

Carving Invariants

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Concrete Tests



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Generated Tests

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assert (y*y == x)
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Program Proofs



`assert (y*y == x)`

Specifying is Hard



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SPECMATE: Specification Mining and Testing

Principal Investigator (PI): Andreas Zeller
PI's host institution: Saarland University
Project duration: 60 months

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;

Program maintenance as it eases program understanding and change impact assessment: every aspect of the program behavior will be described in a high-level, abstract specification.

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Project budget: €2.2 million

```
public class XMLElement implements IXMLElement
{
    // 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...
}
```

(a) Executable Program



```
removeChild _____
ΔXMLElement
child? : XML_ELEMENT
_____
child? ∈ enumerateChildren
child? ≠ null
enumerateChildren' = enumerateChildren \ child?
getChildrenCount' = getChildrenCount - 1
```

(b) Specification

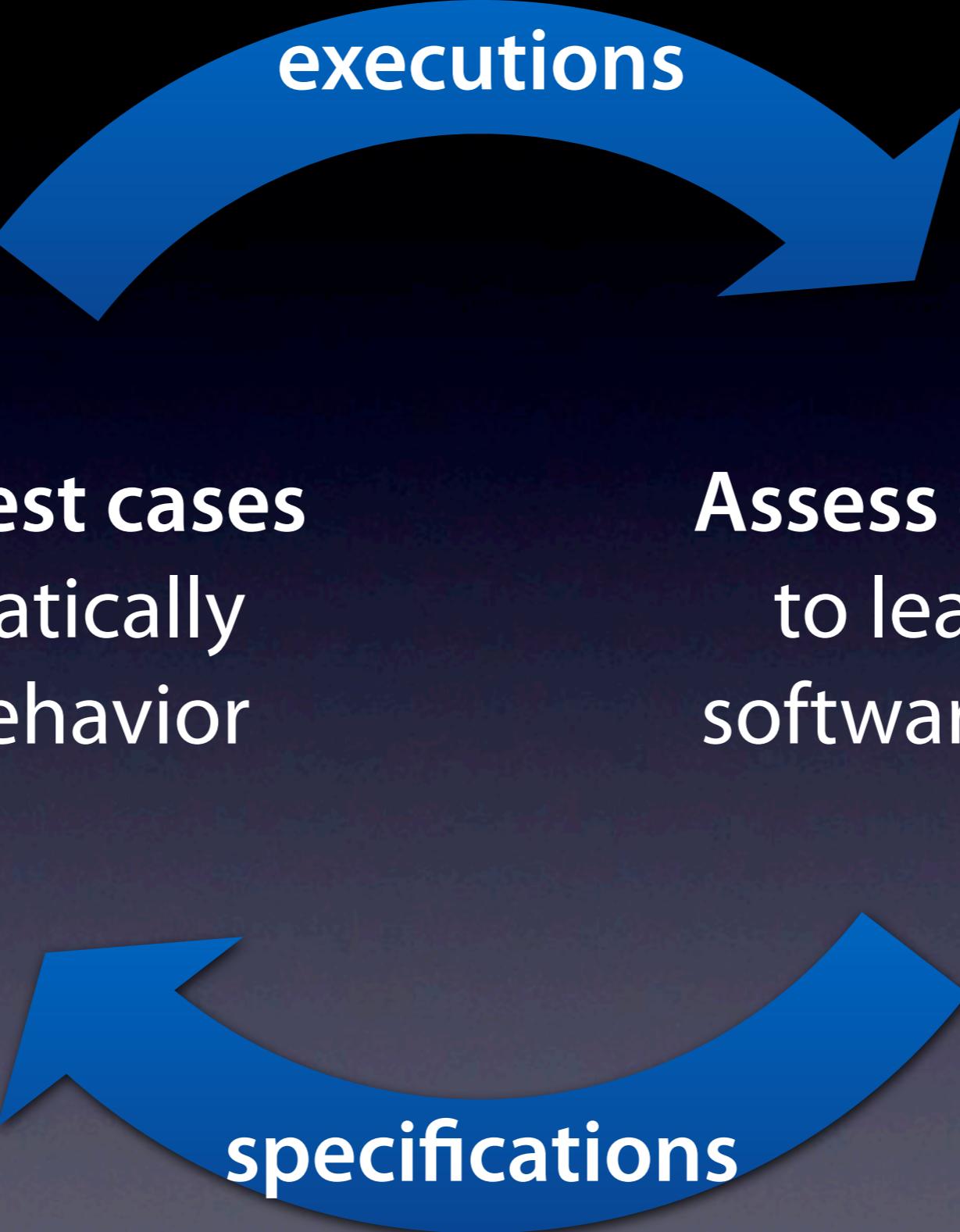


```
public void testRemoveChild()
{
    child = element.getChildAtIndex(0);
    element.removeChild(child);
    assertEquals(element.getChildrenCount(),
                old_getChildrenCount - 1);
}
```

(c) Test

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Generate test cases
to systematically
explore behavior

