Experimental Program Analysis

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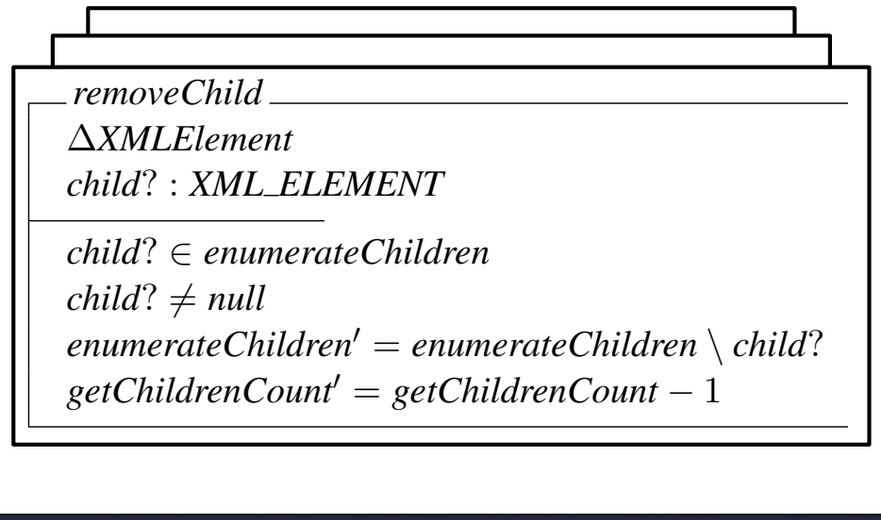

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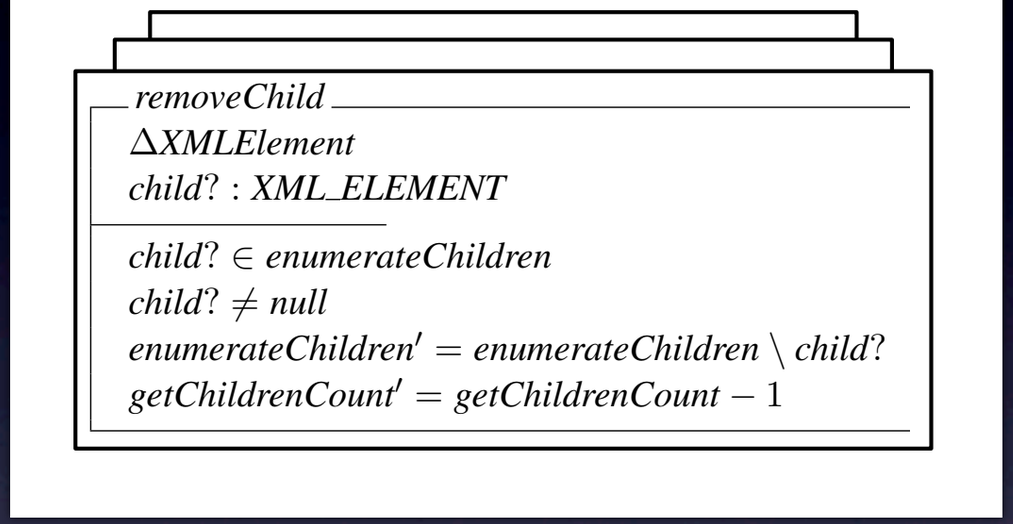

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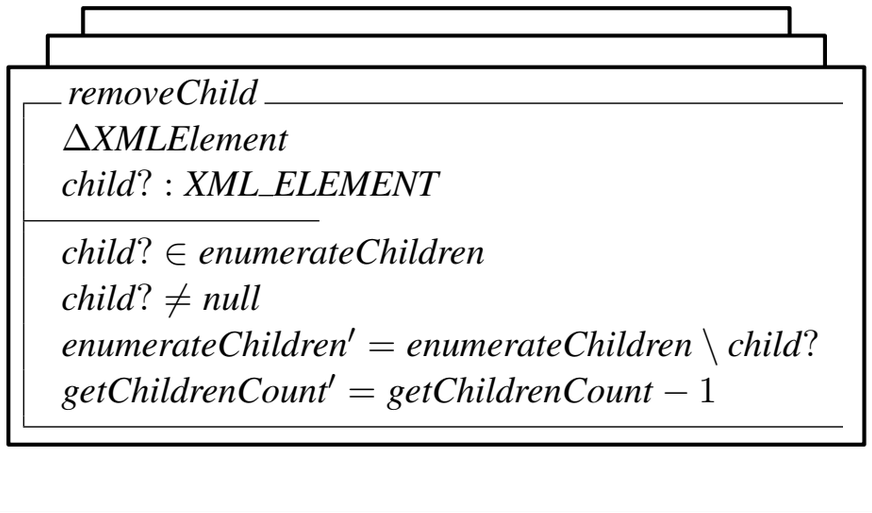

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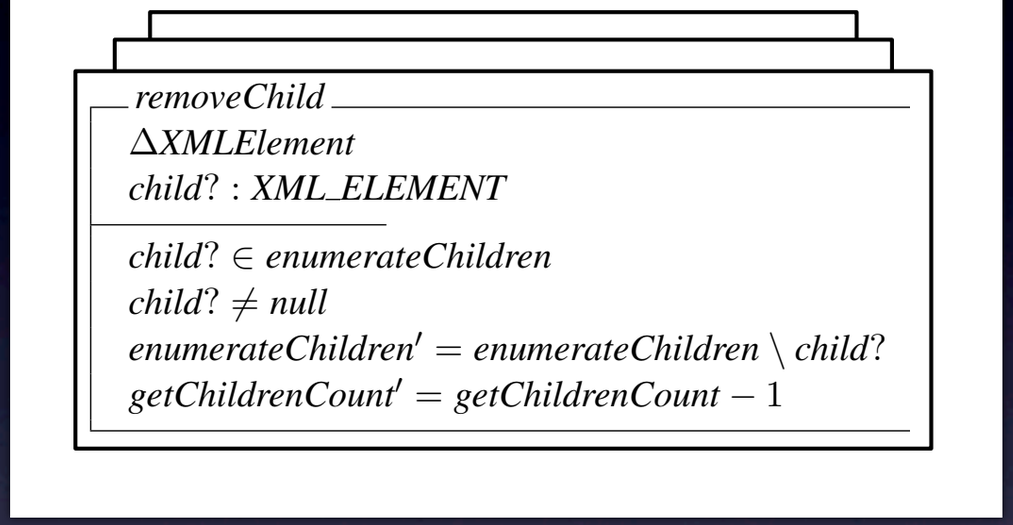

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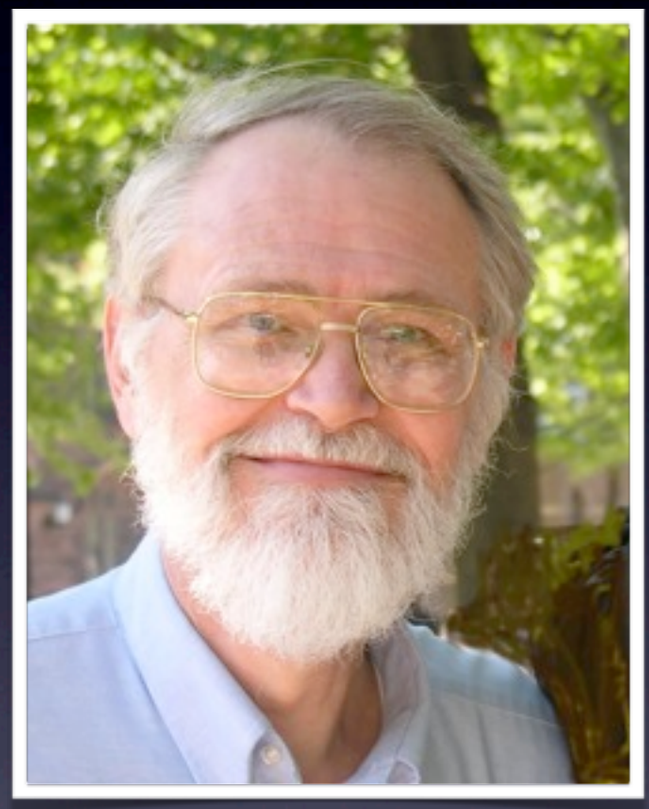

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SPECMATE Project Summary

In the past decade, automated validation of software systems has made spectacular progresses. On the testing side, it is now possible to automatically generate test cases that effectively explore the entire program structure; on the verification side, we can now formally prove properties for software as complex as operating systems. To push validation further, however, we need *specifications* of what the software actually should do. But writing such specifications has always been hard—and so far significantly inhibited the deployment of rigorous development methods.

The SPECMATE methodology automatically extracts such specifications from existing systems, effectively leveraging the knowledge encoded into billions of code lines. SPECMATE starts with just an executable program and automatically produces an *incremental specification,* starting with the most relevant properties; and a *set of test cases* fully covering the specification.

SPECMATE will boost quality and productivity in all software development activities, in particular:

Verification and modeling as the specifications mined are high-level and incremental, and thus form an ideal starting point for compositional modeling and verification—**enabling the rigorous construction and derivation of new, safe, dependable software systems**;

Testing as SPECMATE produces a full-fledged test suite for free: rather than manually exploring the system and its concrete executions, the programmer only needs to validate the mined high-level specifications against the (implicitly) intended behavior;

Defect detection since the mined specifications also reveal *undesired* properties: every such property comes with a test case demonstrating it;

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{
    // The name.
    private String name;

    // The child elements.
    private Vector children;

    // Returns an enumeration of all child elements.
    public Enumeration enumerateChildren() { ... }

    // Returns the number of children.
    public int getChildrenCount() { ... }

    // Removes a child element.
    public void removeChild(IXMLElement child) { ... }

    // More methods and attributes...
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(b) Specification

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public void testRemoveChild()
{
    child = element.getChildAtIndex(0);
    element.removeChild(child);
    assertEquals(element.getChildrenCount(),
                 old_getChildrenCount - 1);
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(c) Test

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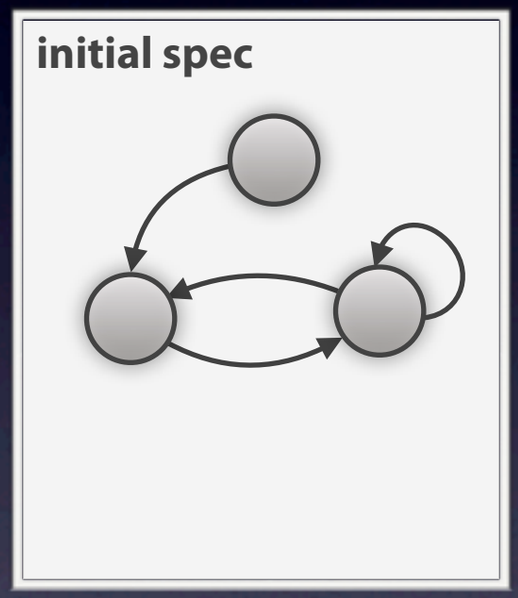

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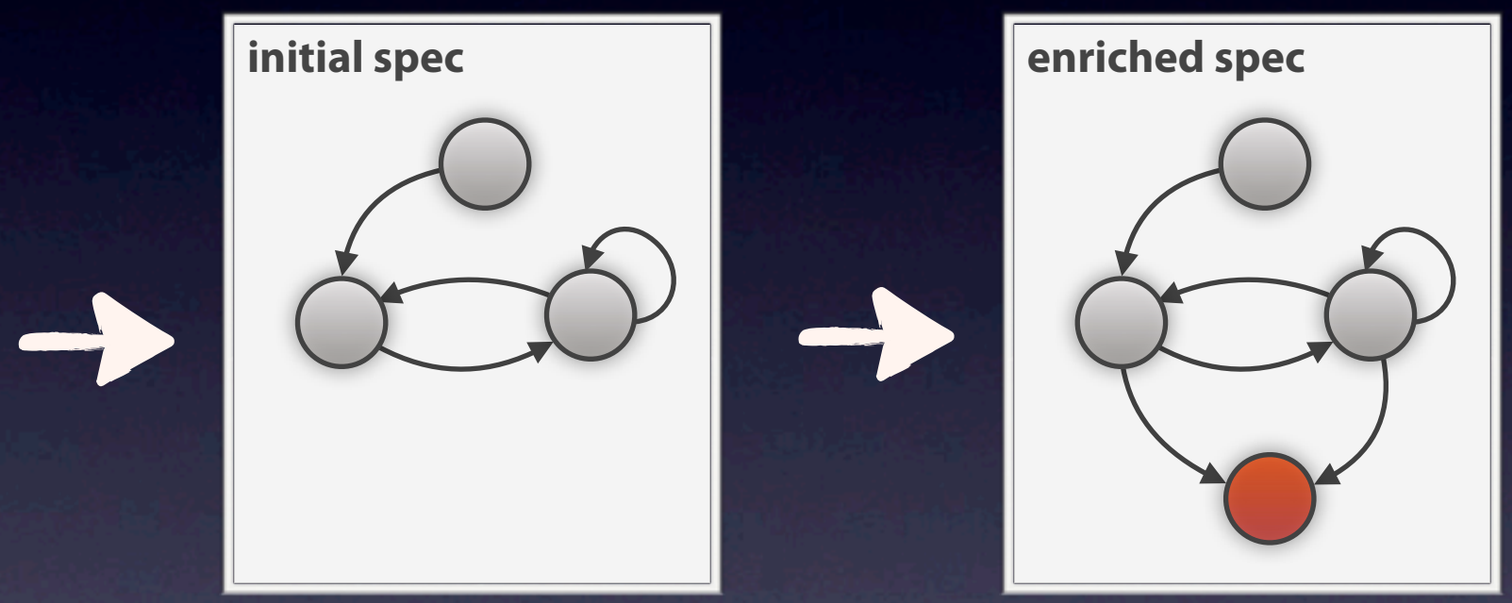

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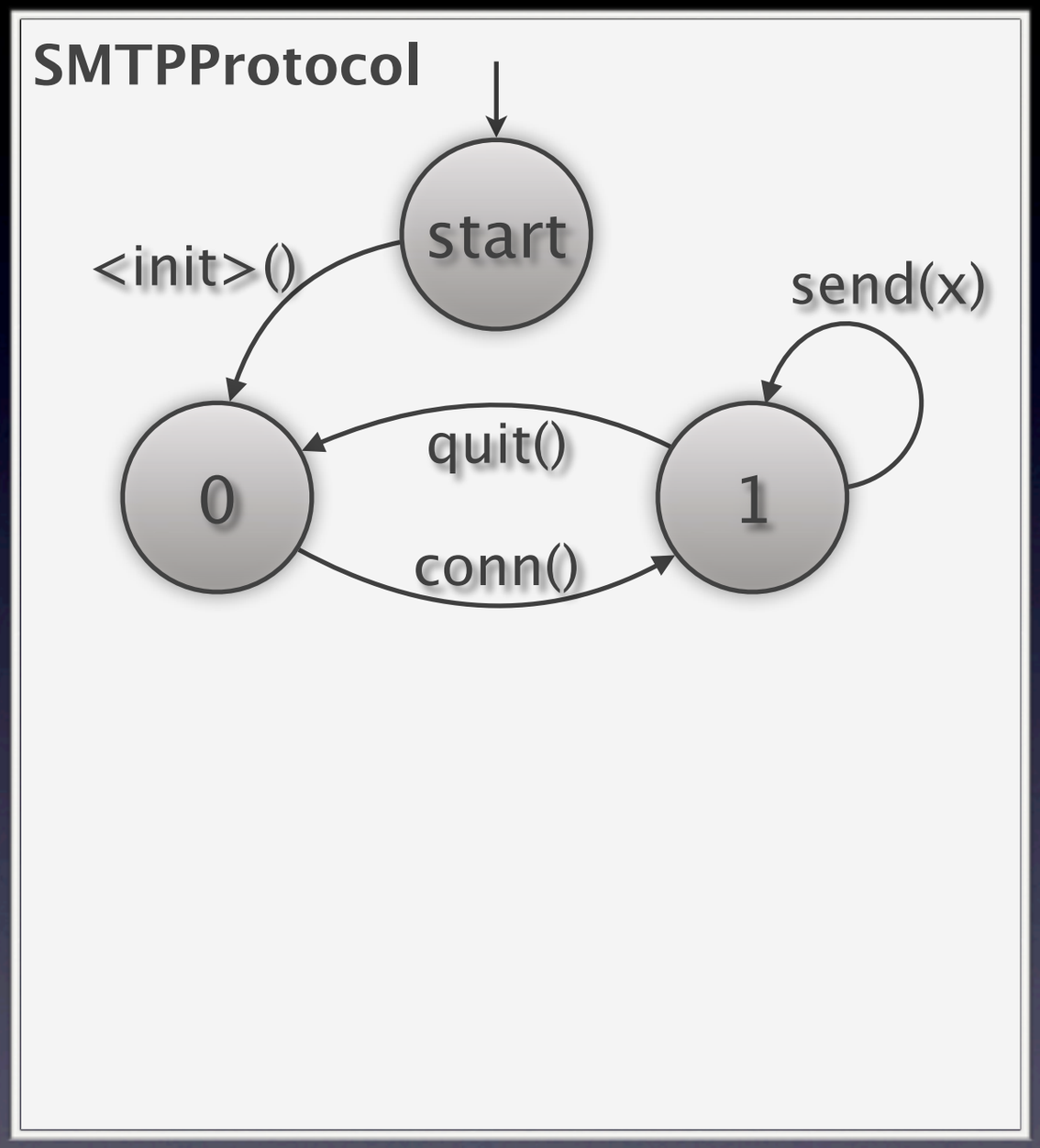

