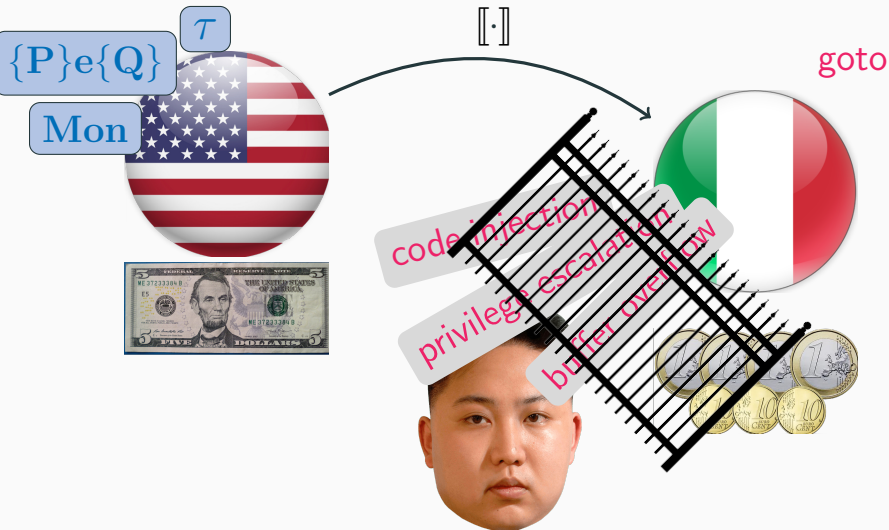
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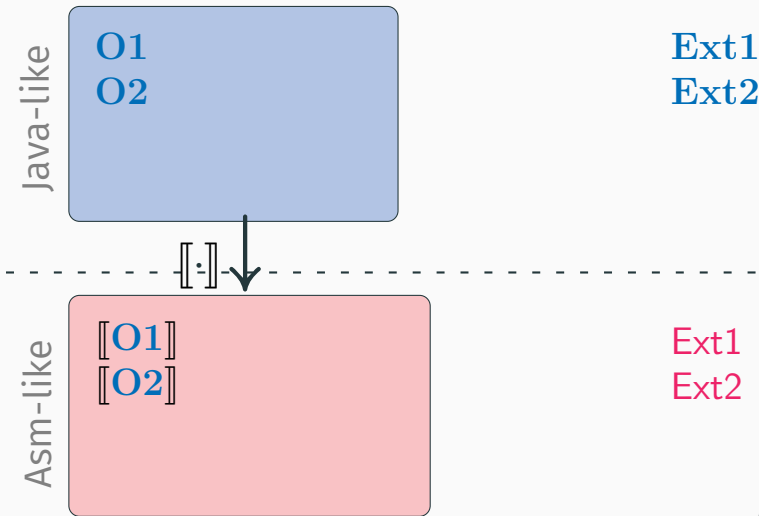
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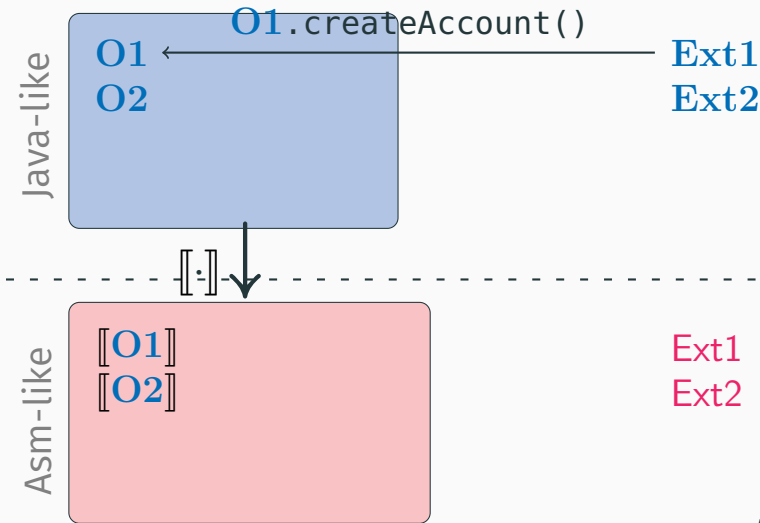
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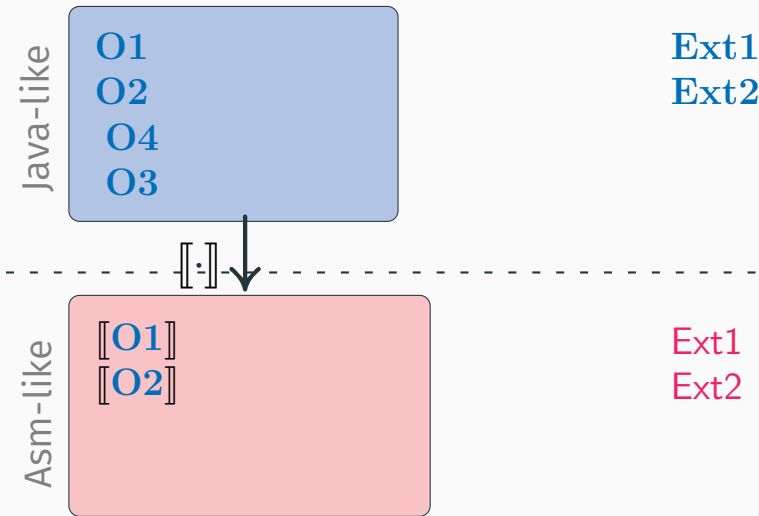
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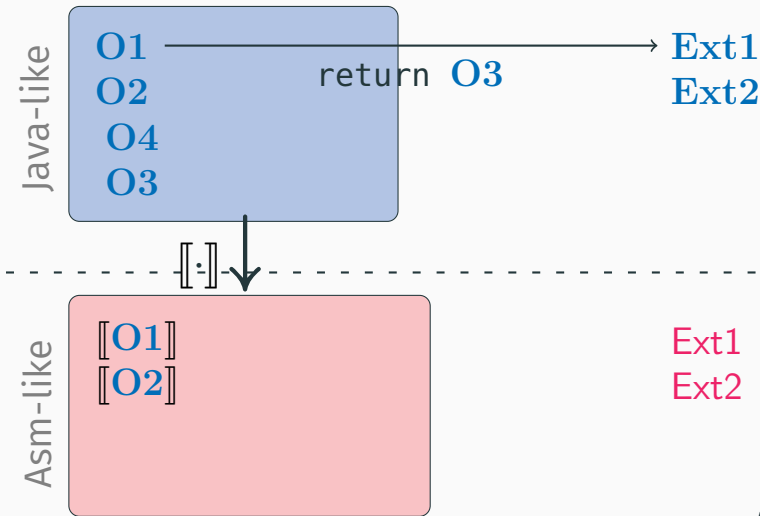