Assess executions
to learn about
software behavior

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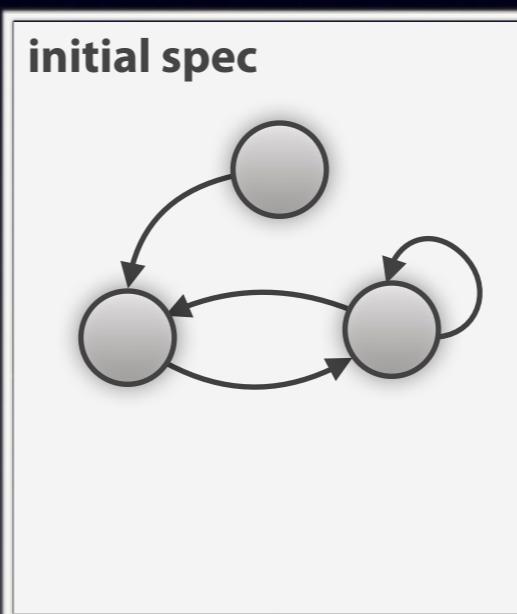
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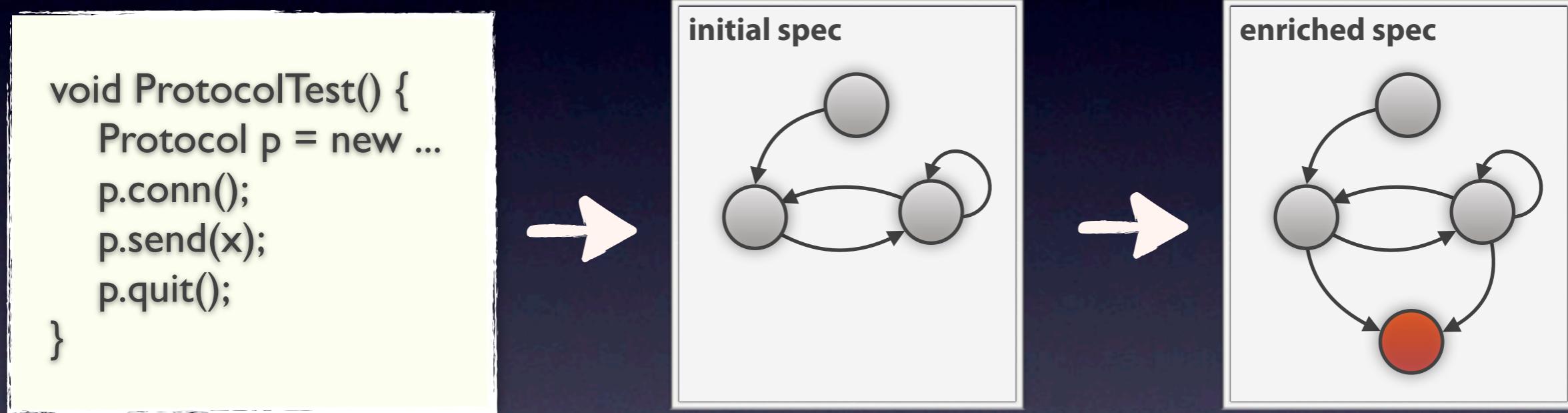
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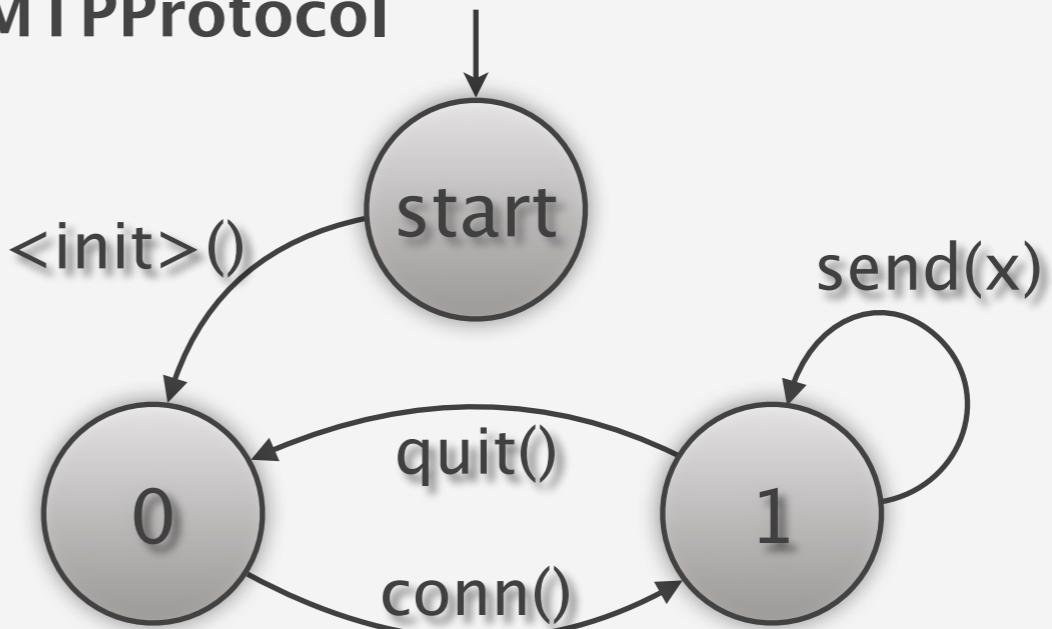
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Generate test mutants
and enrich specs