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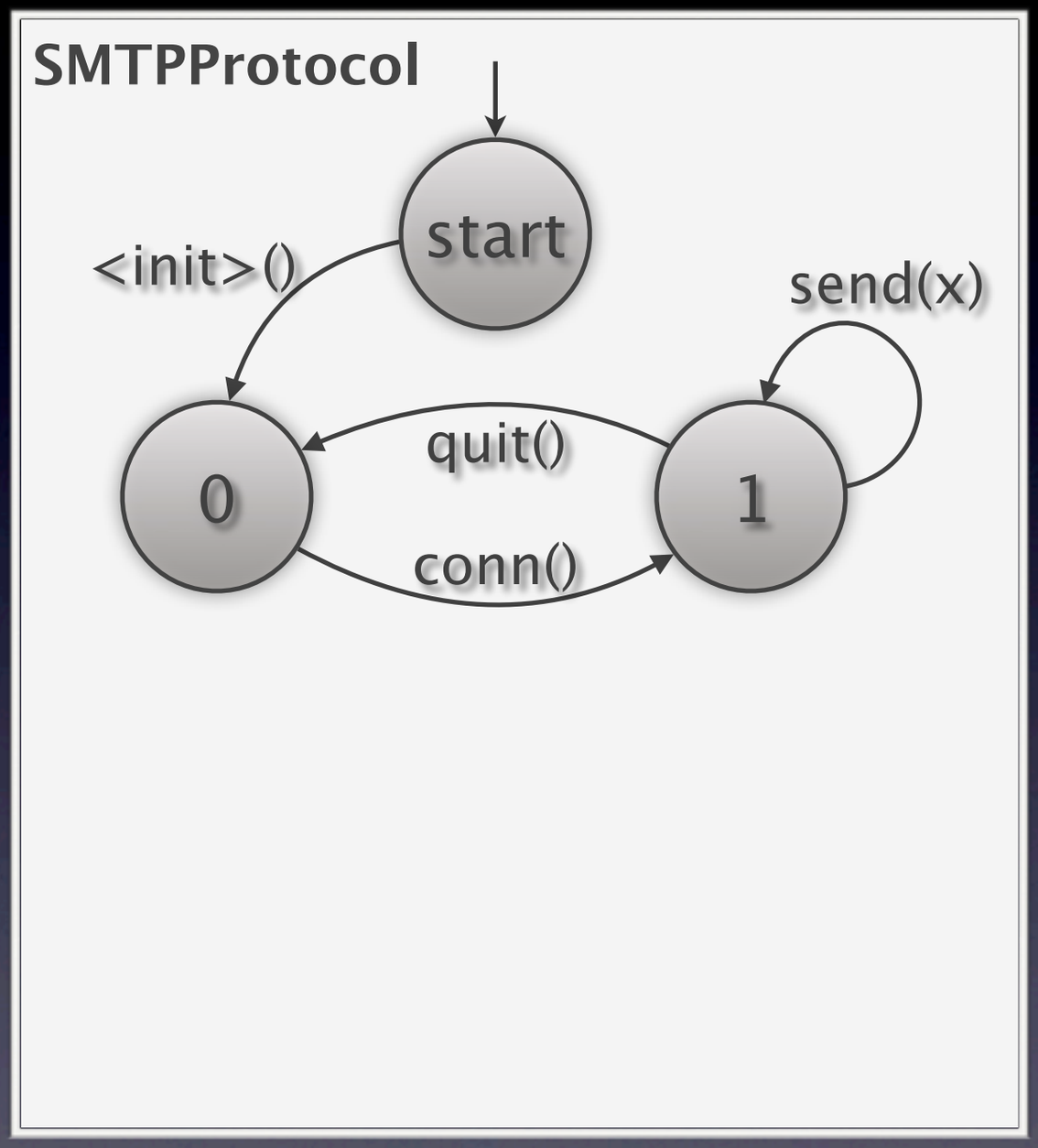

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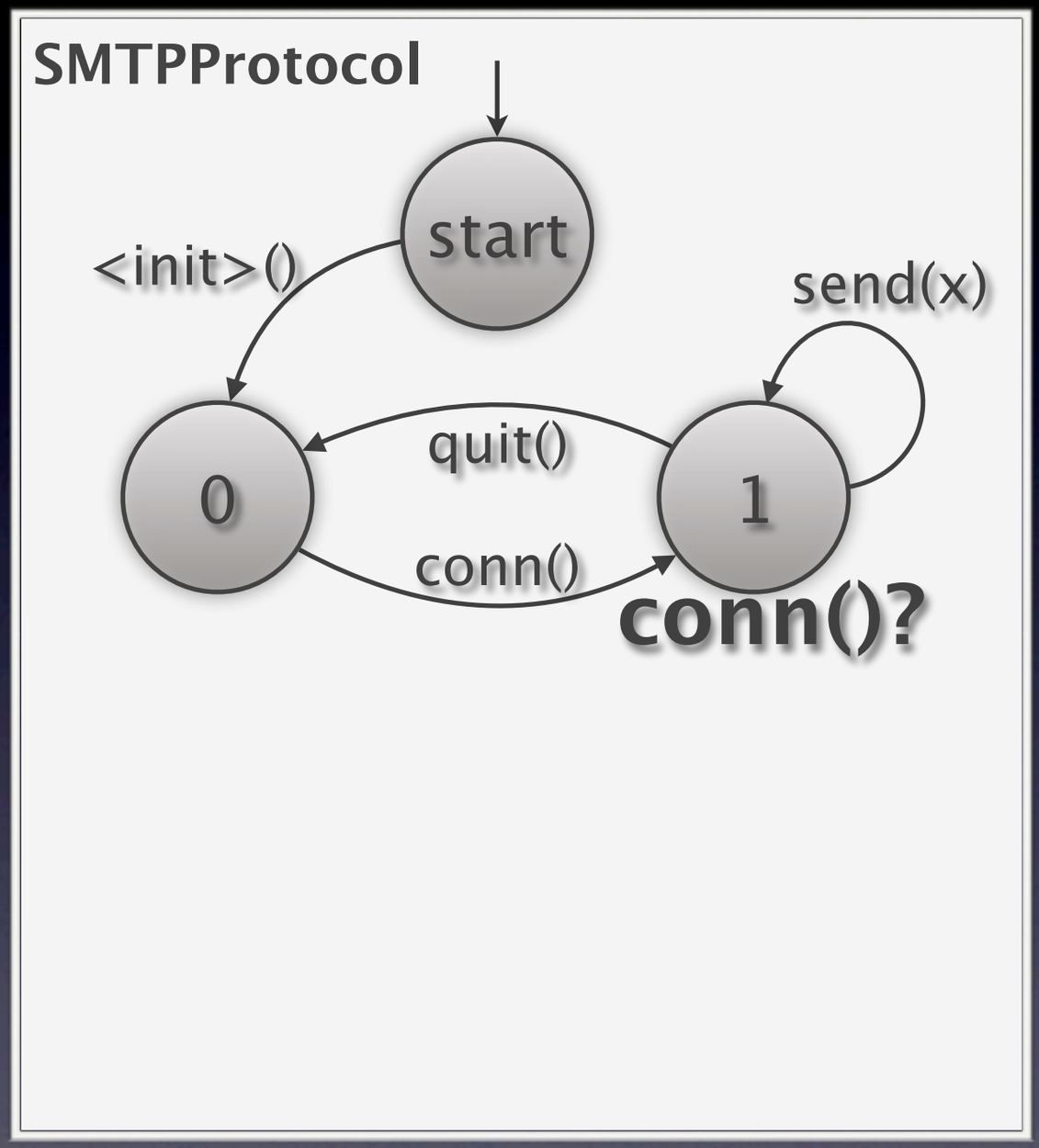

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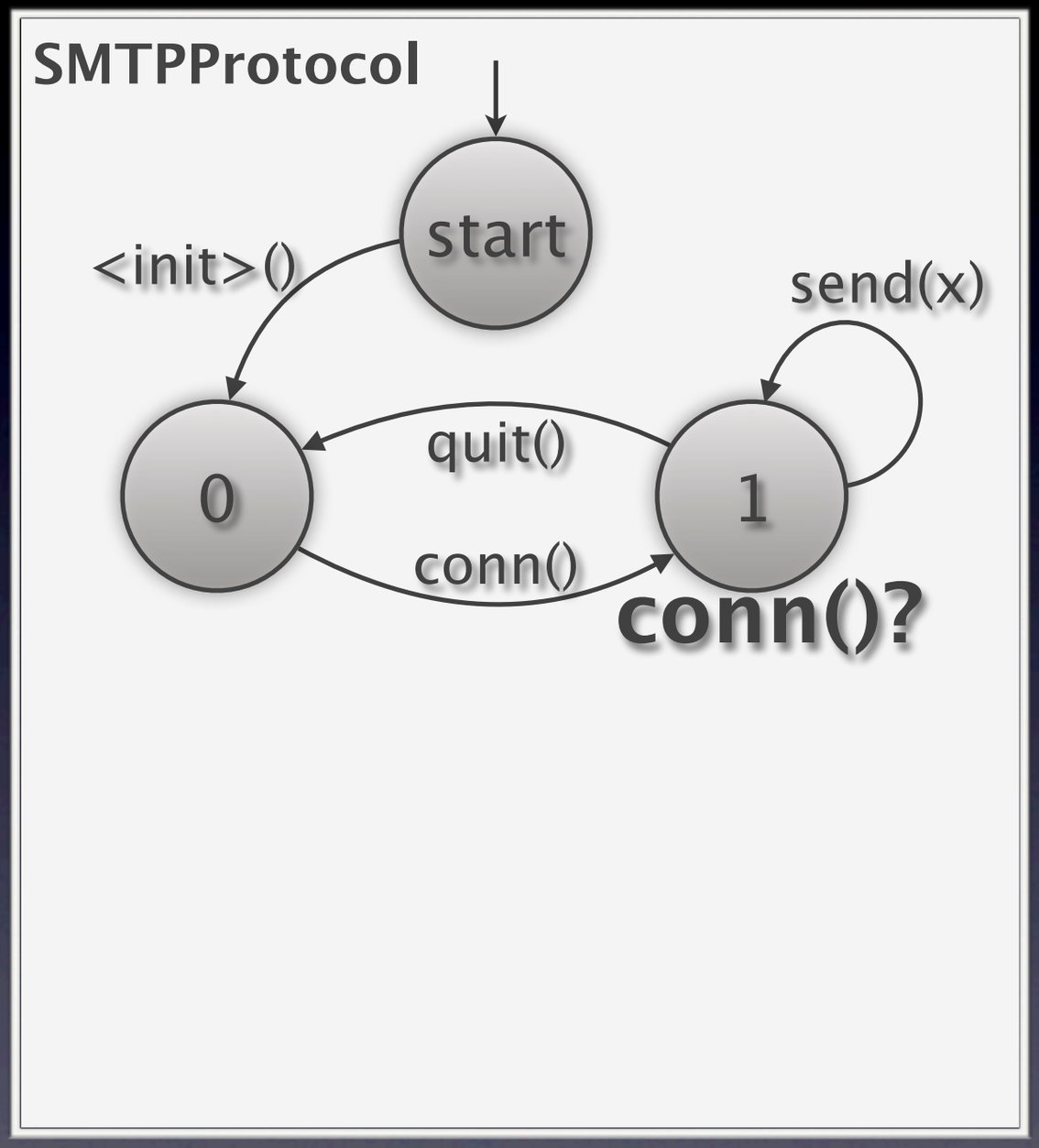

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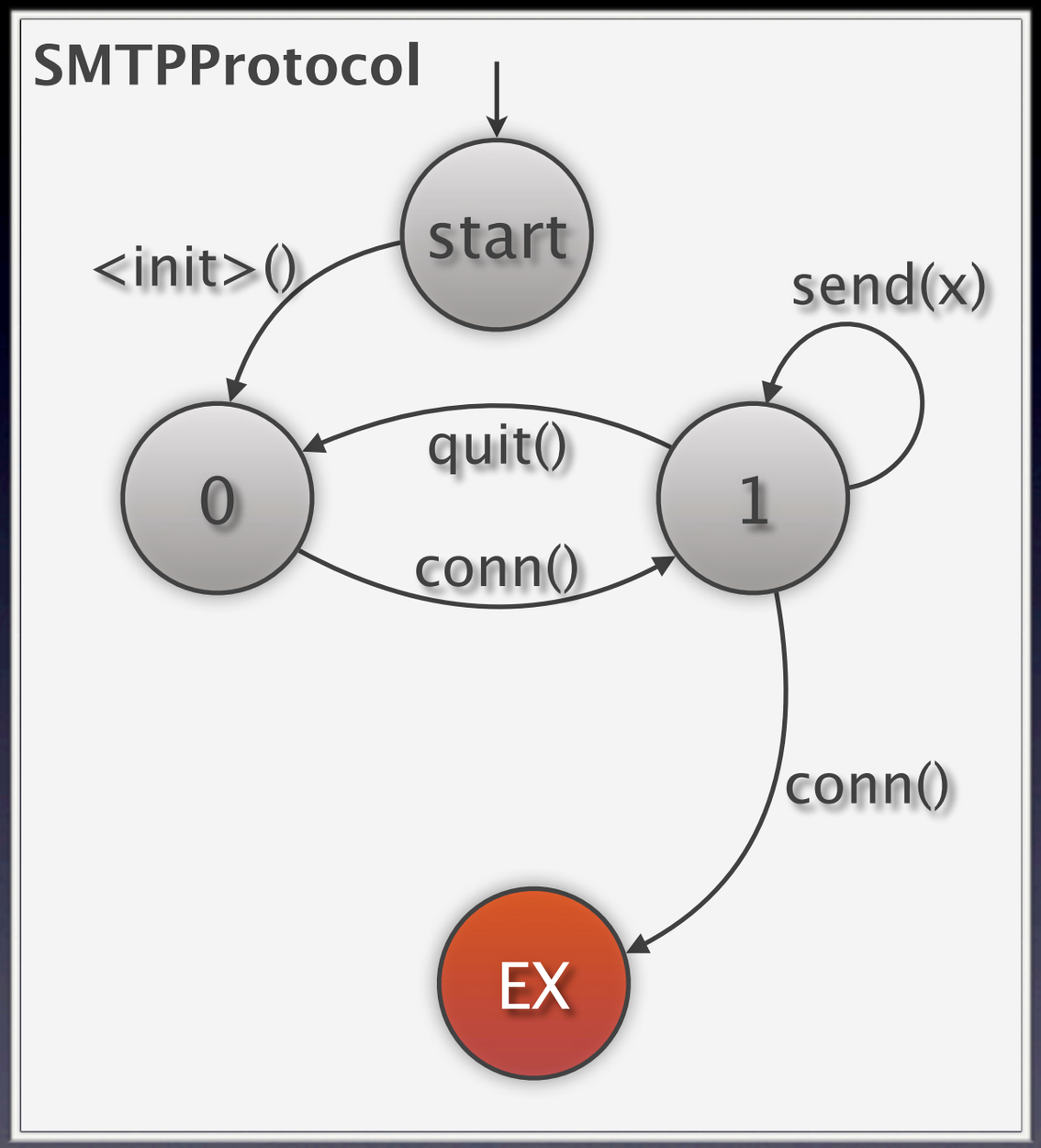