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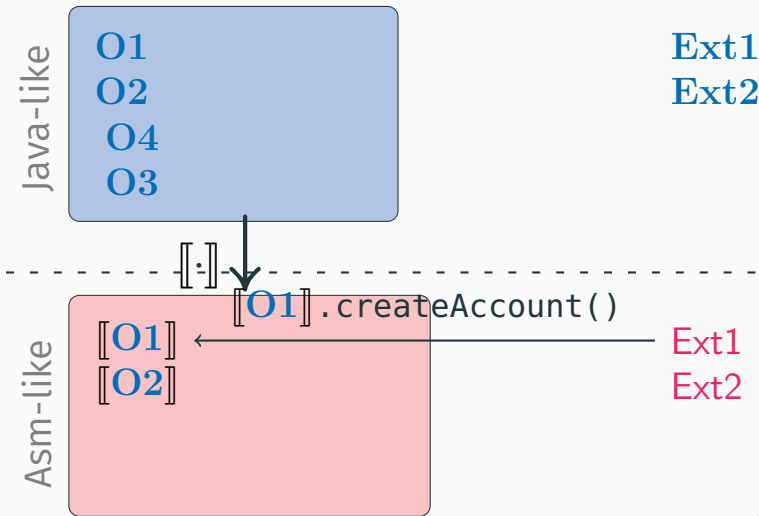
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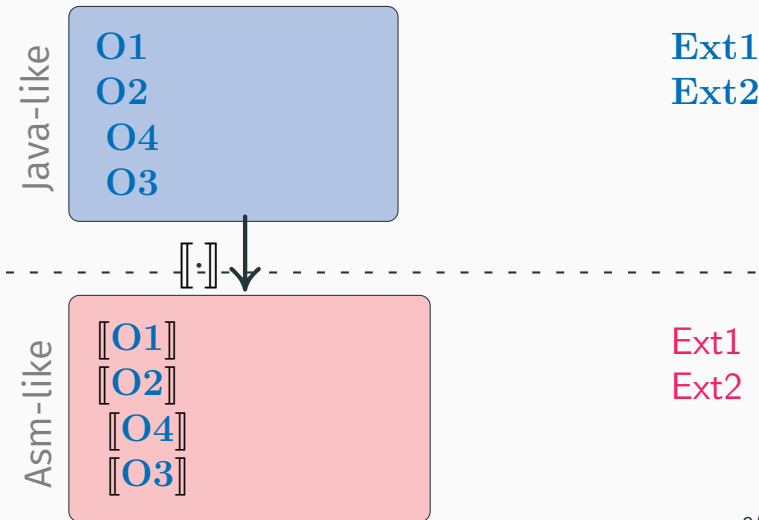
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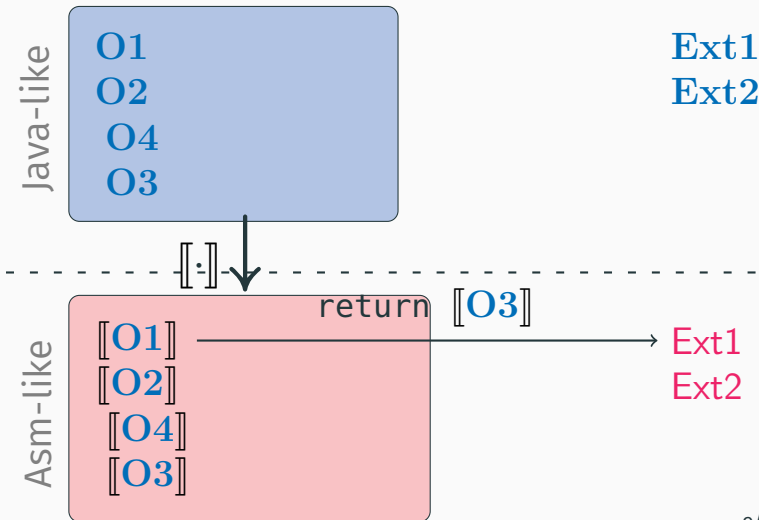
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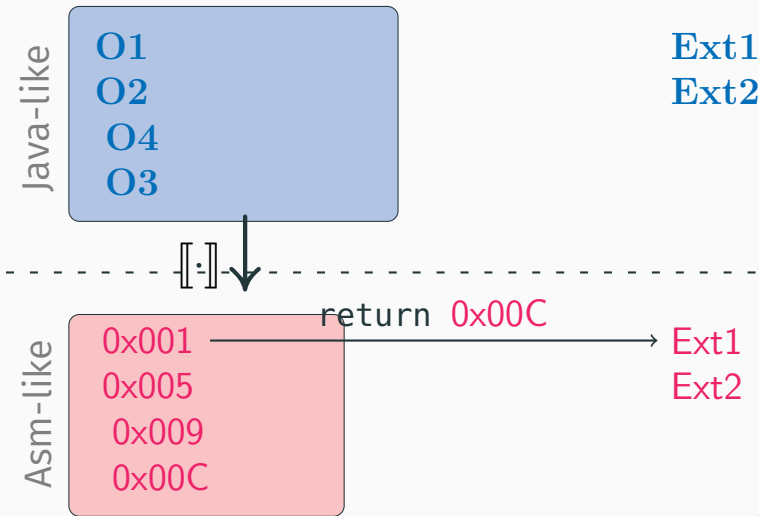