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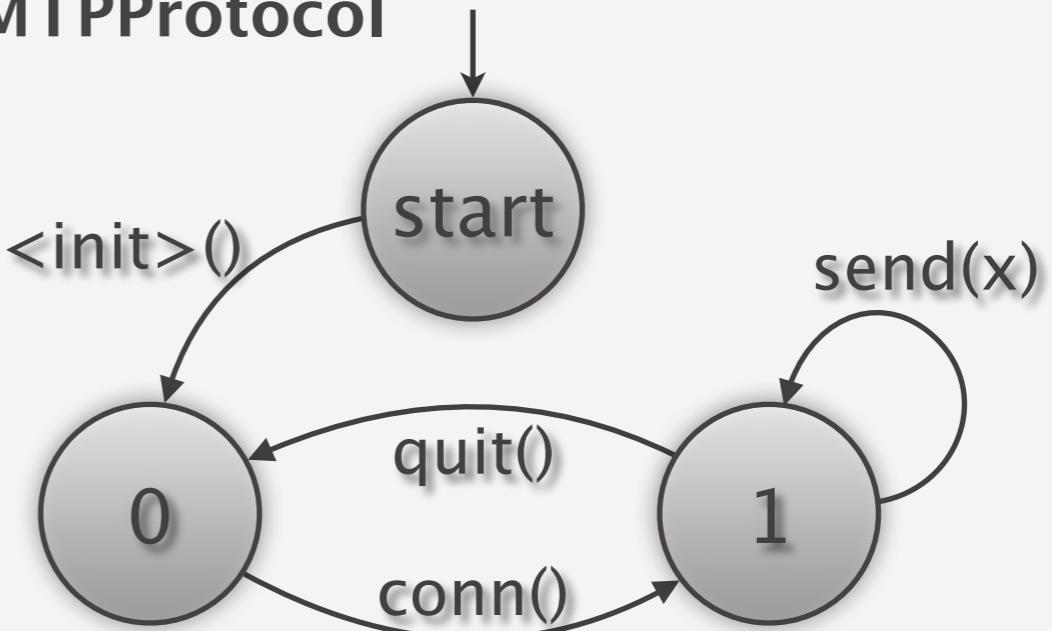
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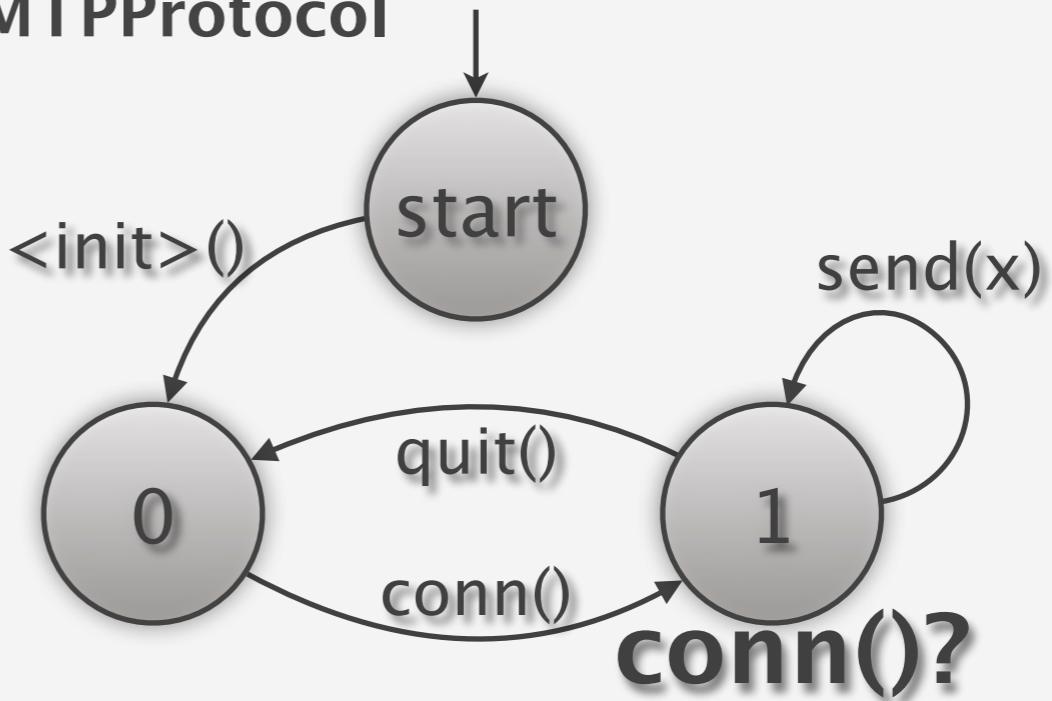
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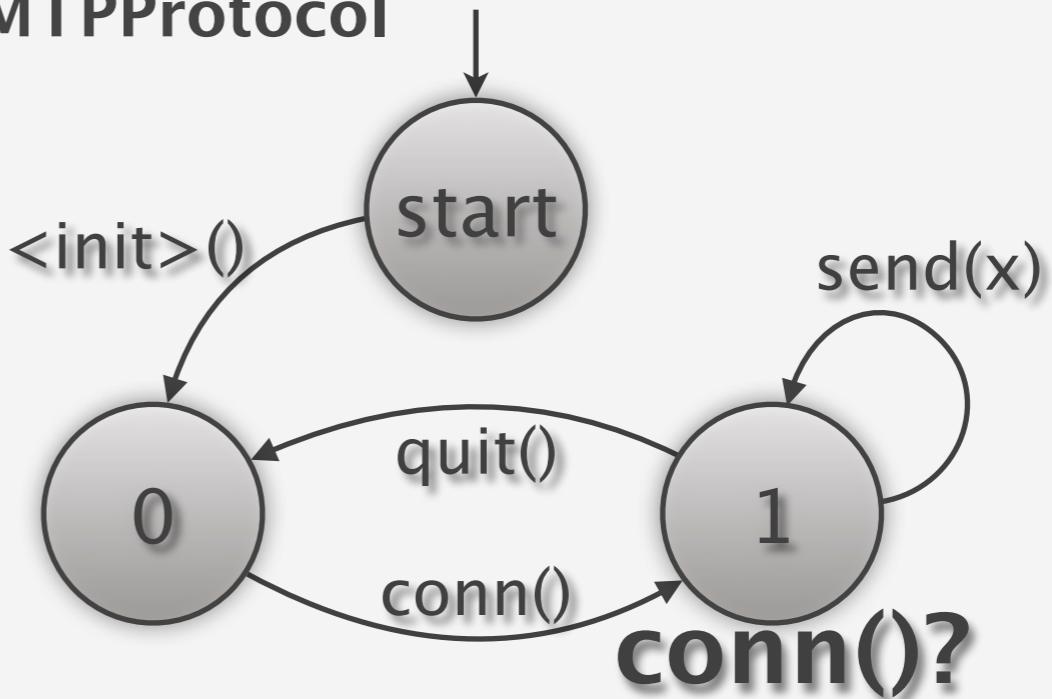