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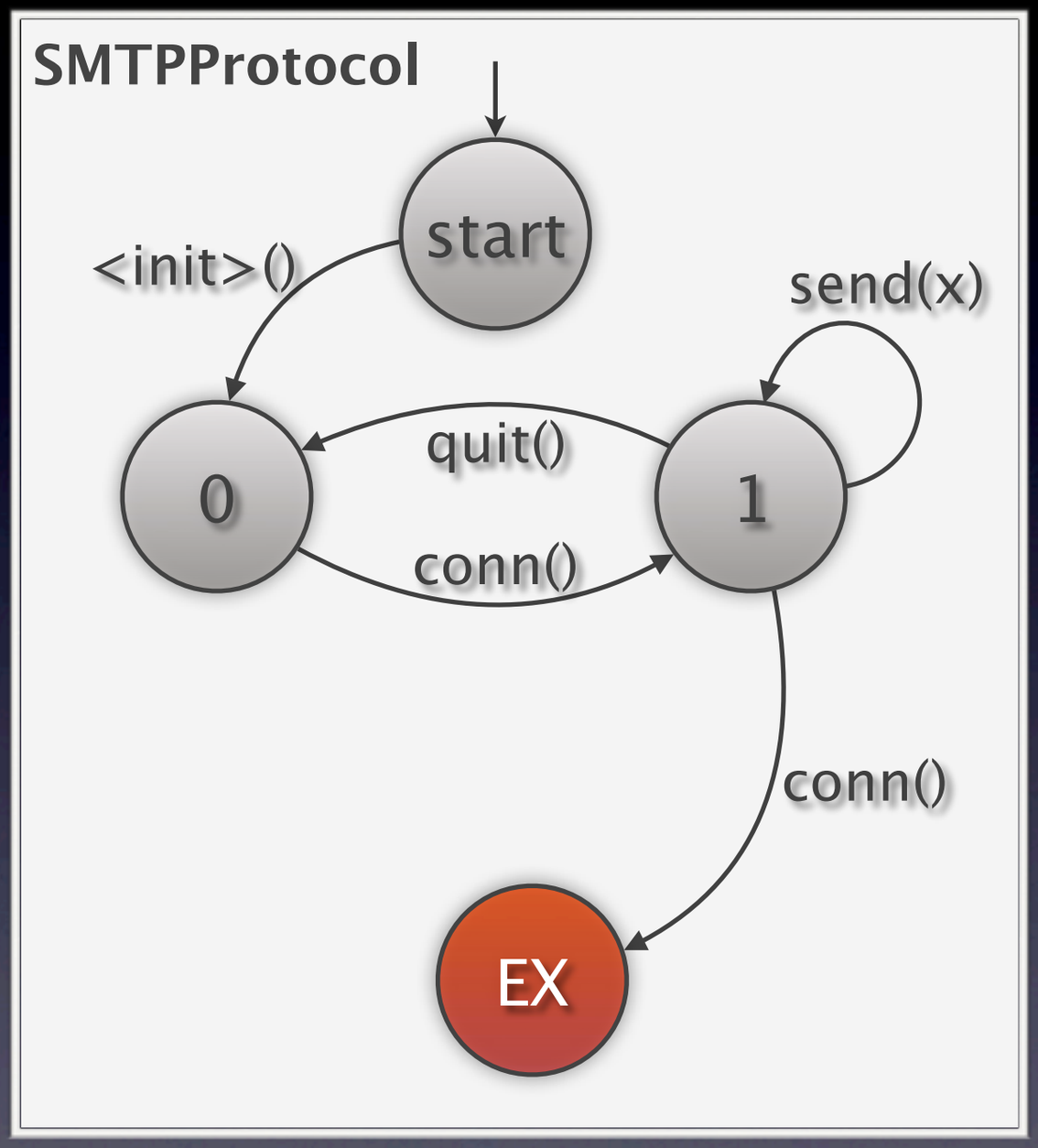

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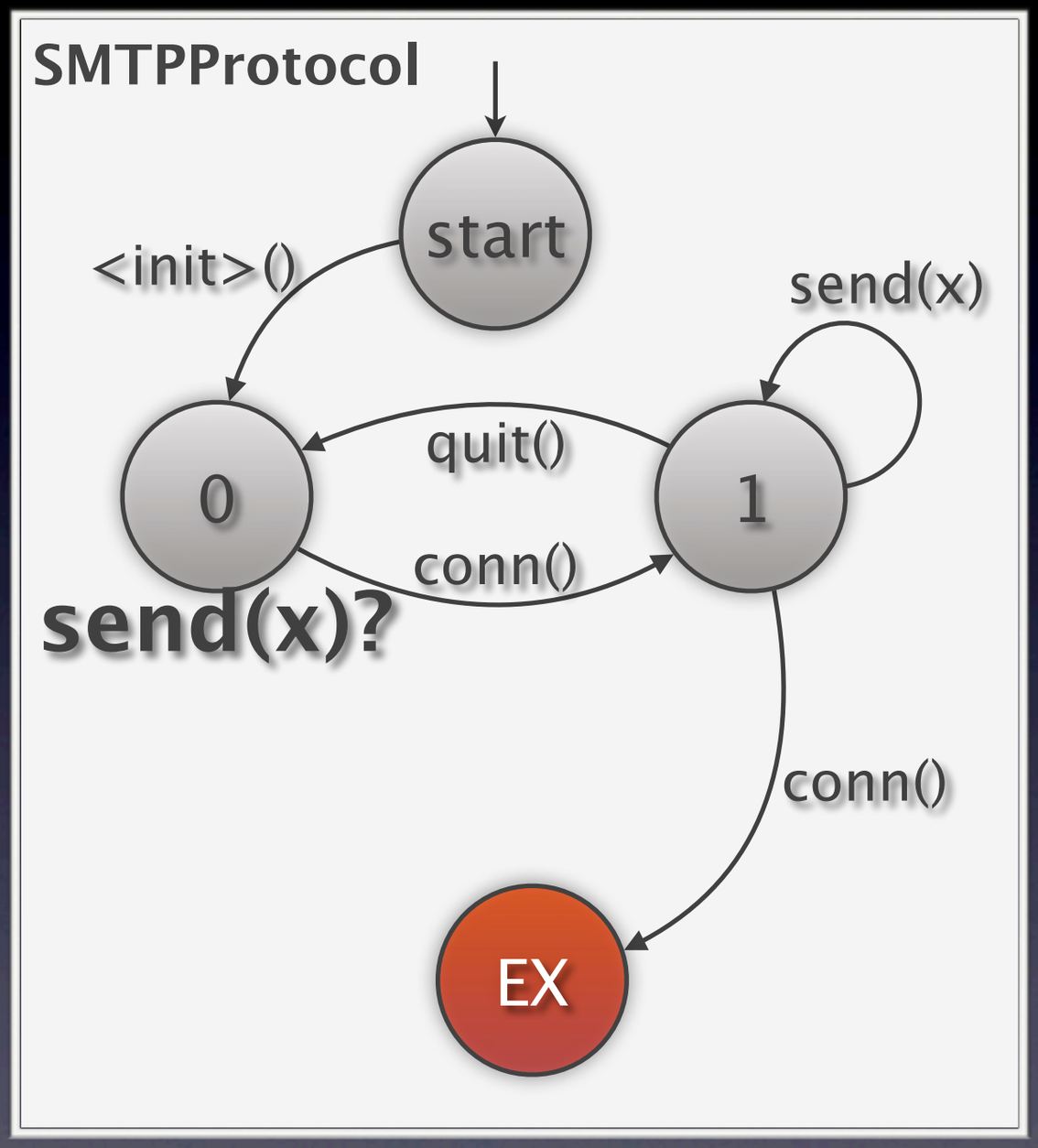

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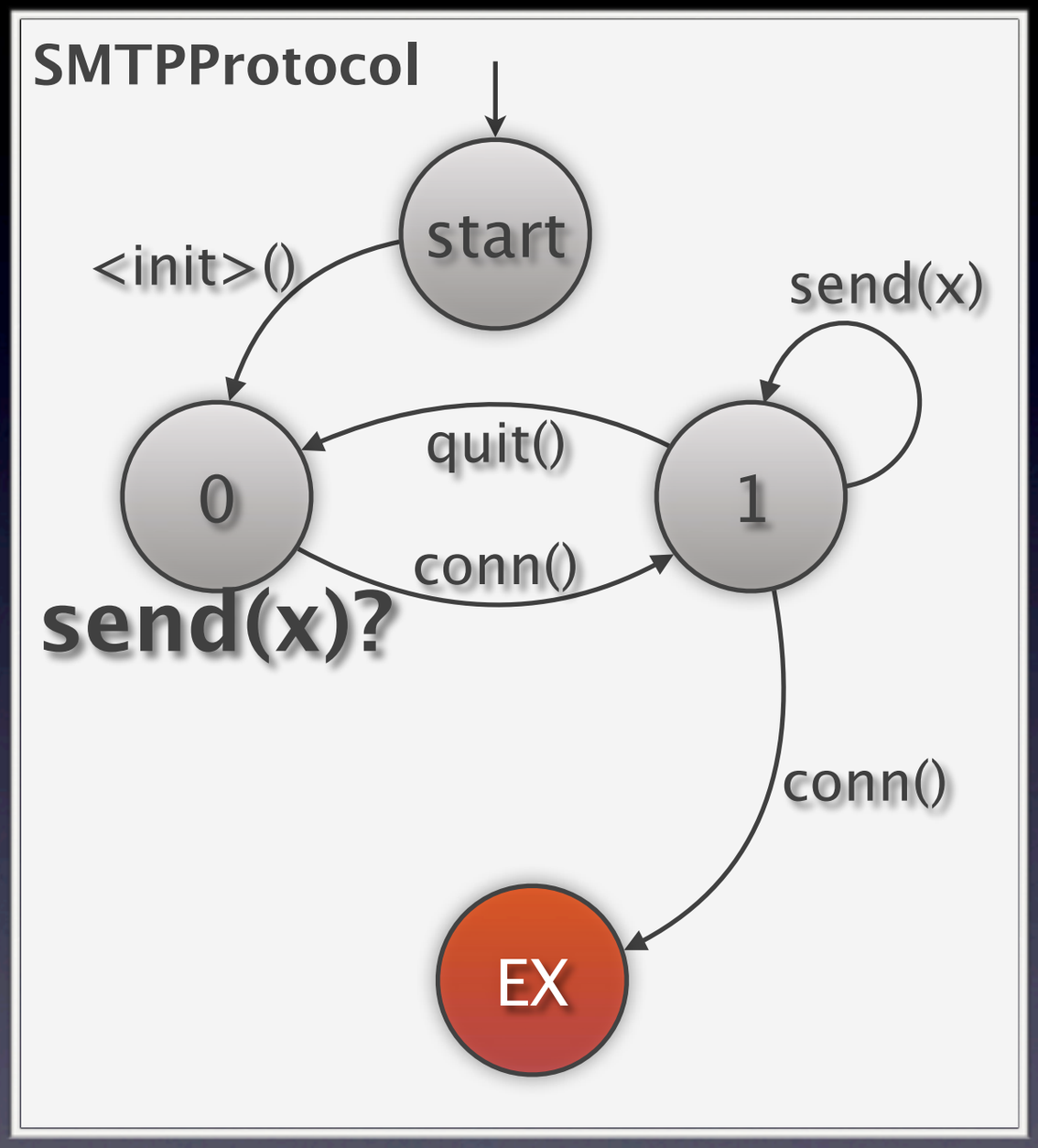

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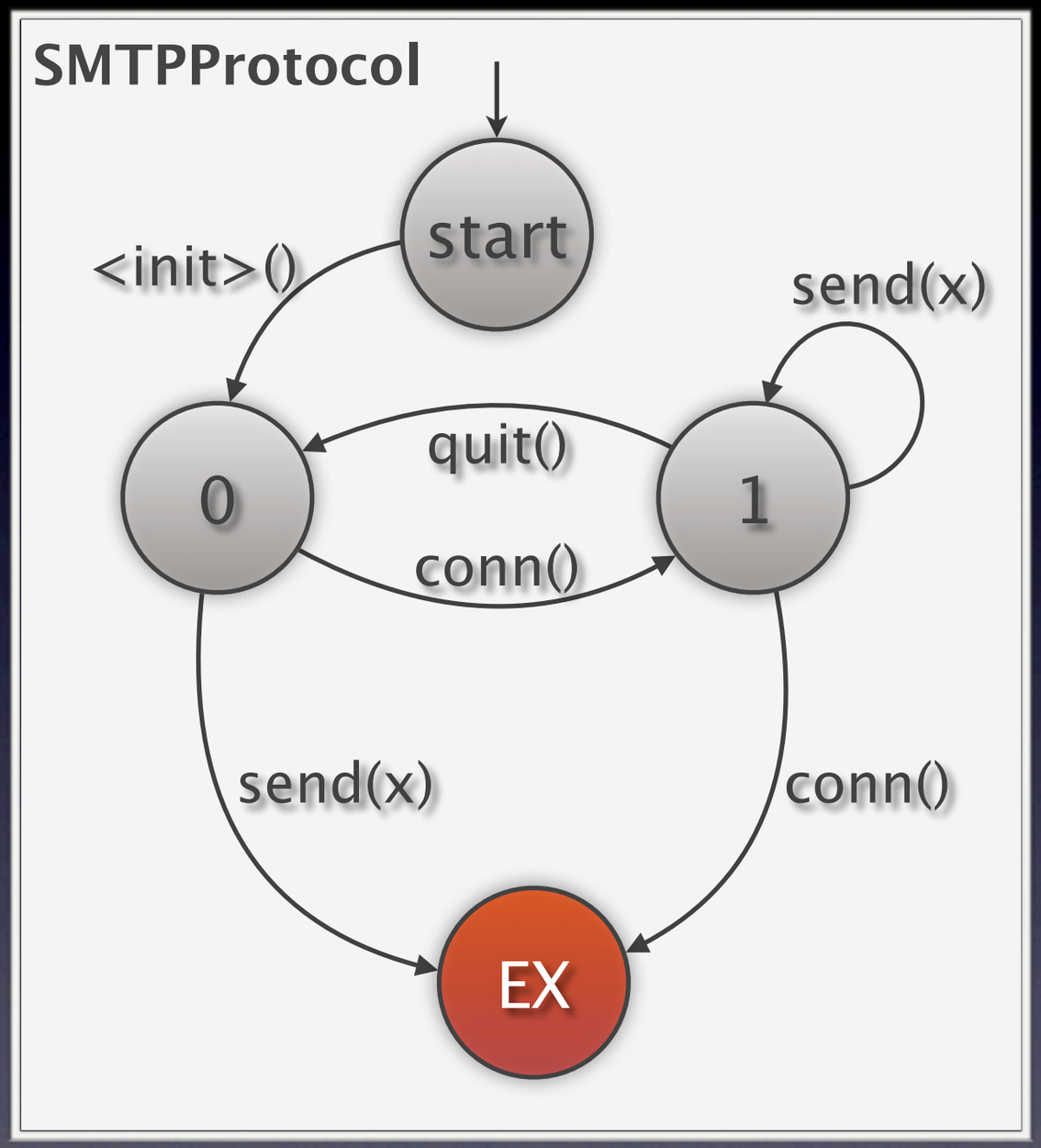