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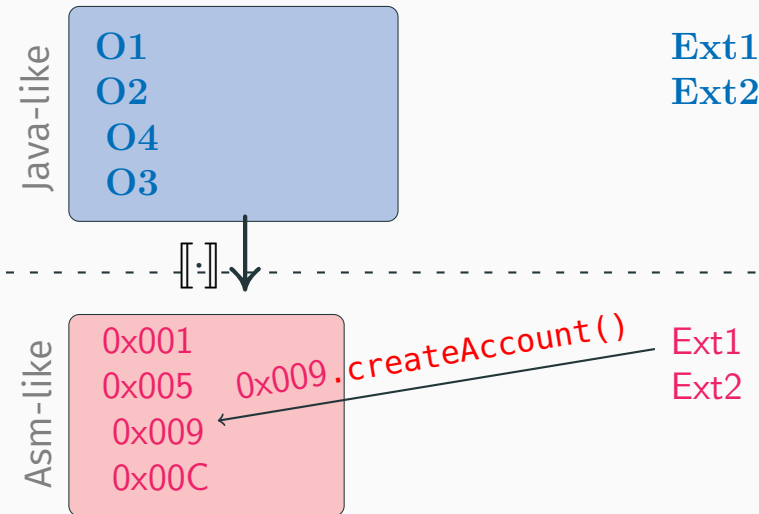
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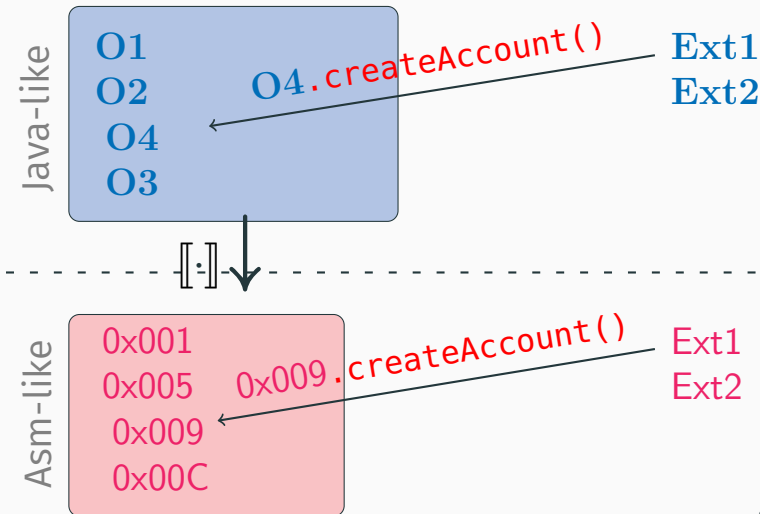
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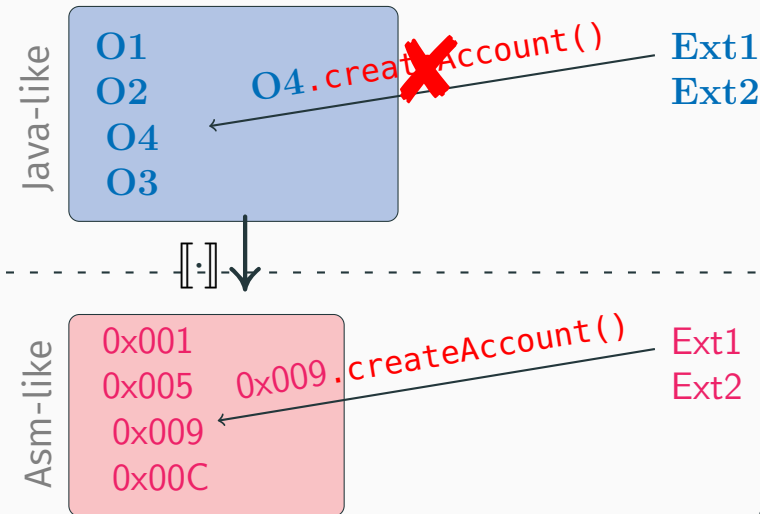
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Issue: Oid guessing