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    p.send(x);  
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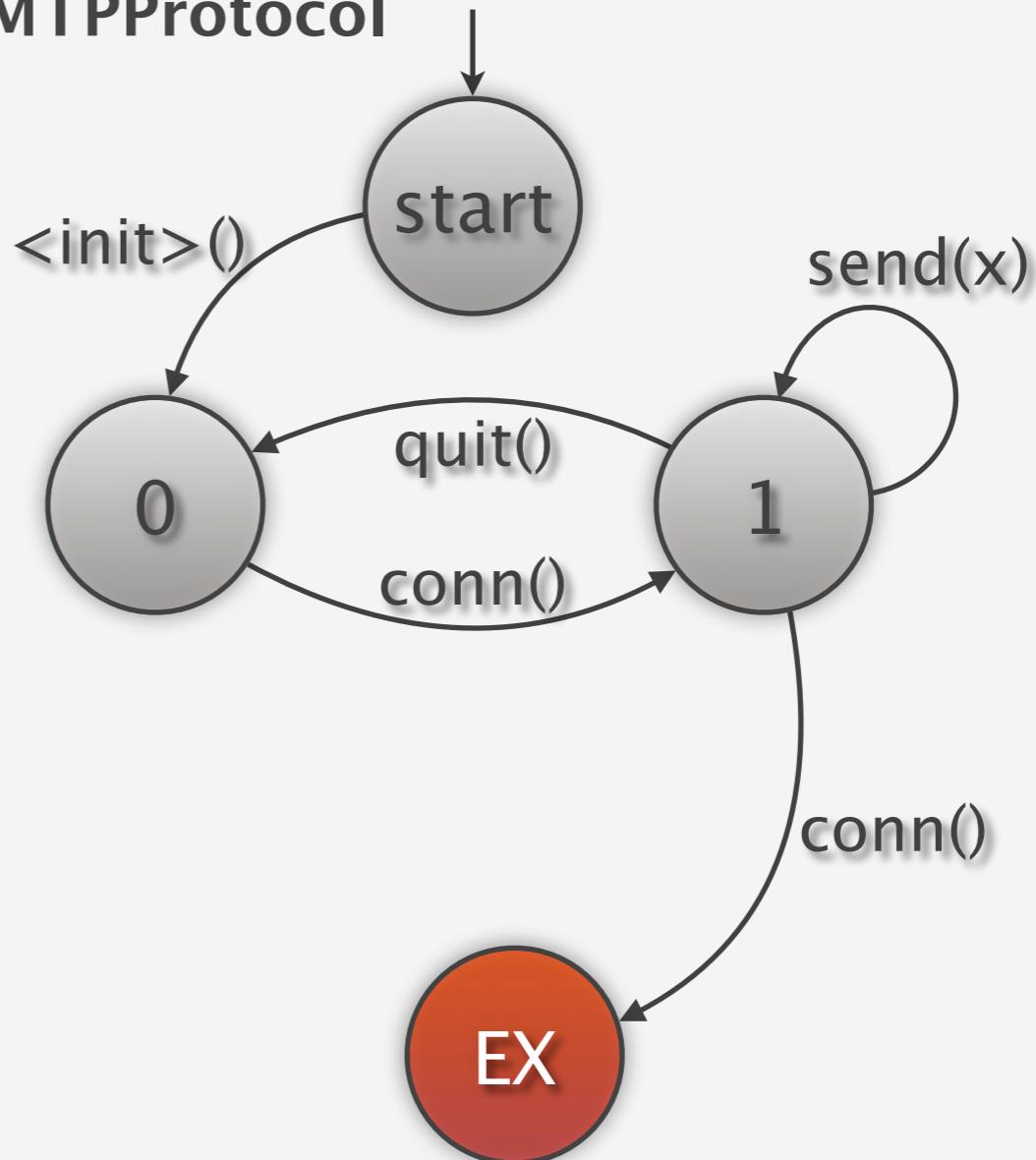
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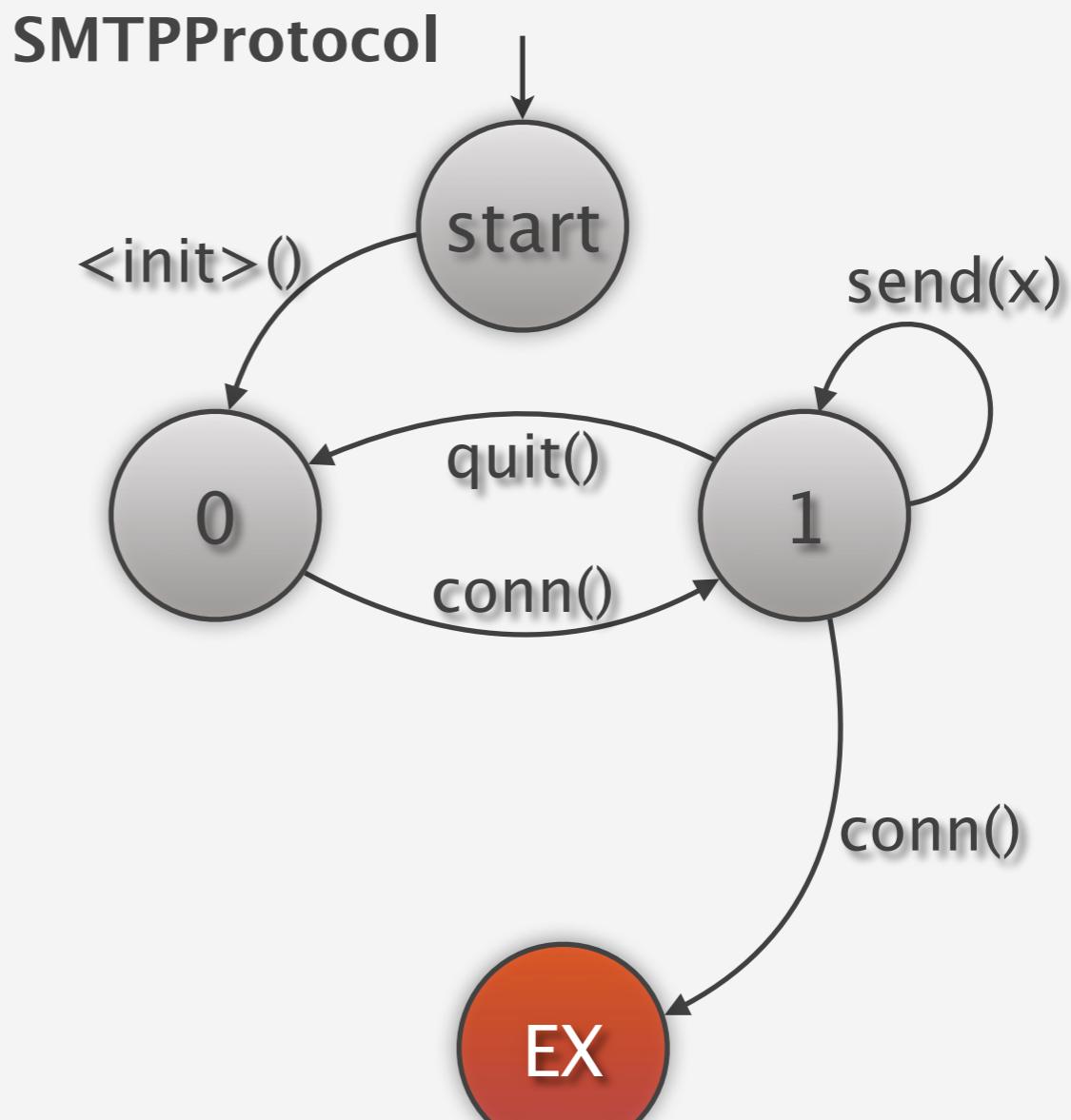