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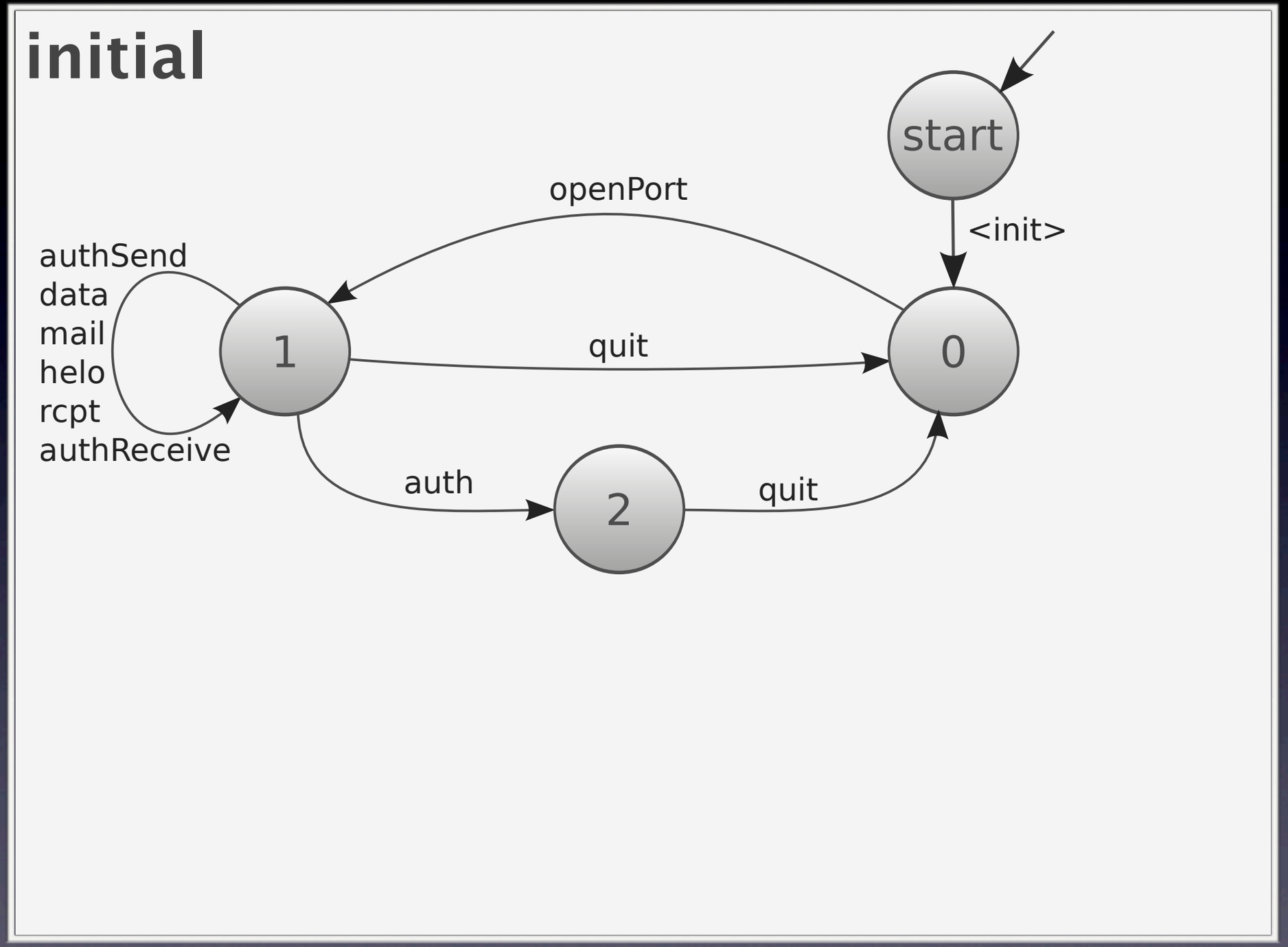

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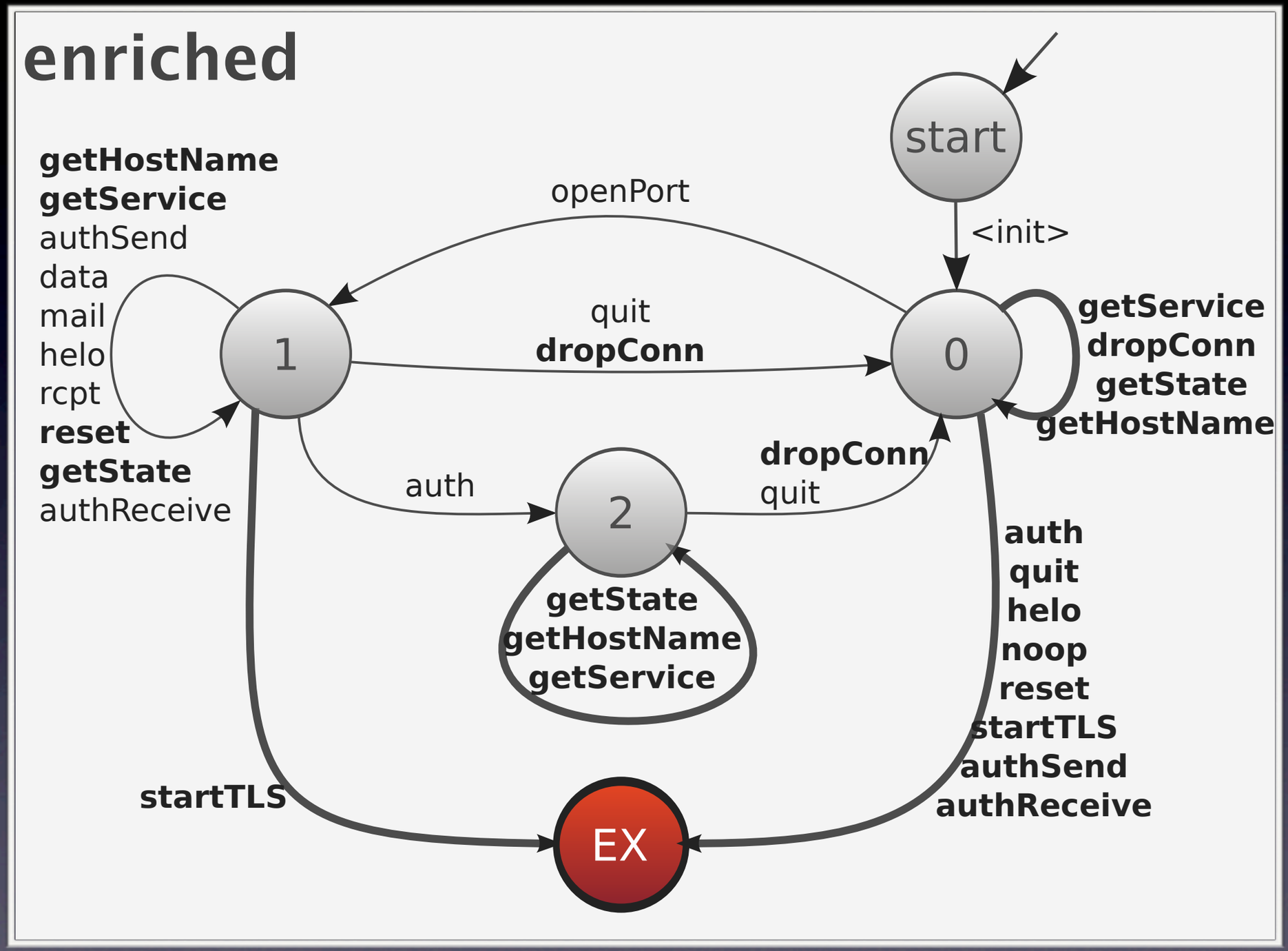

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Random Testing

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  ...

  public void test8() throws Throwable {
    if (debug) System.out.printf("%nRandoopTest0.test8");

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    Category var2 = var0.getRootCategory();
    Contact var3 = new Contact();
    AddressBook var4 = new AddressBook();
    EventHandler var5 = var4.getEventHandler();
    Category var6 = var4.getRootCategory();
    String var7 = var6.getName();
    var0.addCategory(var3, var6);
    SelectionHandler var9 = new SelectionHandler();
    AddressBook var10 = new AddressBook();
    EventHandler var11 = var10.getEventHandler();
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Category var67 = var65.getRootCategory();
Contact var68 = new Contact();
Category[] var69 = var68.getCategories();
var65.removeContact(var68);
java.util.List var71 = var65.getContacts();
AddressBook var72 = new AddressBook();
EventHandler var73 = var72.getEventHandler();
Category var74 = var72.getRootCategory();
EventHandler var75 = var72.getEventHandler();
SelectionHandler var76 = new SelectionHandler();
actions.CreateContactAction var77 = new actions.CreateContactAction(var72, var76);
boolean var78 = var77.isEnabled();
AddressBook var79 = new AddressBook();
EventHandler var80 = var79.getEventHandler();
Category var81 = var79.getRootCategory();
String var82 = var81.getName();
var77.categorySelected(var81);
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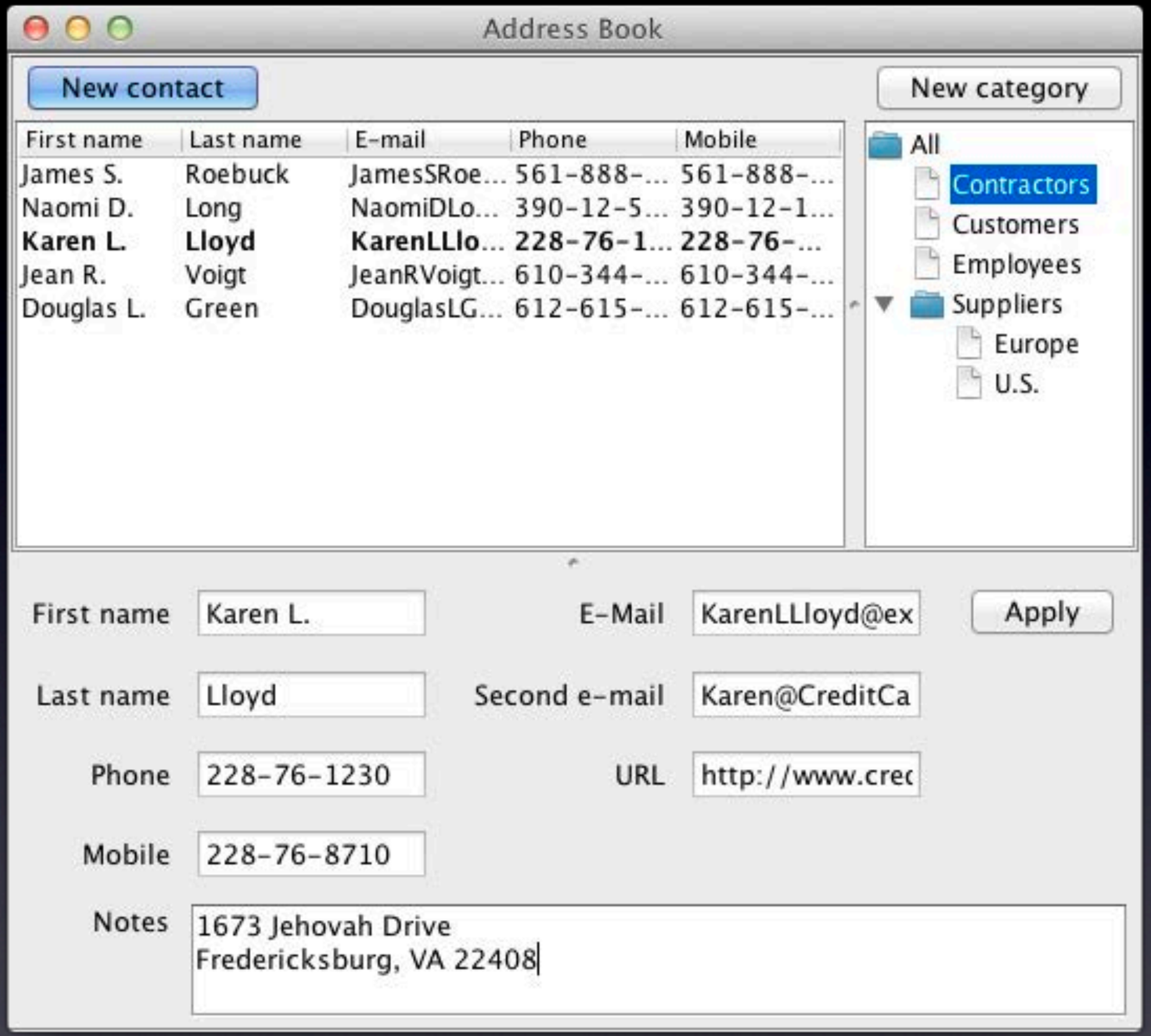

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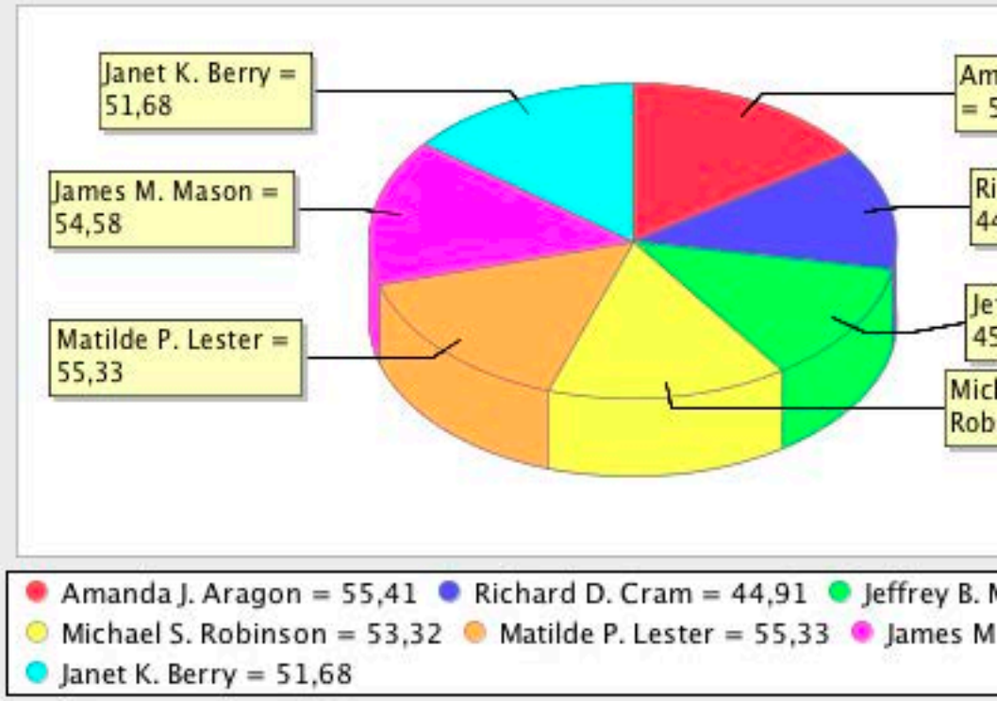

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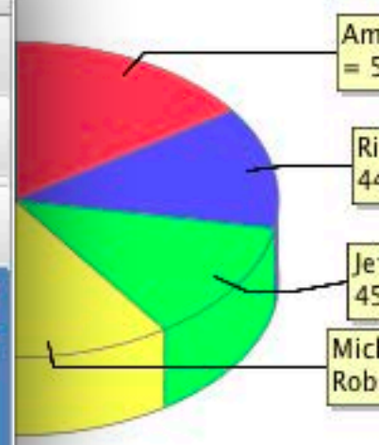