Solution: keep a map
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numbers

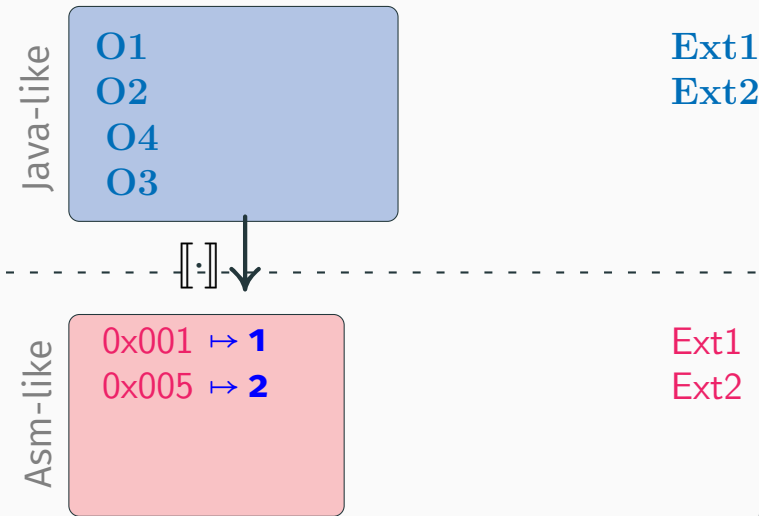
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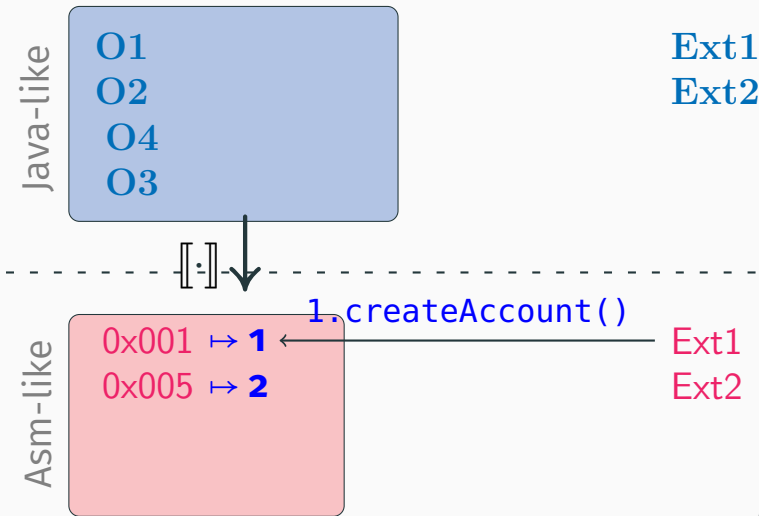
Asm-lik