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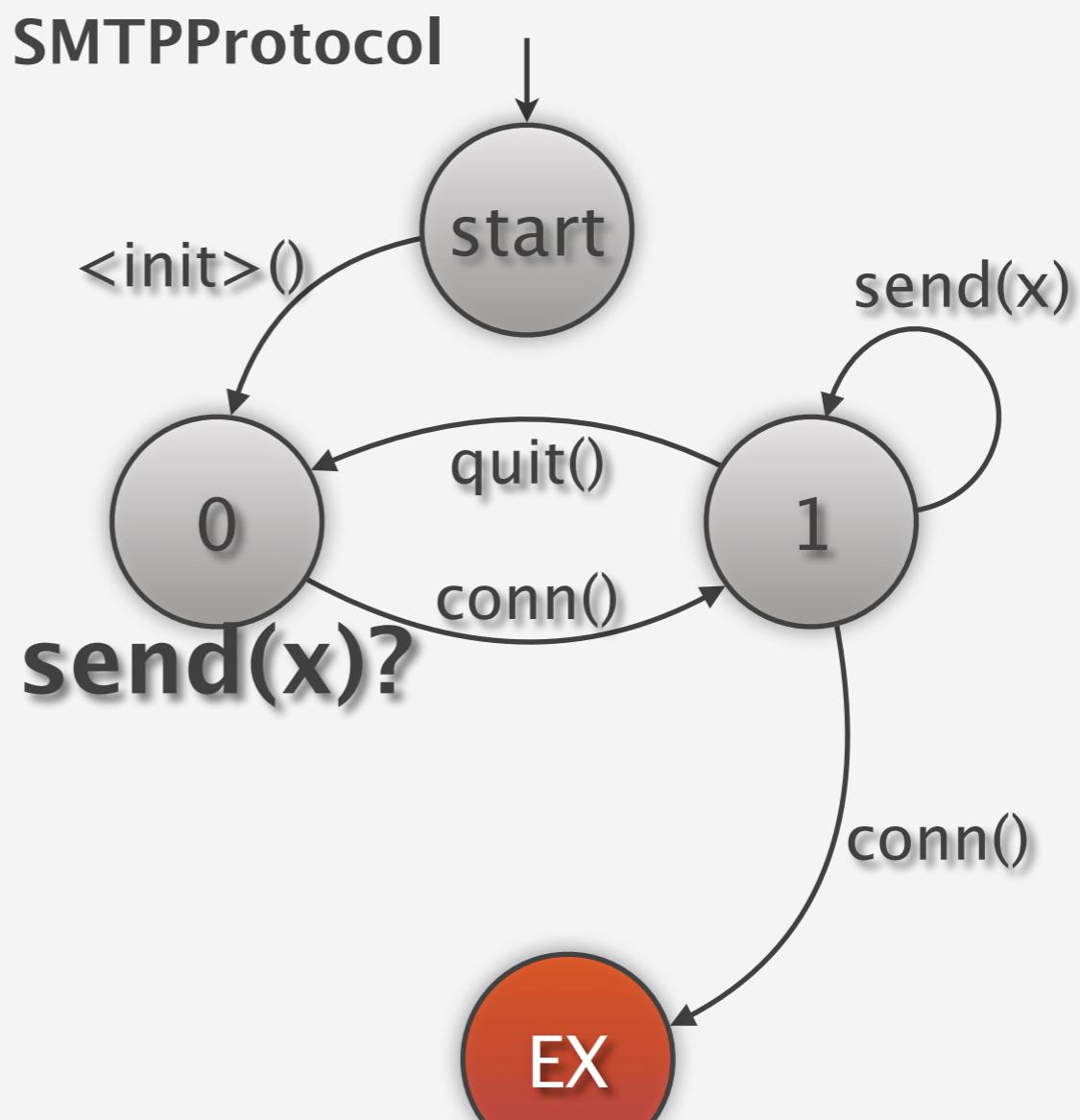
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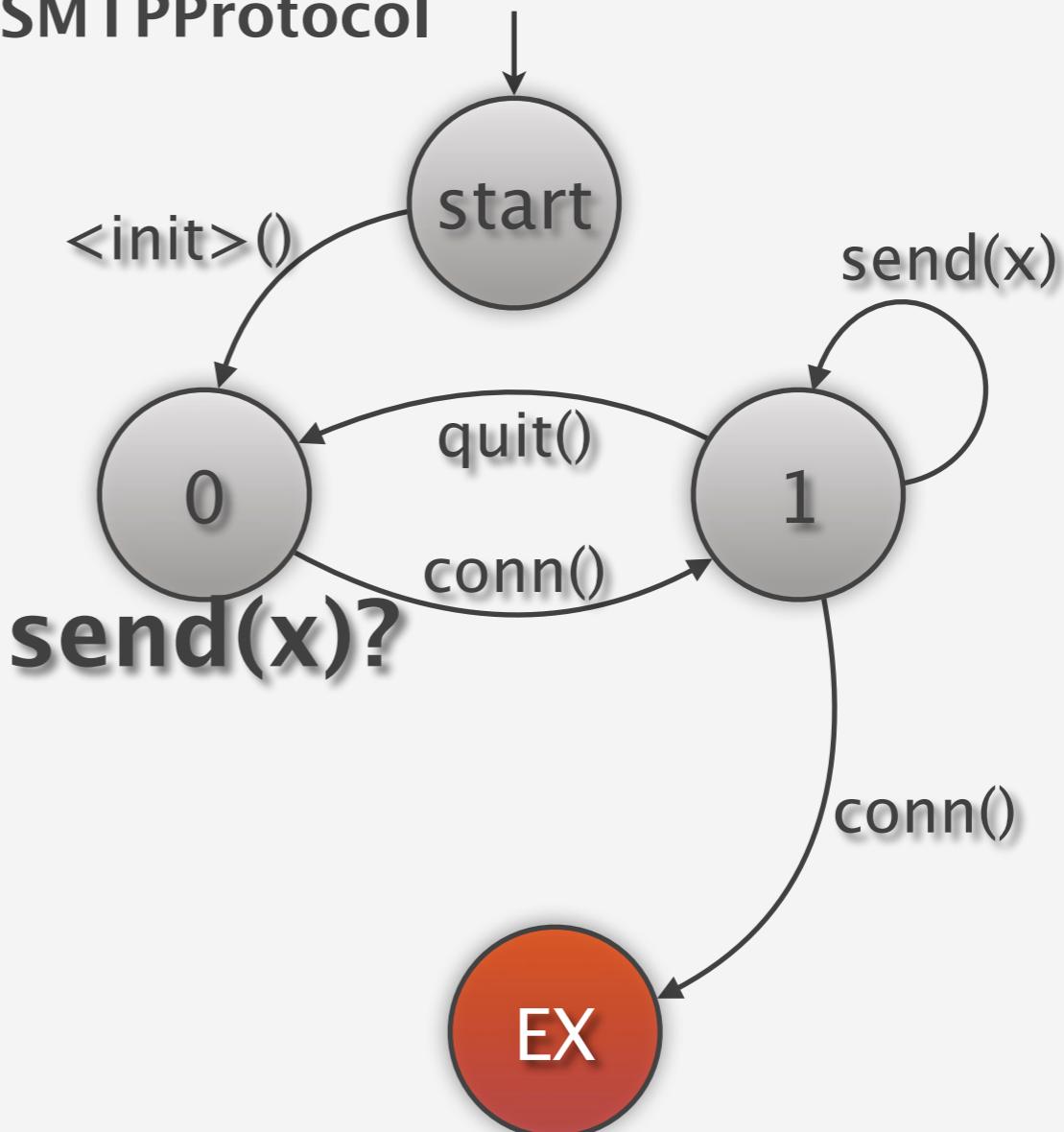
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void ProtocolTest() {  
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    p.send(x);  