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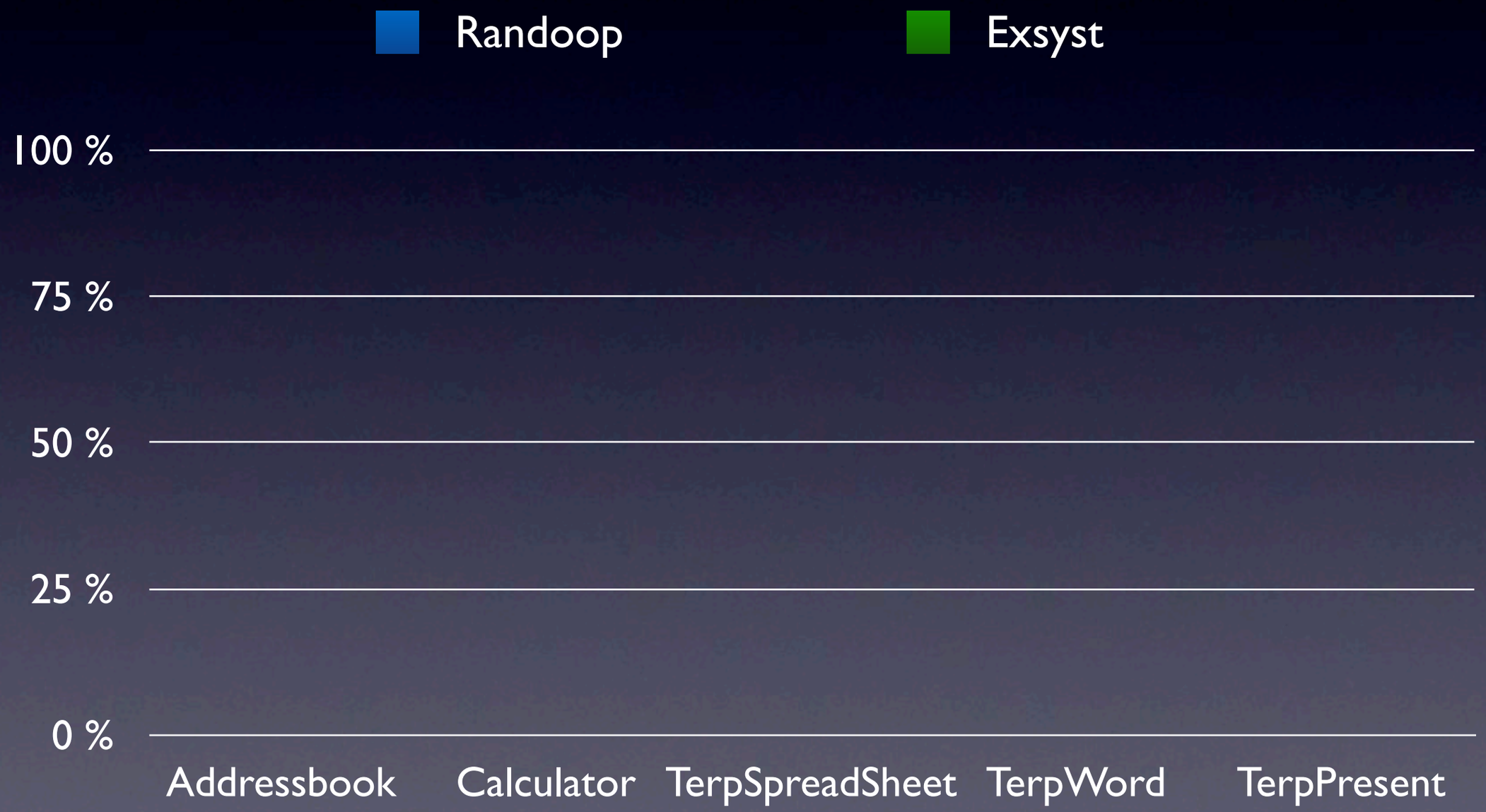

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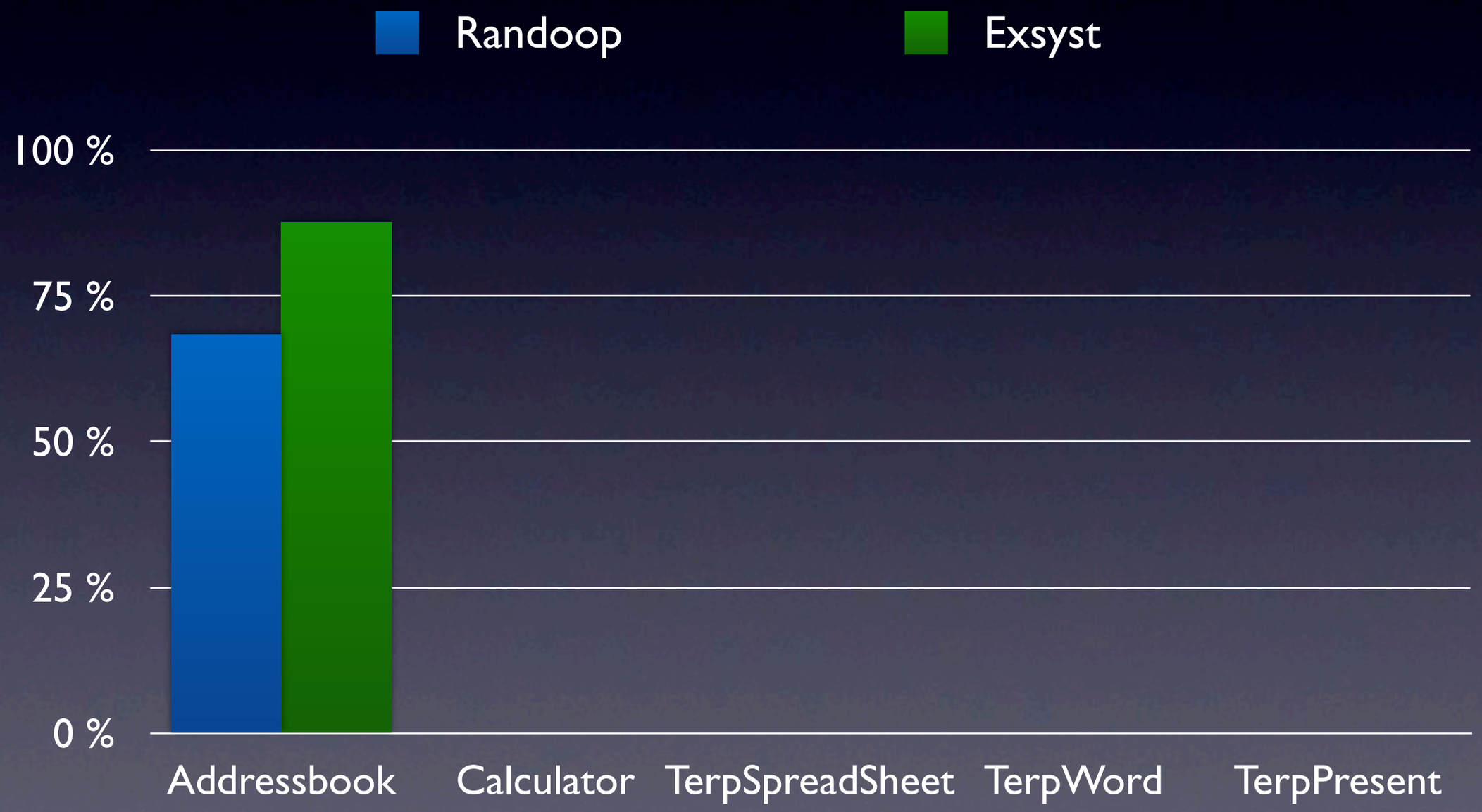

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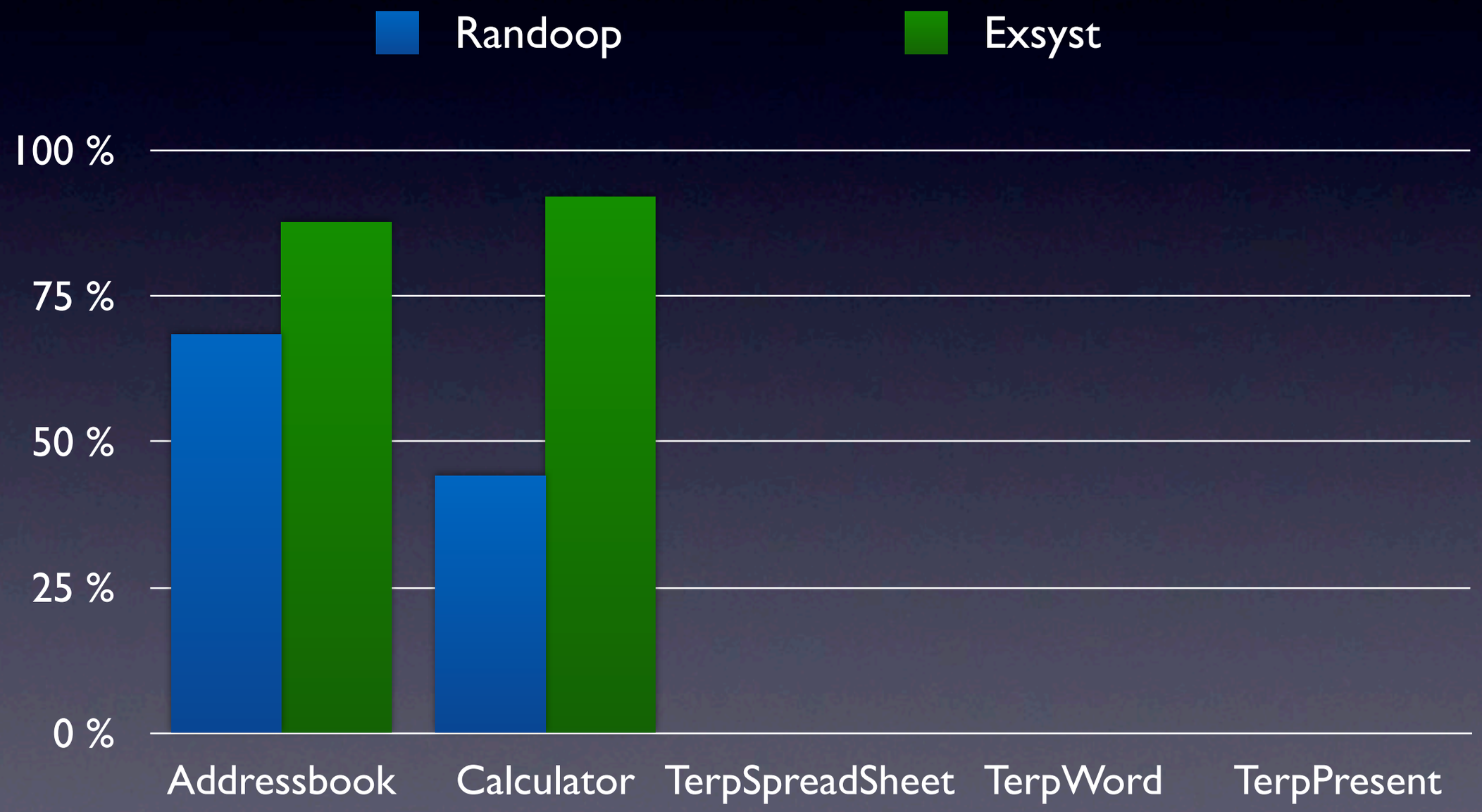

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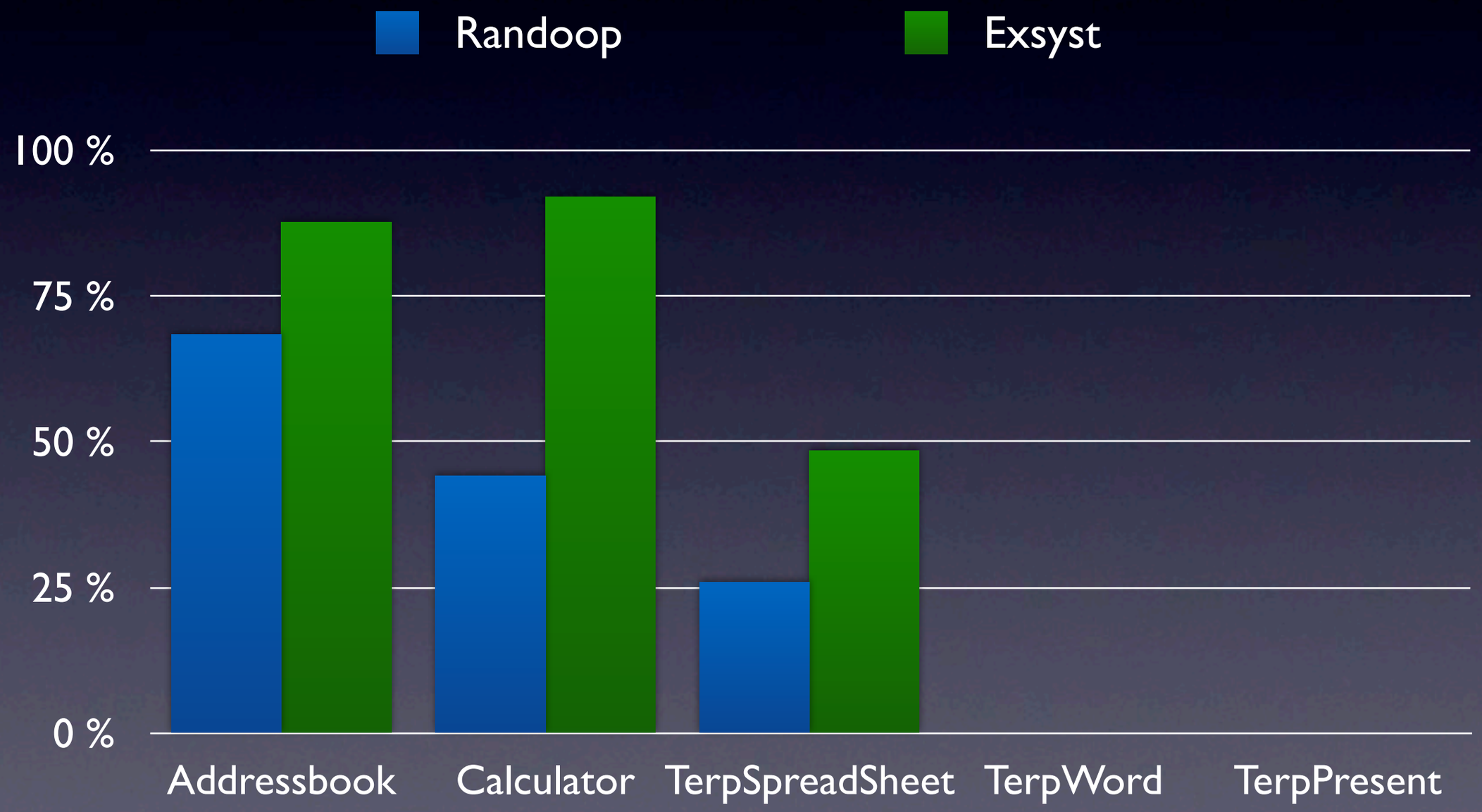