0x005

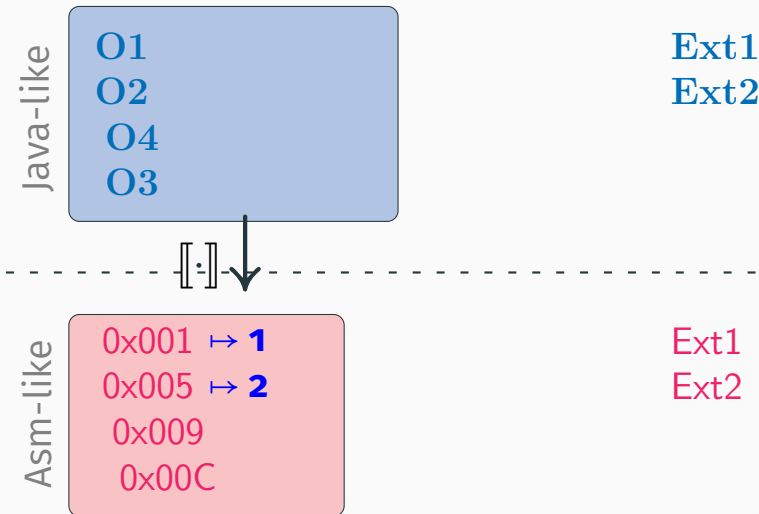
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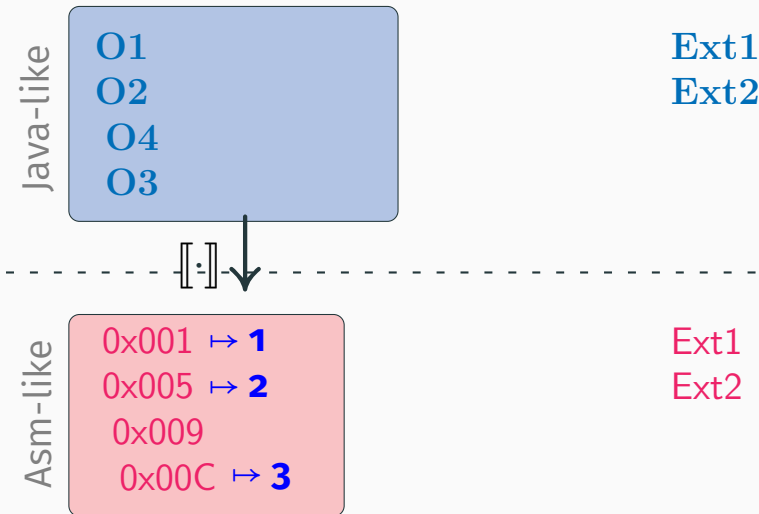
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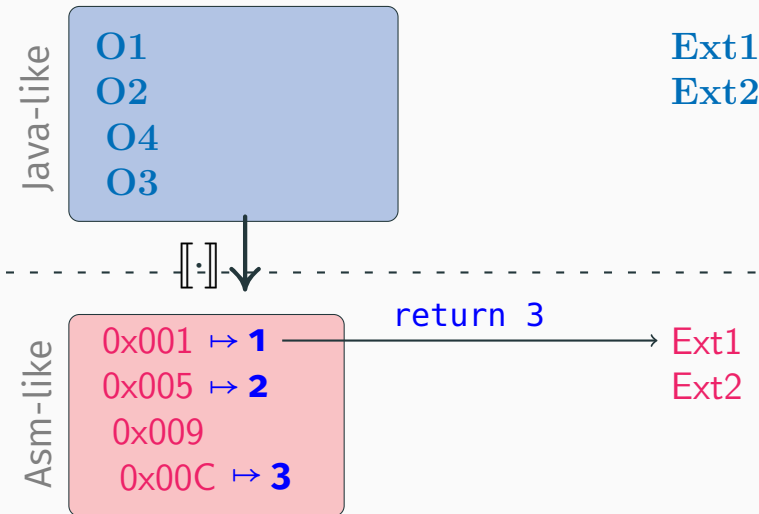
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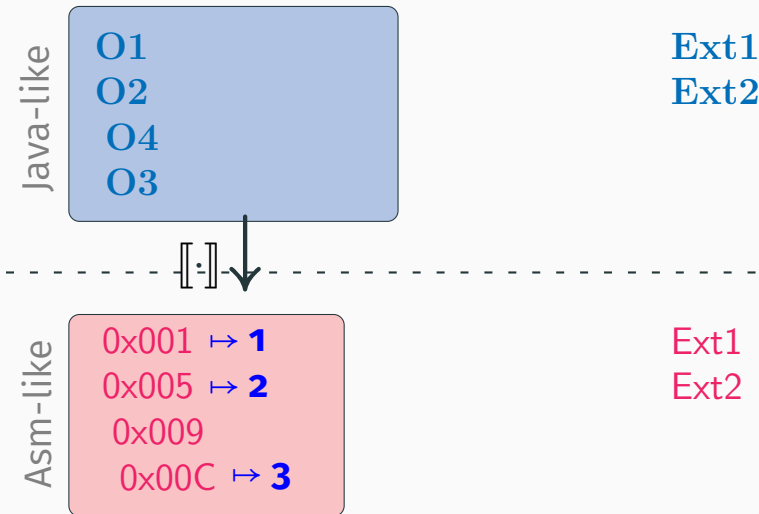
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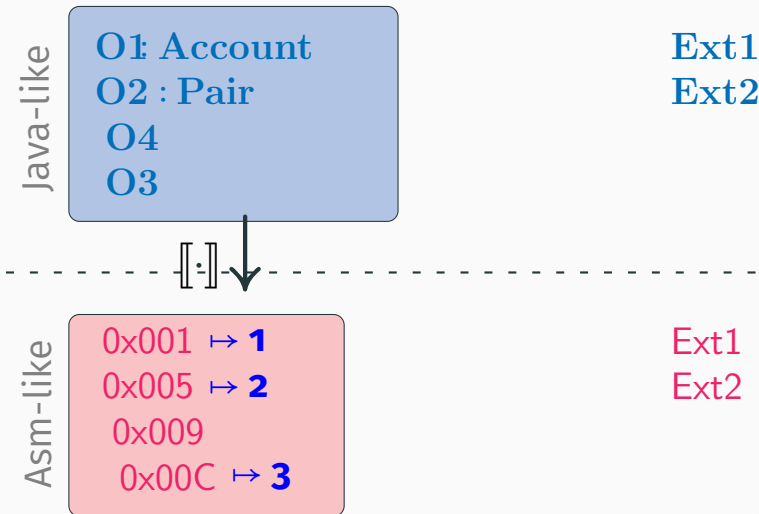
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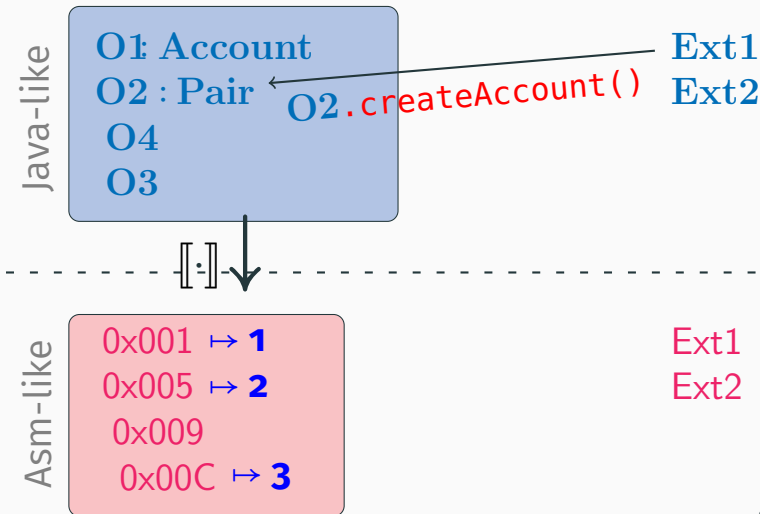