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}
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```
void TestMutant2() {  
    Protocol p = new ...  
    //p.conn();  
    p.send(x);  
    p.quit();  
}
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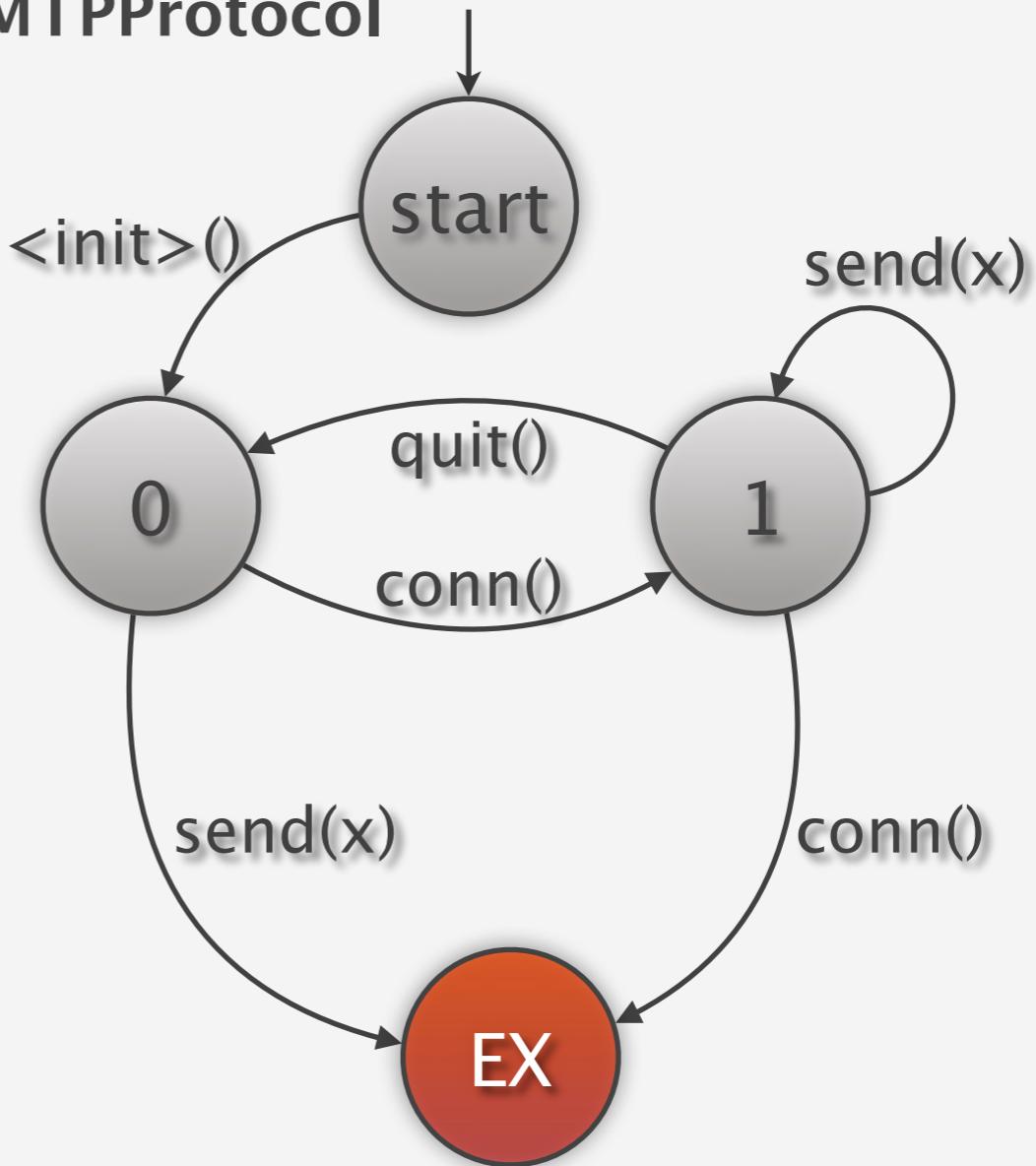