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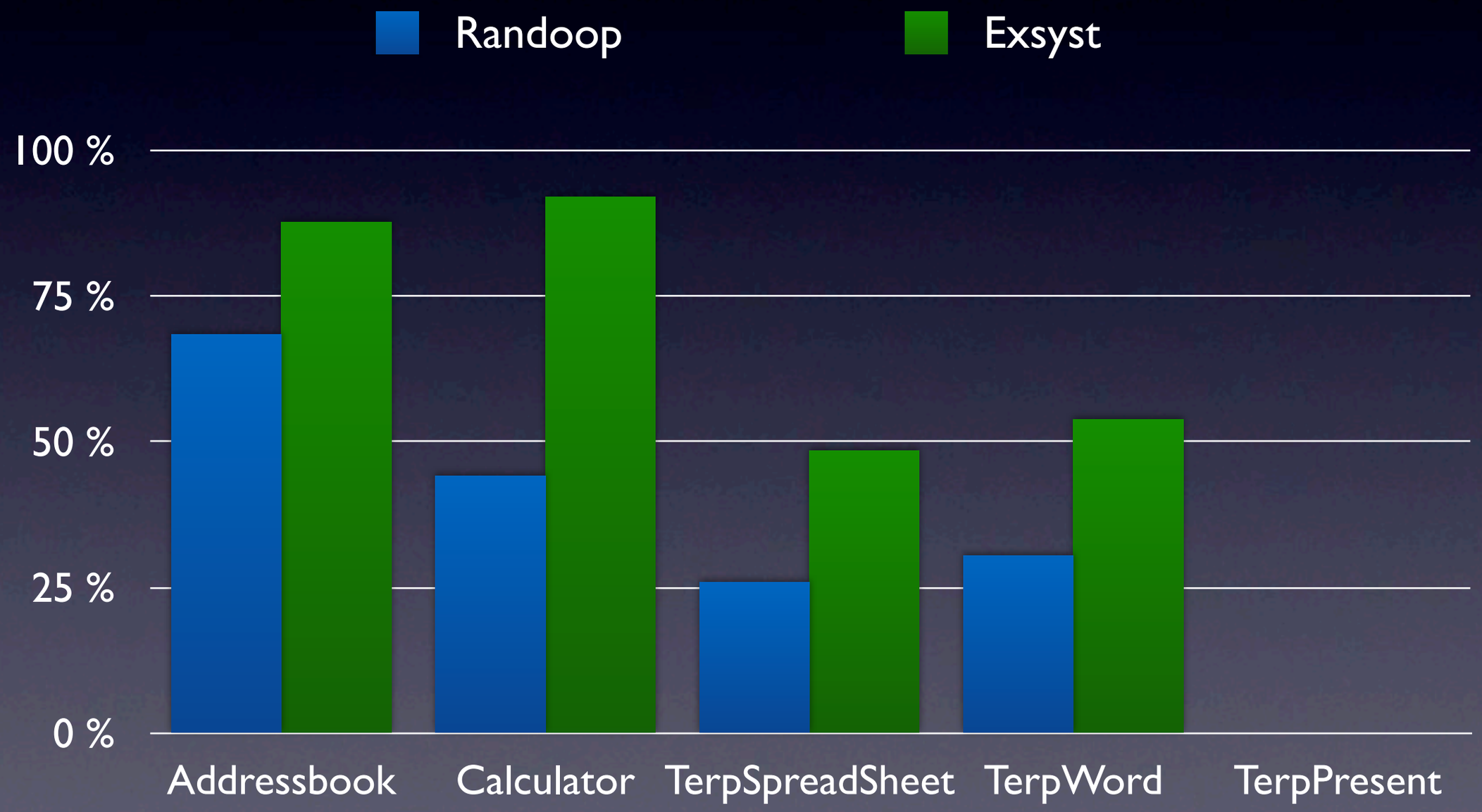

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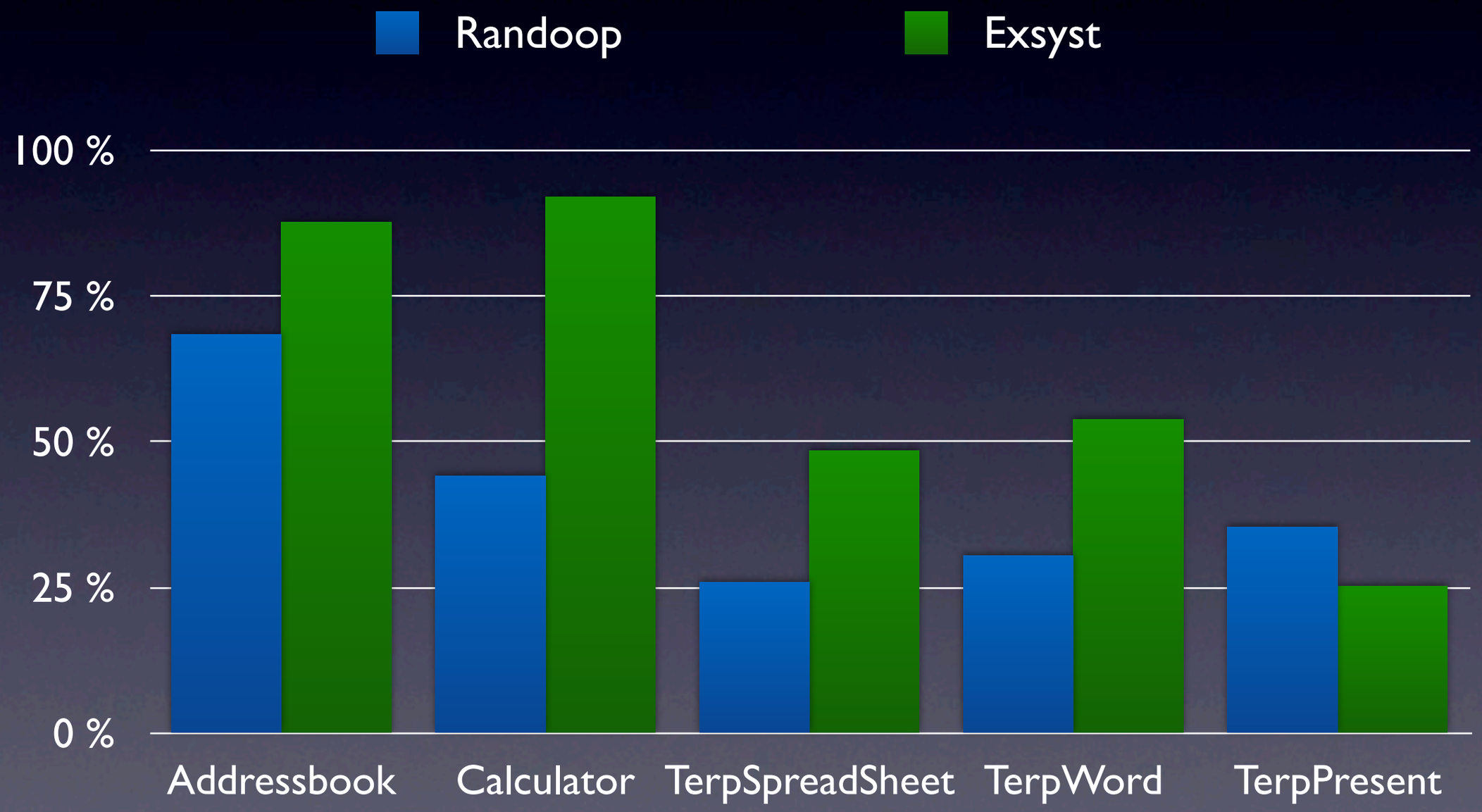

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    private String name;

    // The child elements.
    private Vector children;

    // Returns an enumeration of all child elements.
    public Enumeration enumerateChildren() { ... }

    // Returns the number of children.
    public int getChildrenCount() { ... }

    // Removes a child element.
    public void removeChild(IXMLElement child) { ... }

    // More methods and attributes...
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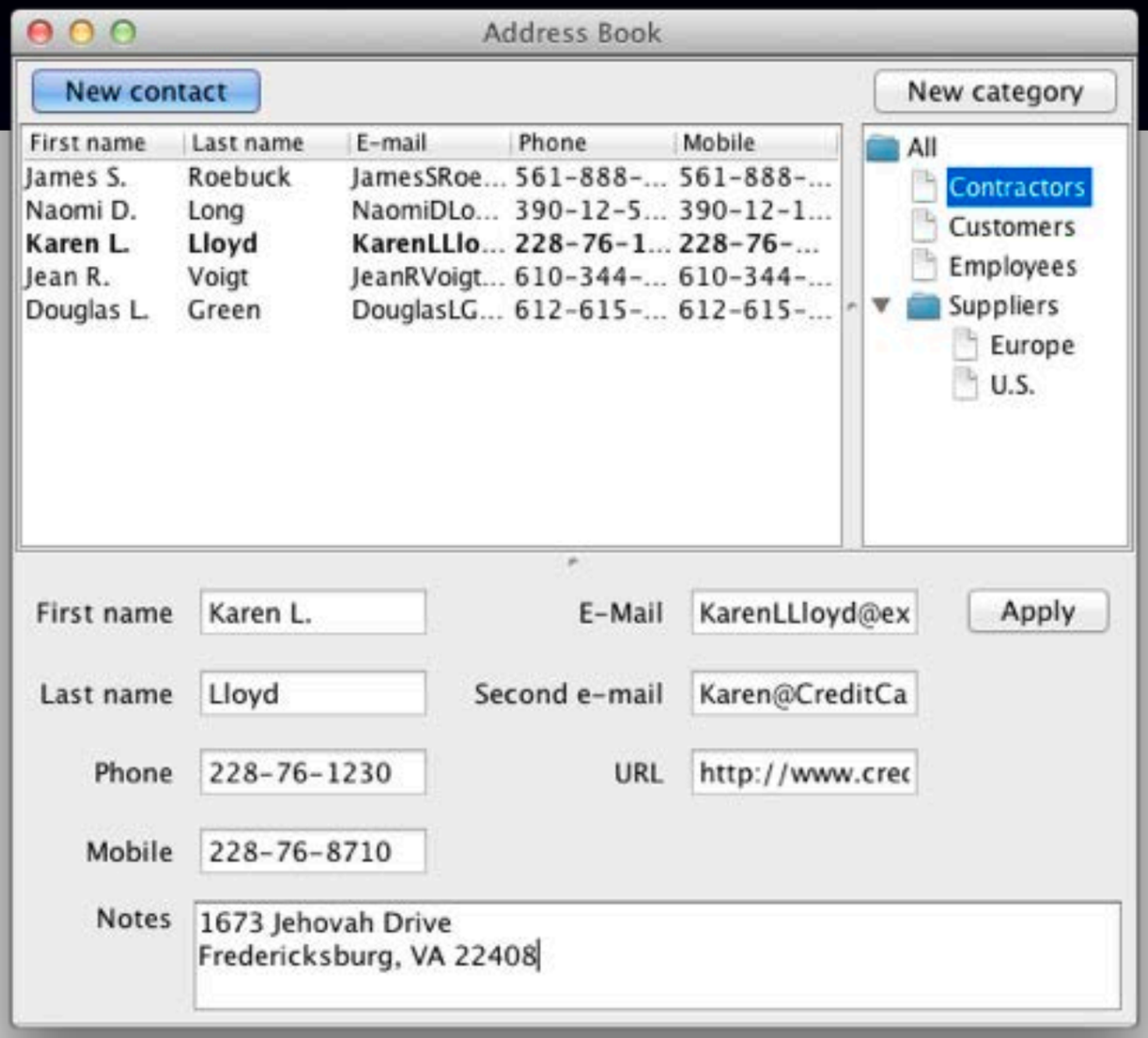

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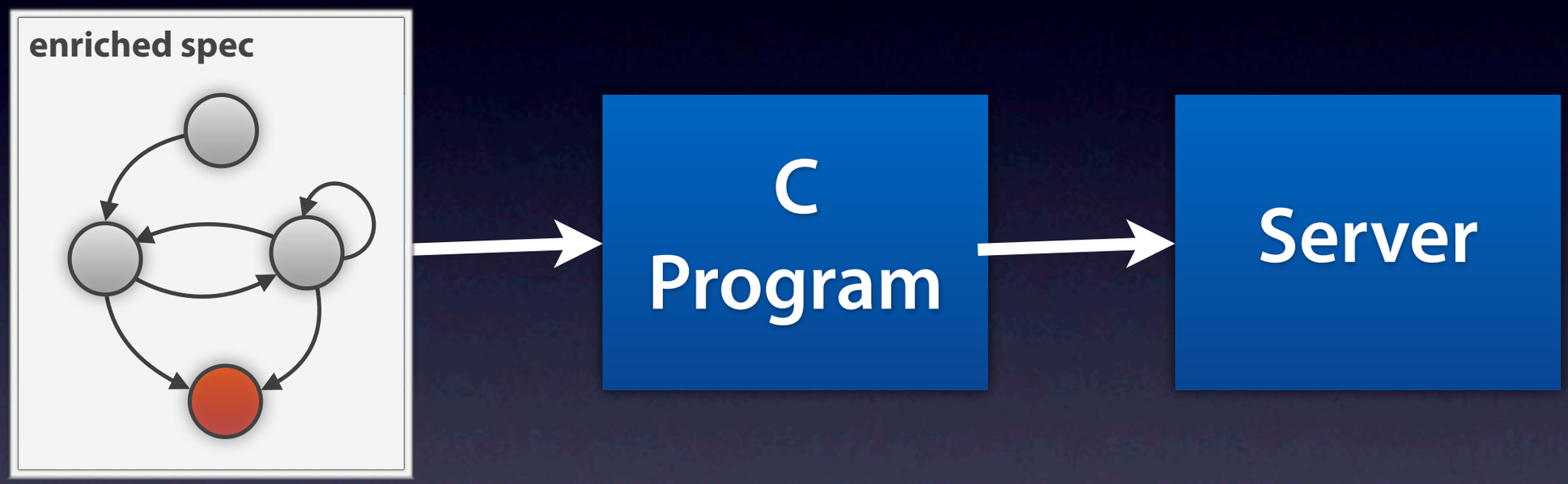

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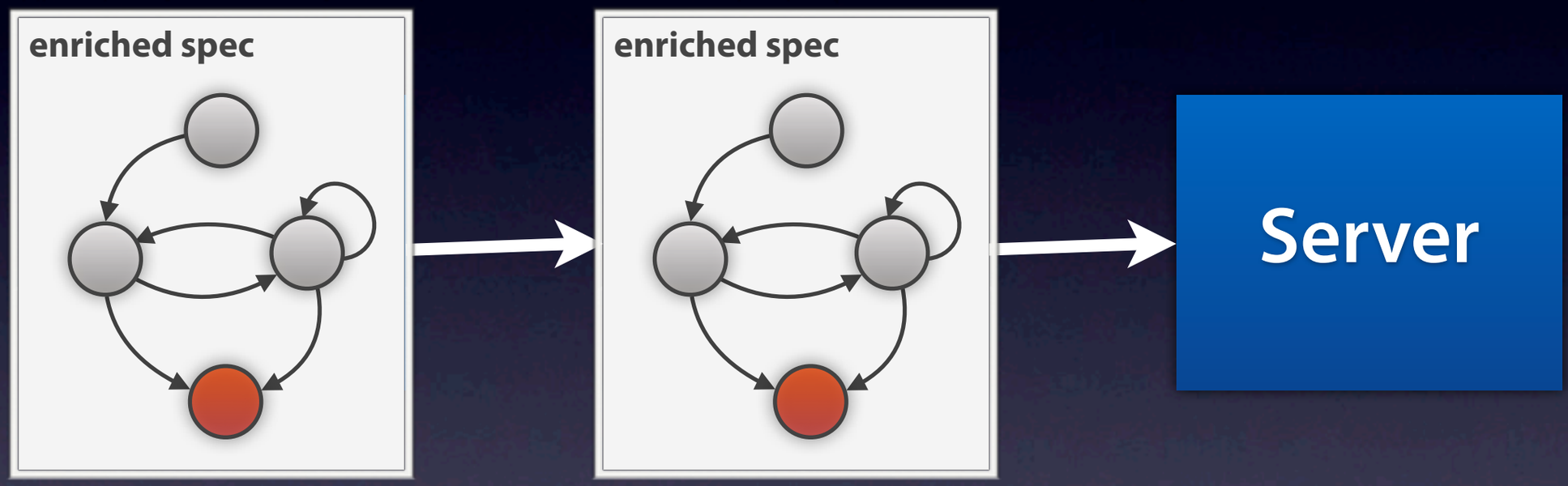