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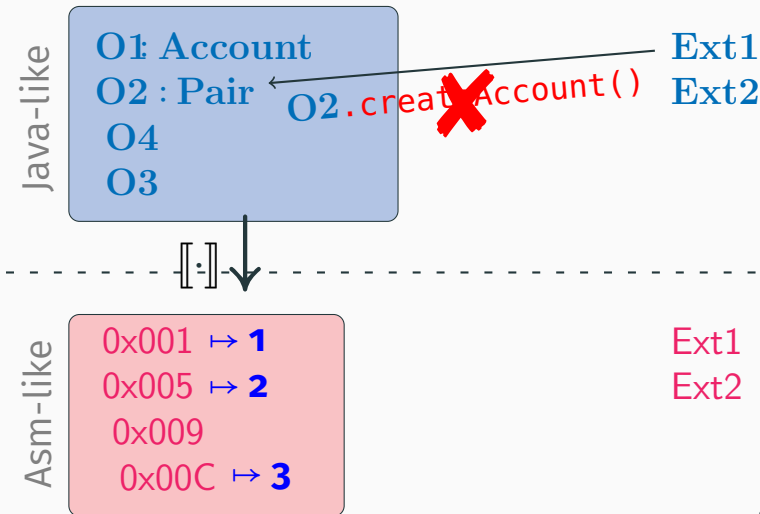
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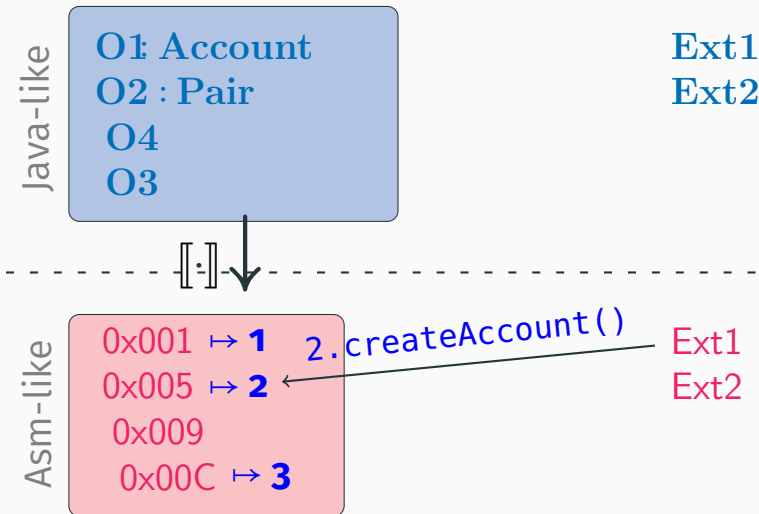
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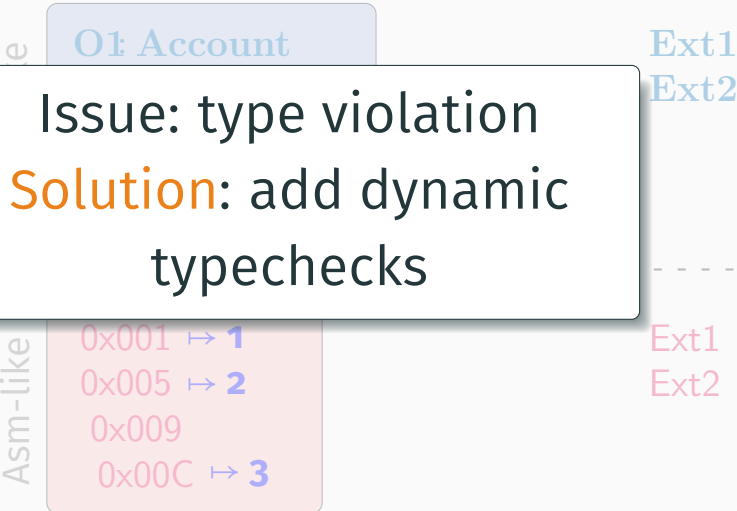
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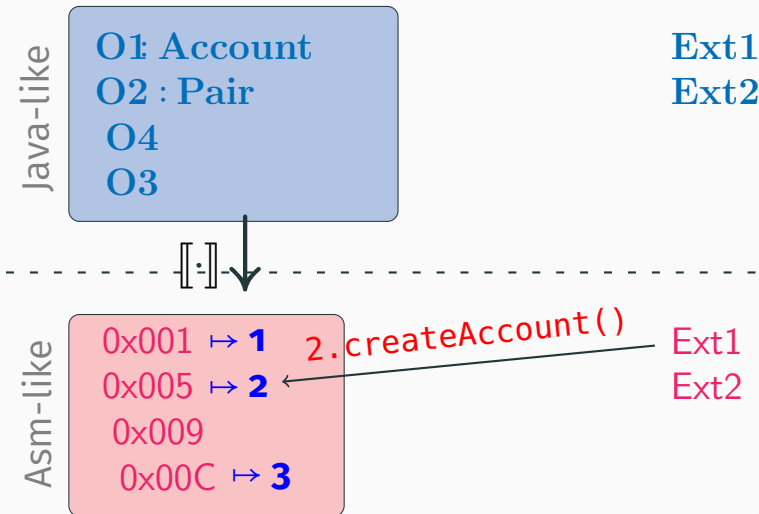
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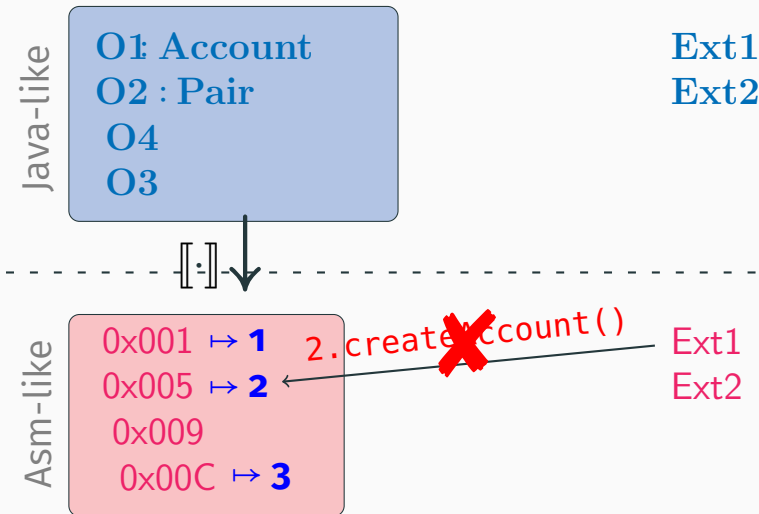
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like