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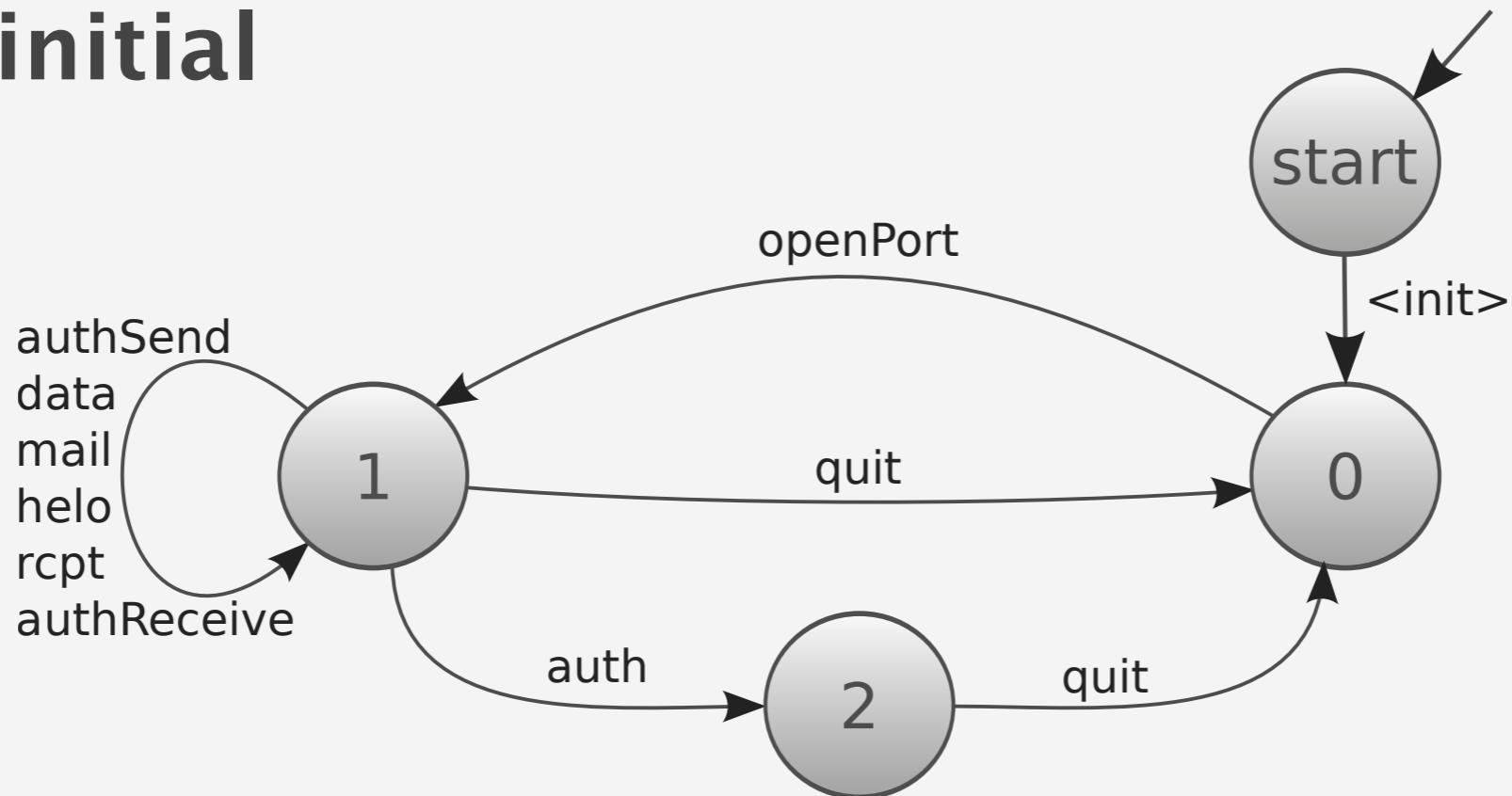
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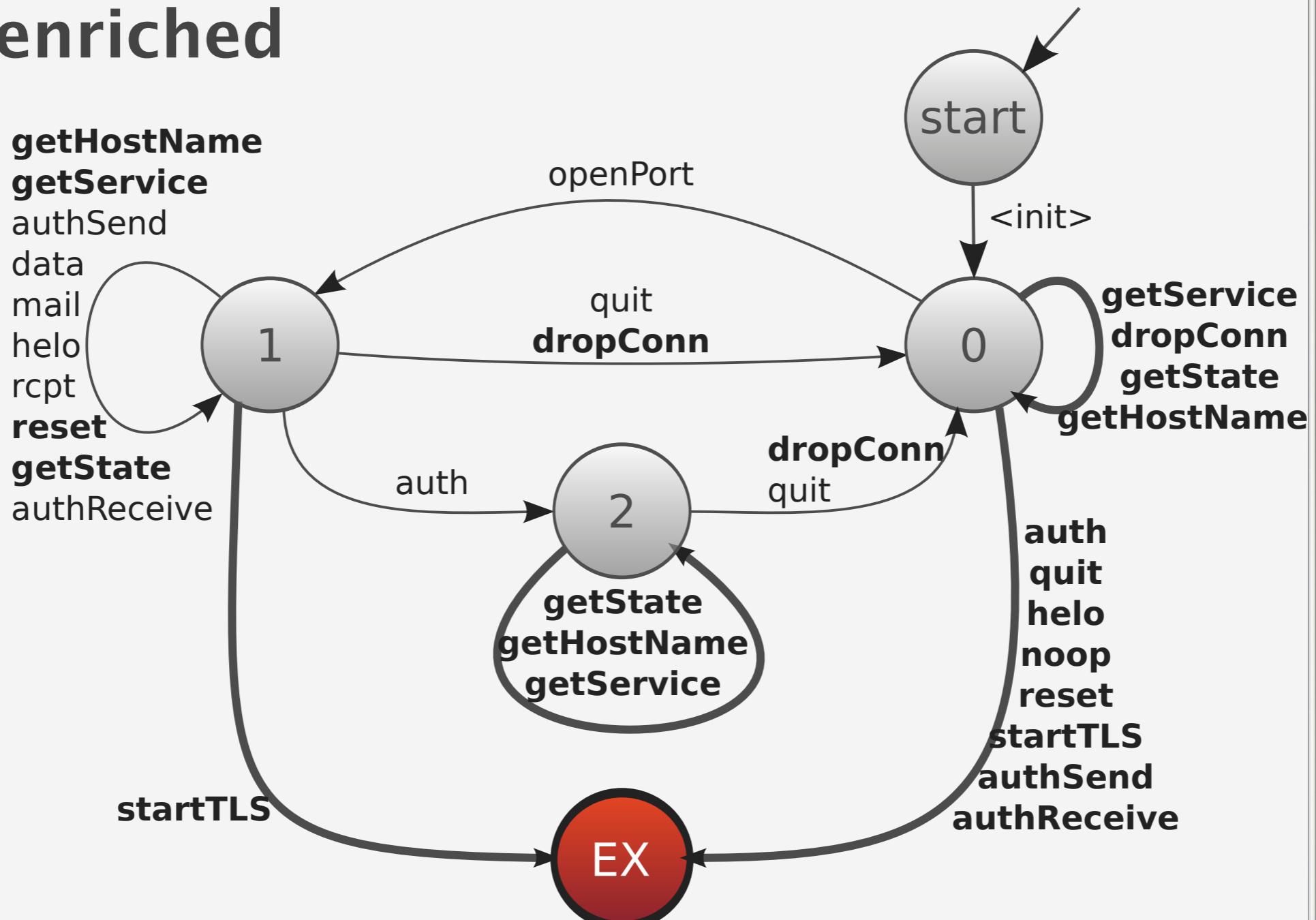
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New category