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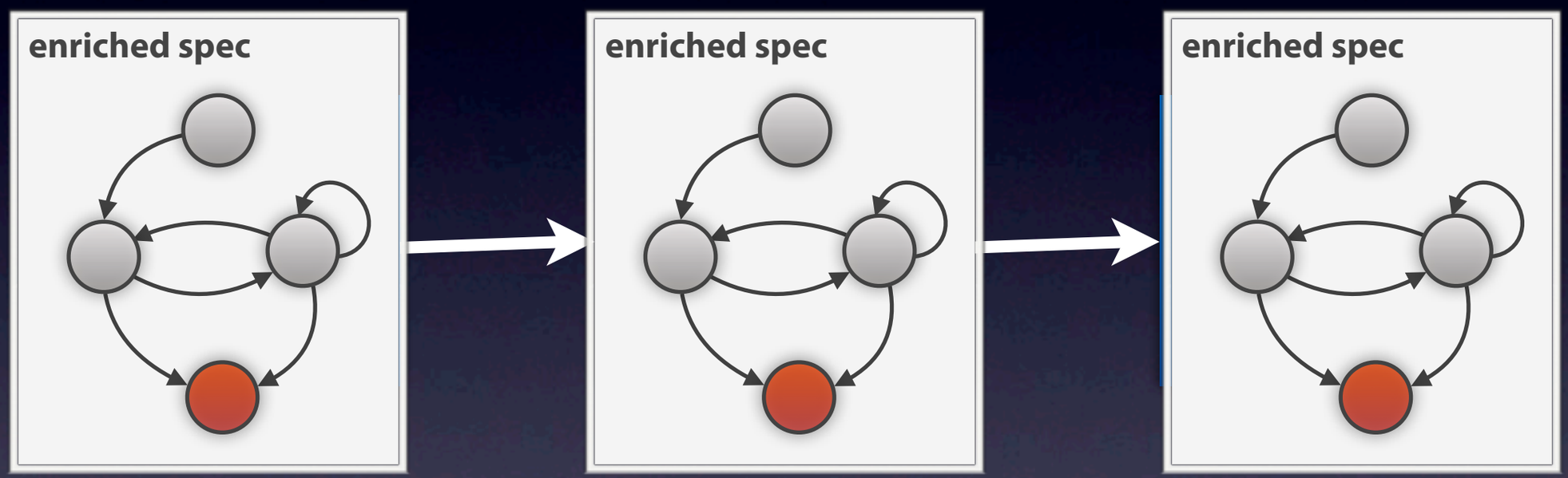

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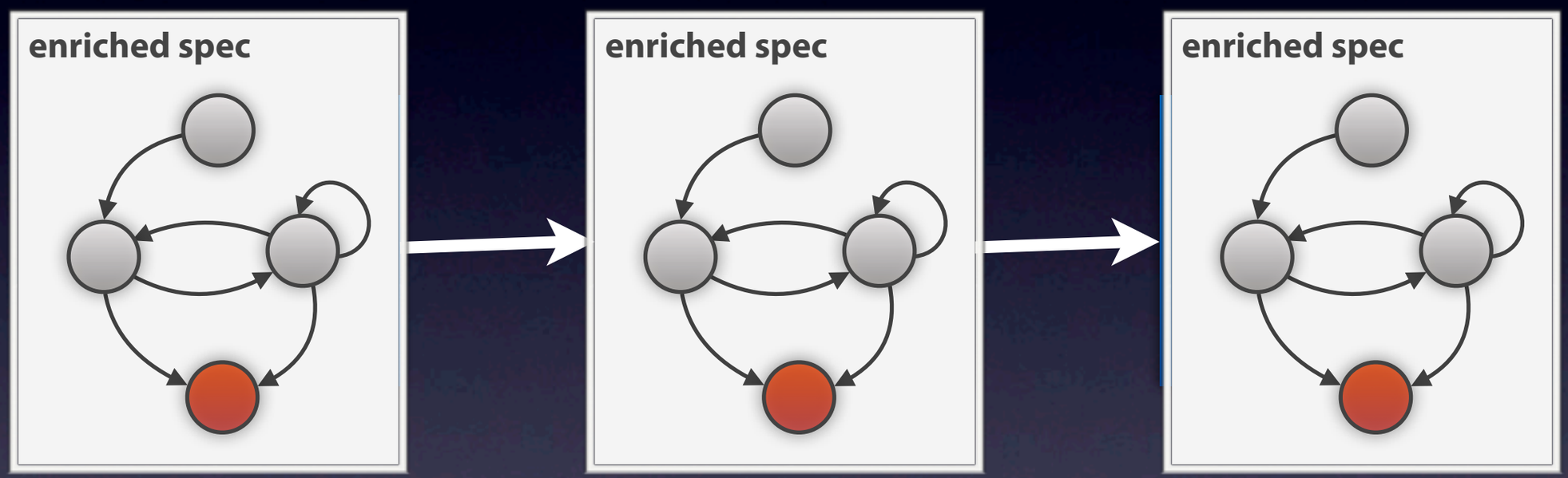

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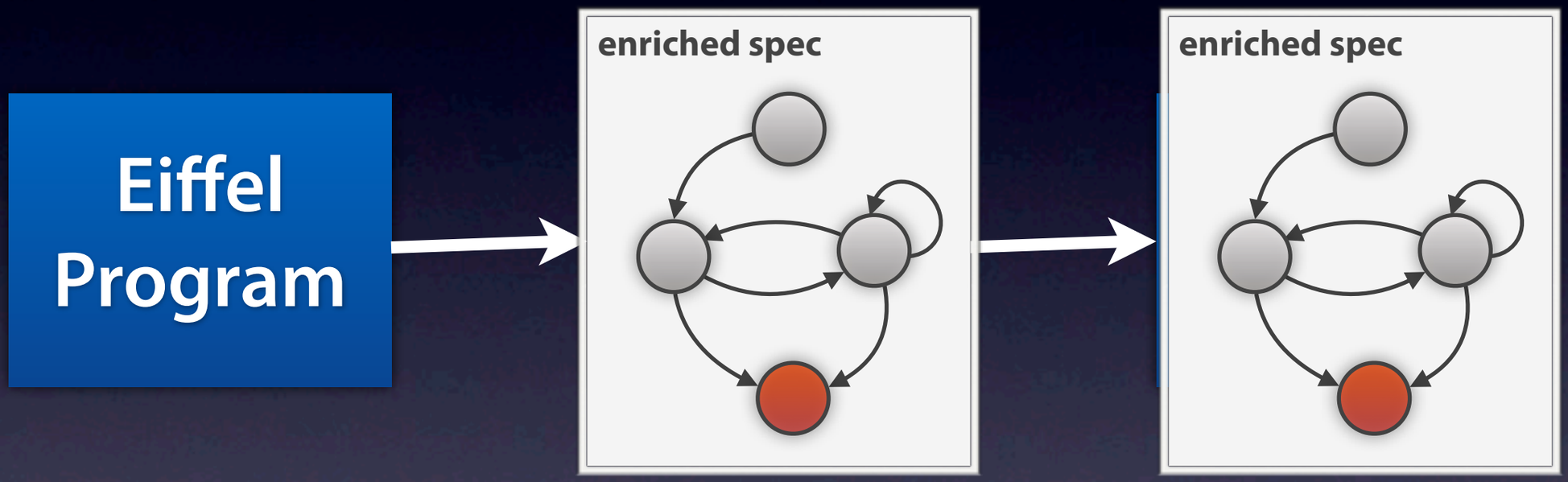

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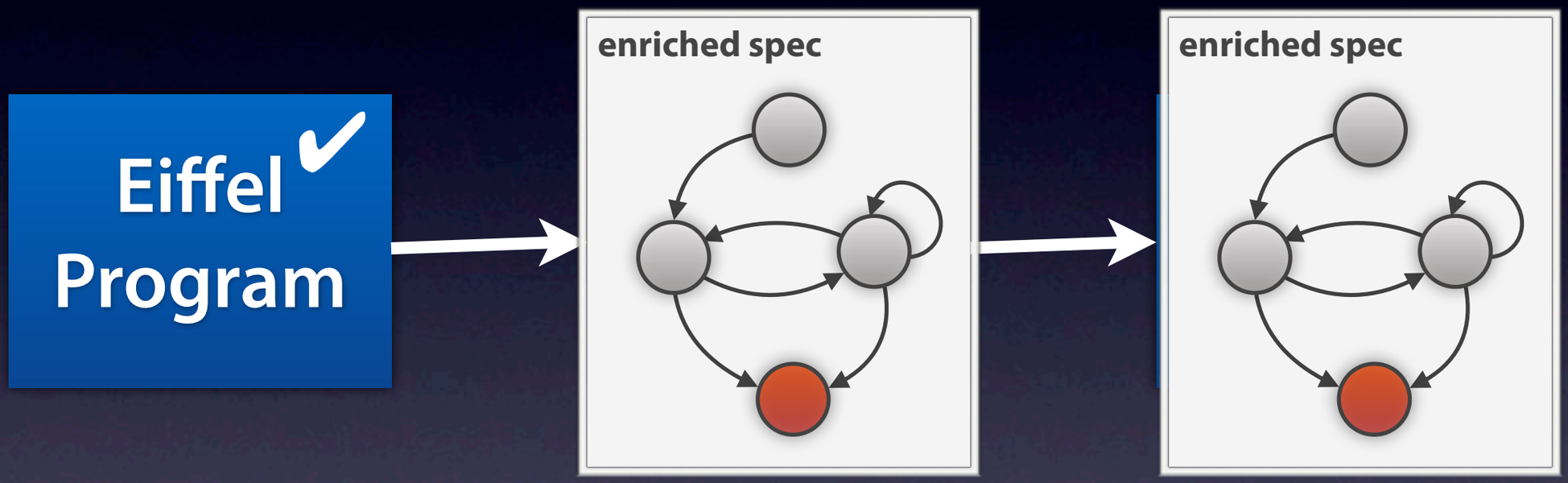

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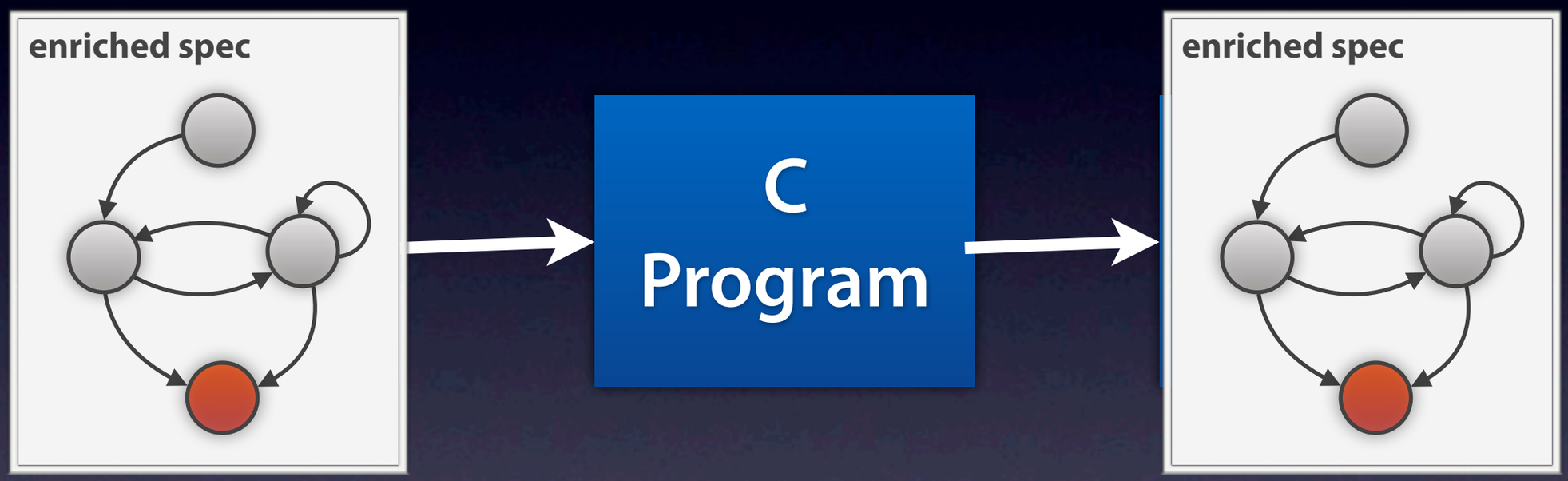

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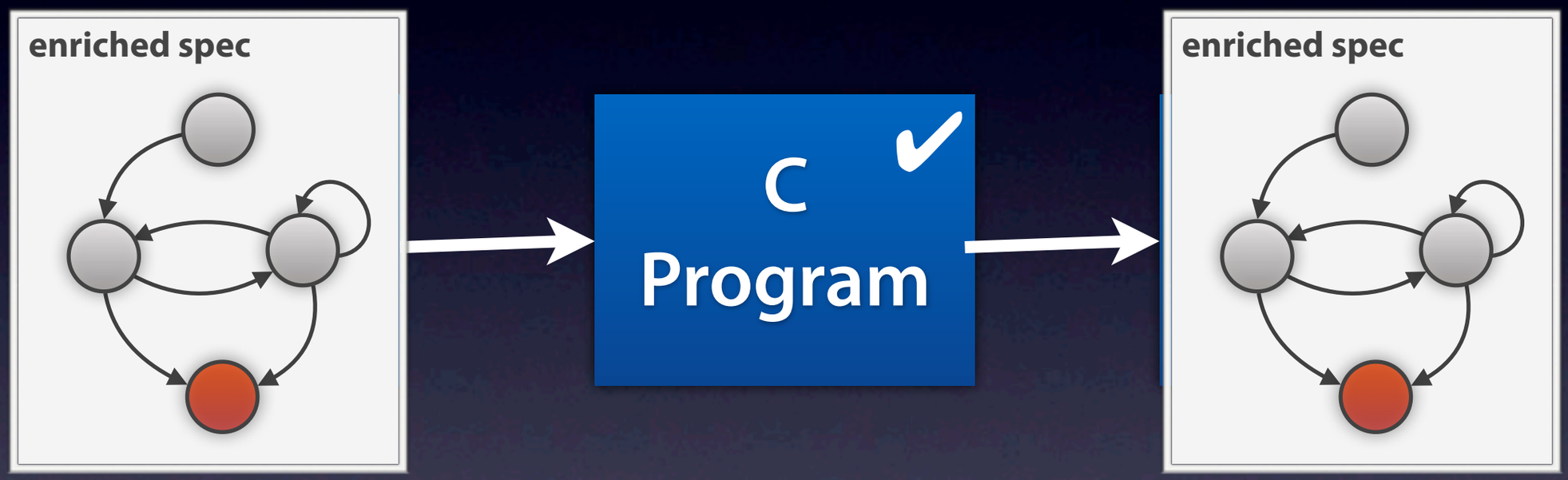

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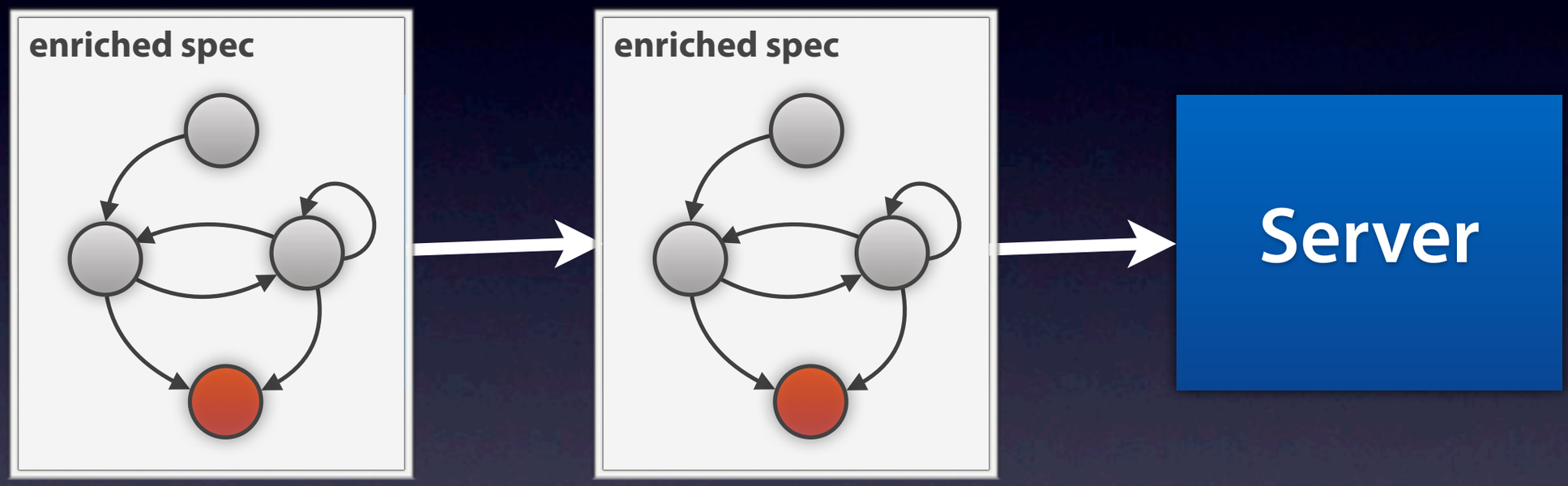