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O2: Pair

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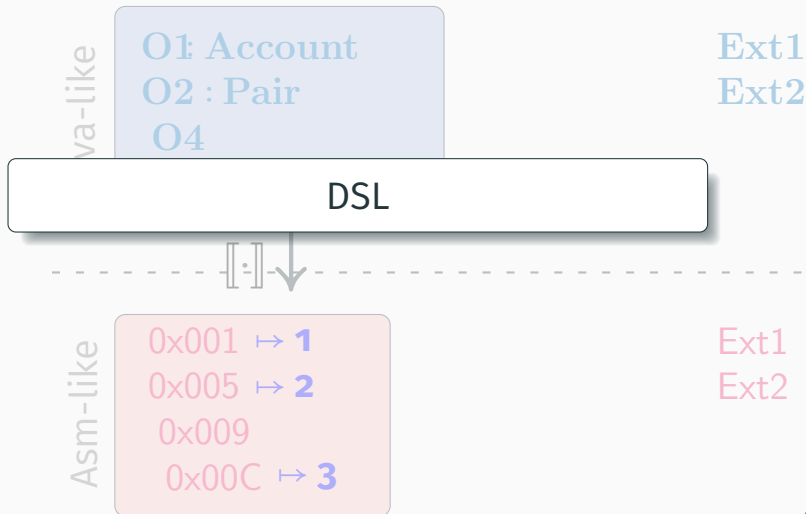
Isolated memory regions
e.g., SGX enclaves