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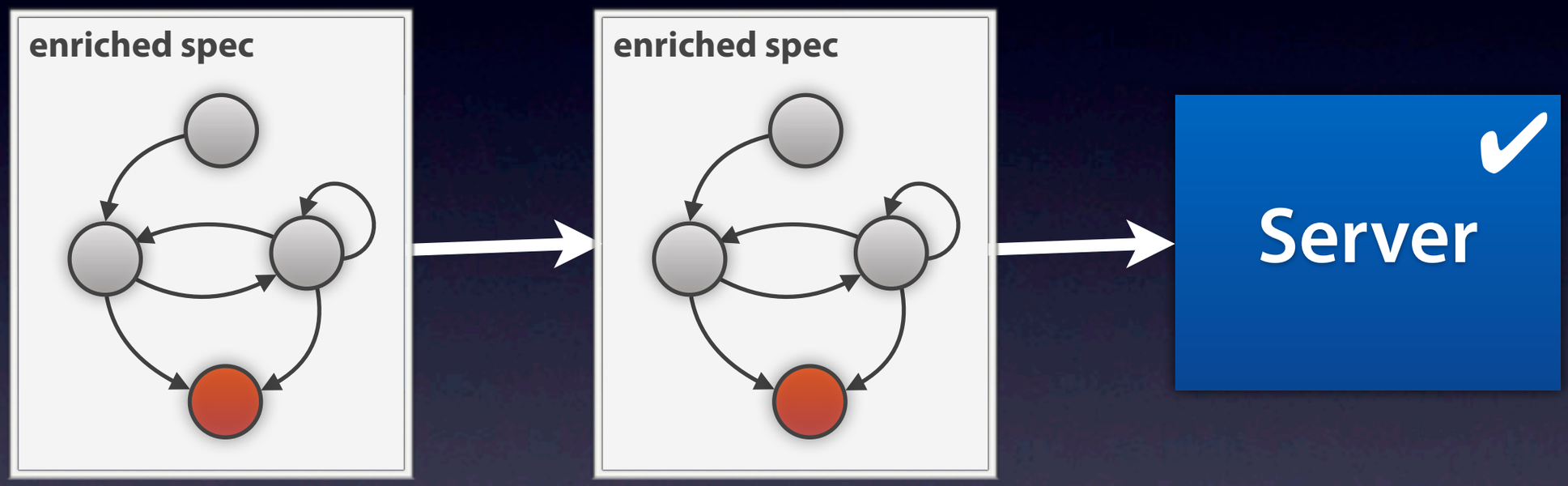

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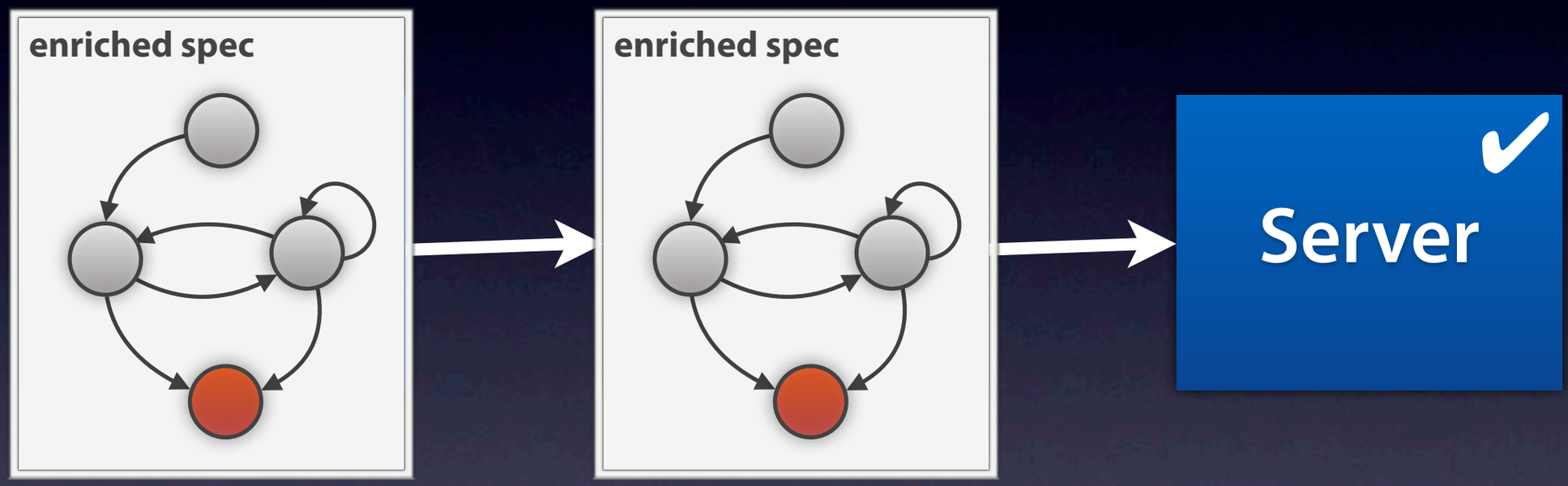

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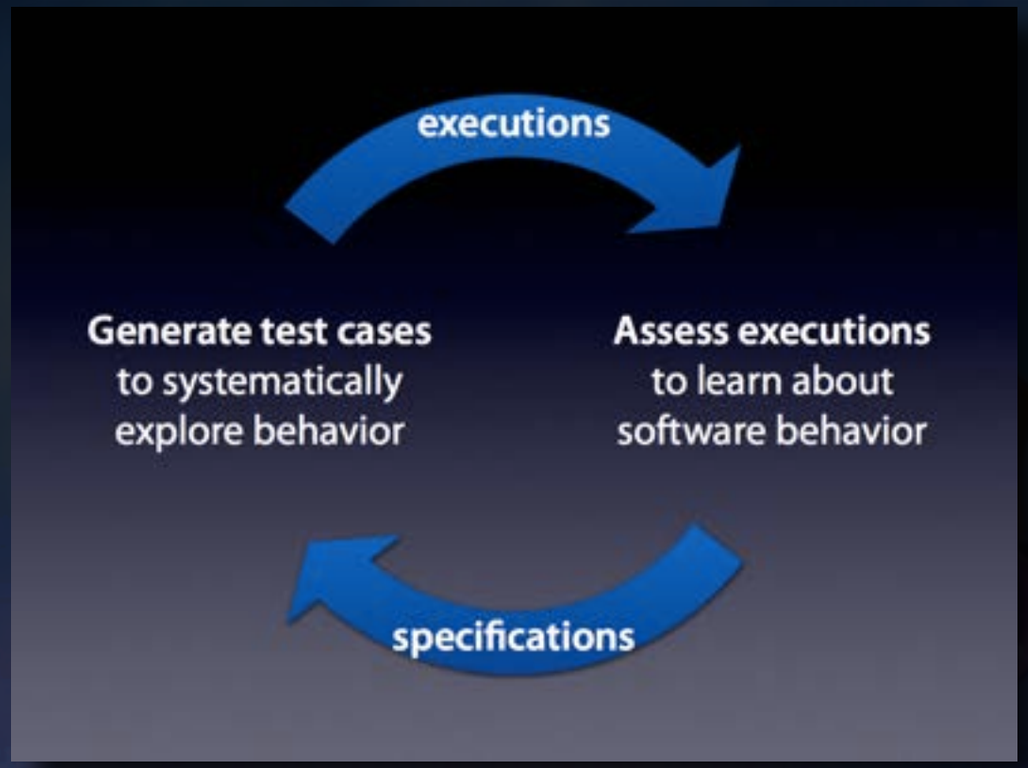

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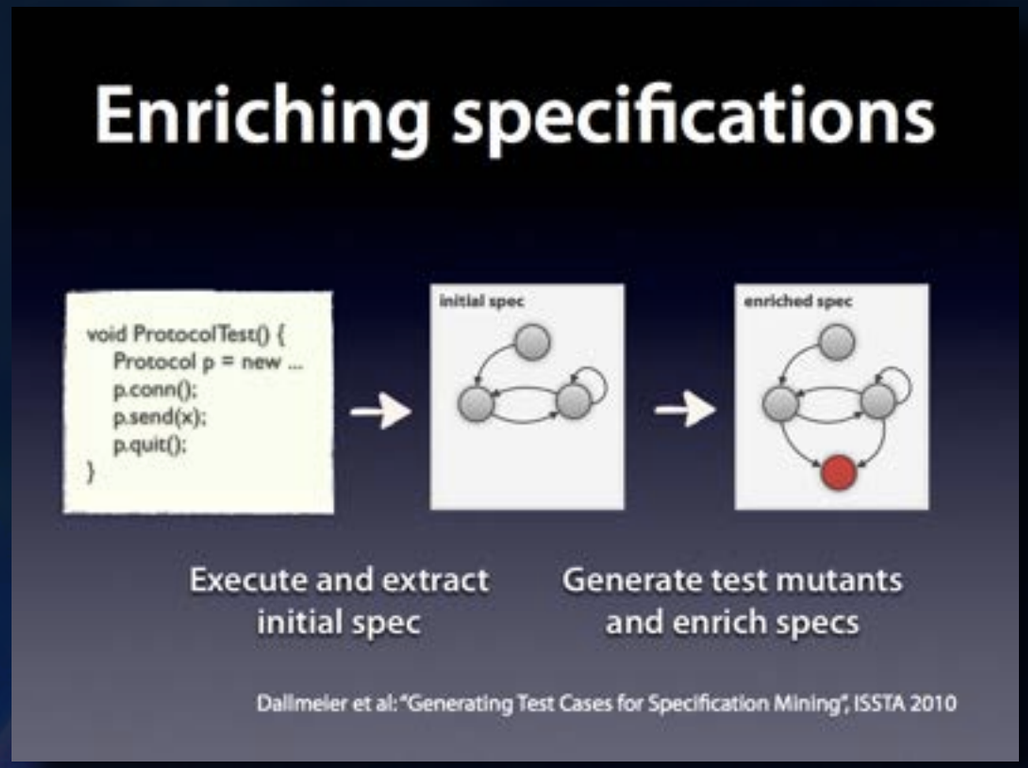

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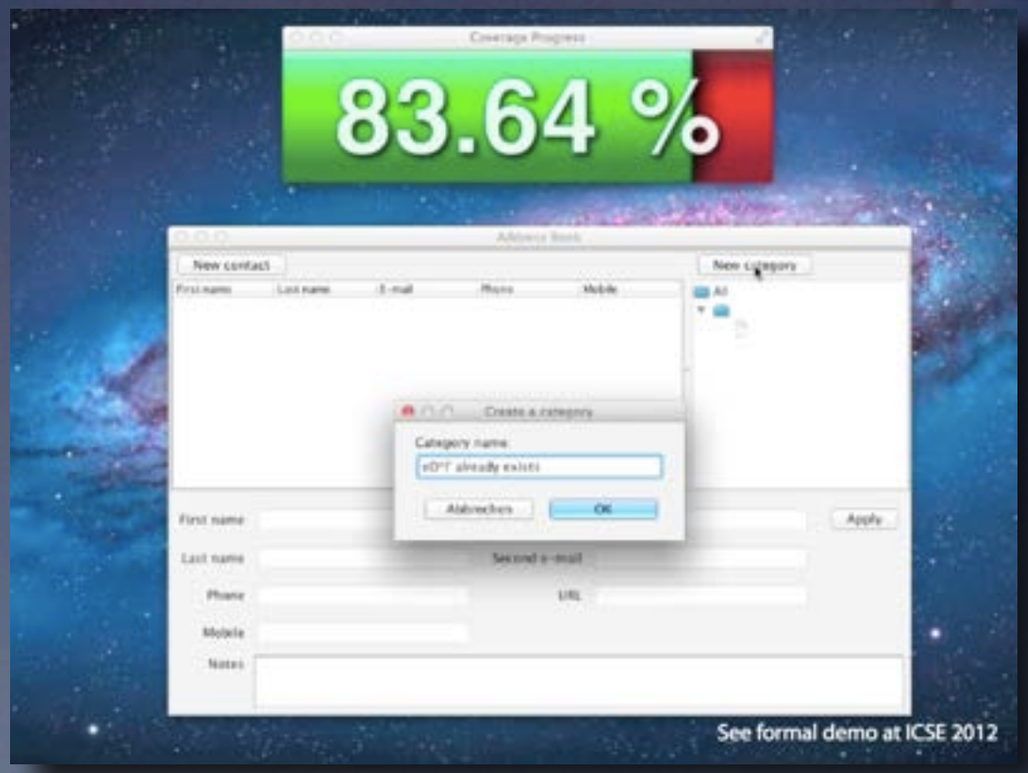

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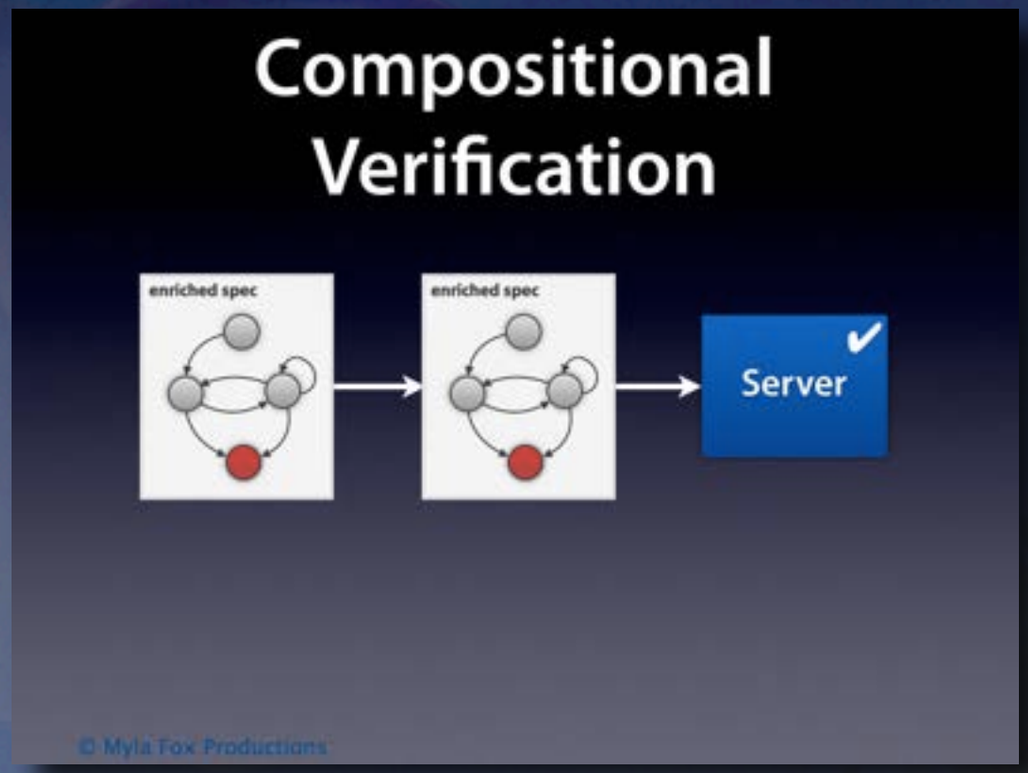

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