Asm-like

0x001 ↦ 1
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0x009
0x00C ↦ 3

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Memory Allocation Issues

- design
- implement
- fund a startup in the Bay Area



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Asm-

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- define security guarantees (what security properties they preserve)

Secure Compilation Criteria

The Origins of the Secure Compiler

Secure Implementation of Channel Abstractions

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Abstract

Communication in distributed systems often relies on useful abstractions such as channels, remote procedure calls, and remote method invocations. The implementations of these abstractions sometimes provide security properties, in particular through encryption. In this

spaces are on the same machine, and that a centralized operating system provides security for them. In reality, these address spaces could be spread across a network, and security could depend on several local operating systems and on cryptographic protocols across machines.

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**From the join-calculus to
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they needed a definition that their implementation of **secure channels** via **cryptology** was secure

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Fully Abstract Compilation Influence

Fully Abstract Compilation to JavaScript

Secure Implementations for Typed Session Abstraction

Typed Closure Conversion Preserves Observational Equivalence

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Fully-Abstract Compilation by Approximate Back-Translation

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How

does Fully Abstract Compilation entail security?

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Translation

Secure Compilation

of Object-Oriented Components

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FAC and Security

FAC ensures that a **target-level** attacker has the same power of a source-level one

Compiler Full Abstraction



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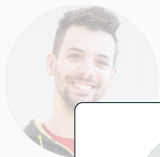
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- so the secret **does not leak**

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- prefixes (m) = finite sequences of observables
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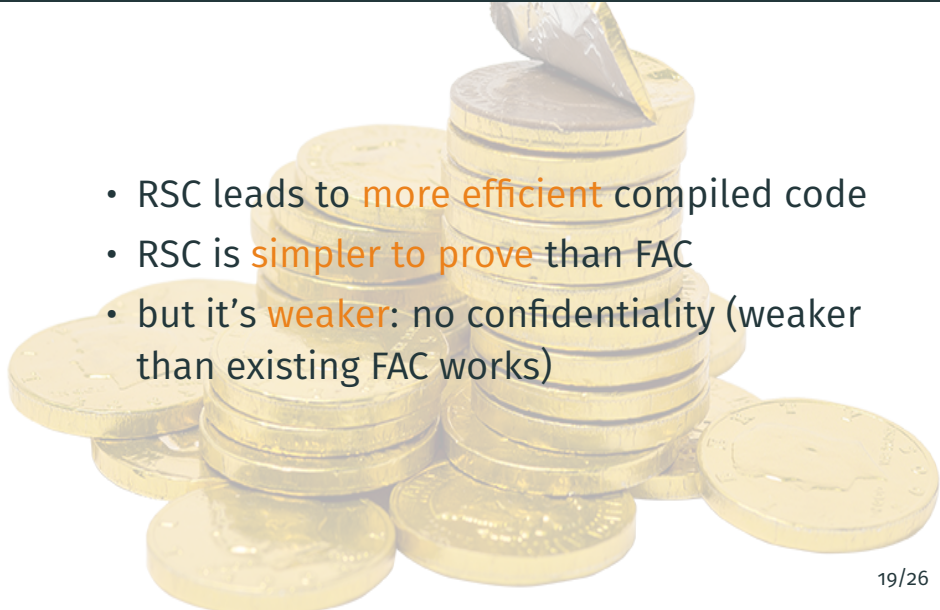
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Proof Techniques for Secure Compilation

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Jagadeesan *et al.*'11,
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Abadi *et al.*'00'01'02'

Bugliesi *et al.*'07

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Ahmed et al.'8'11'14'15'16'17,
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approx. compiler security

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P1 \sim $\llbracket P1 \rrbracket$ is obtained with standard techniques
Benton *et al.*'09'10
Hur *et al.*'11
Neis *et al.*'15

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COURSE

coming up next semester
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Research Field Prospect

- secure compilation workshop: PrISC 3rd ed. (co-located with POPL)
<https://popl19.sigplan.org/track/prisc-2019>
- secure compilation classes: Winter quarter '18-19, Spring quarter '19-20 (?)
- introductory survey: *Patrignani, Ahmed, Clarke. ACM CSUR '19*
- lots of challenging open problems to work on (talk to me!)

Questions?