- All
- Contractors
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 - Europe
 - U.S.

First name

Karen L.

E-Mail

KarenLLloyd@ex

Apply

Last name

Lloyd

Second e-mail

Karen@CreditCa

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228-76-1230

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http://www.crec

Mobile

228-76-8710

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Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Random Testing

```
public class RandoopTest0 extends TestCase {  
    ...  
  
    public void test8() throws Throwable {  
        if (debug) System.out.printf("%nRandoopTest0.test8");  
  
        AddressBook var0 = new AddressBook();  
        EventHandler var1 = var0.getEventHandler();  
        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();  
        Category var12 = var10.getRootCategory();
```

```
MainWindow var31 = new MainWindow(var0,
AddressBook var65 = new AddressBook();
EventHandler var66 = var65.getEventHandler();
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);
Category var85 = var65.createCategory(var81, "hi!");
String var86 = var85.toString();
Category var88 = var0.createCategory(var85, "exceptions.NameAlreadyInUseException");
}
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MainWindow var64 = new MainWindow(var6),  
AddressBook var65 = new AddressBook();  
EventHandler var66 = var65.getEventHandler();  
Category var67 = var65.getRootCategory();  
Contact var68 = new Contact();  
Category[] var69 = var68.getCategories();  
var65.removeContact(var68);  
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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();  
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Simplified Test Case

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        AddressBook a1 = new AddressBook();  
        AddressBook a2 = new AddressBook();  
        Category a1c = a1.createCategory(a1.getRootCategory(), "a1c");  
        Category a2c = a2.createCategory(a1c, "a2c");  
    }  
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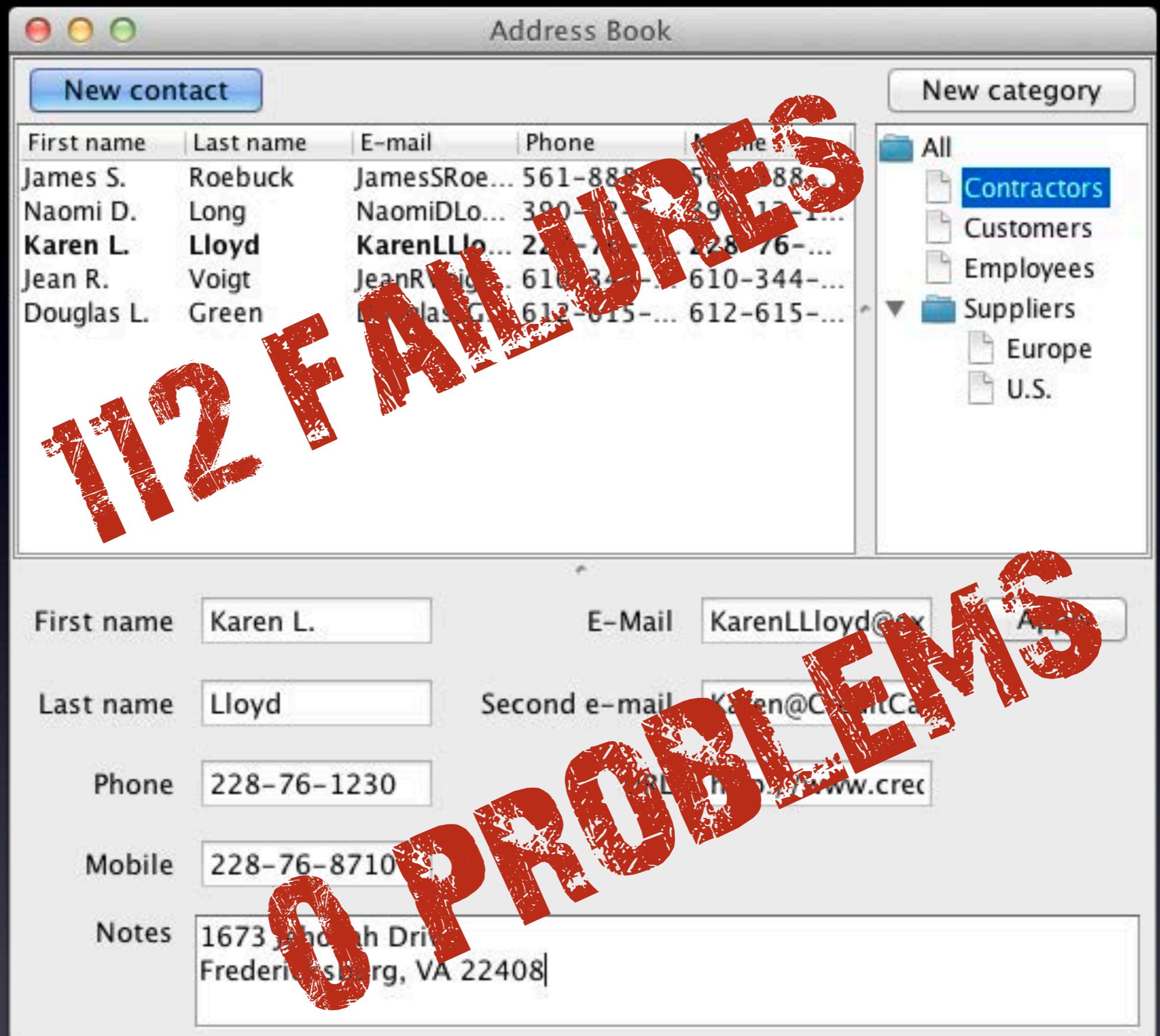
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Coverage Progress

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Coverage Compared

Unit Test Generators

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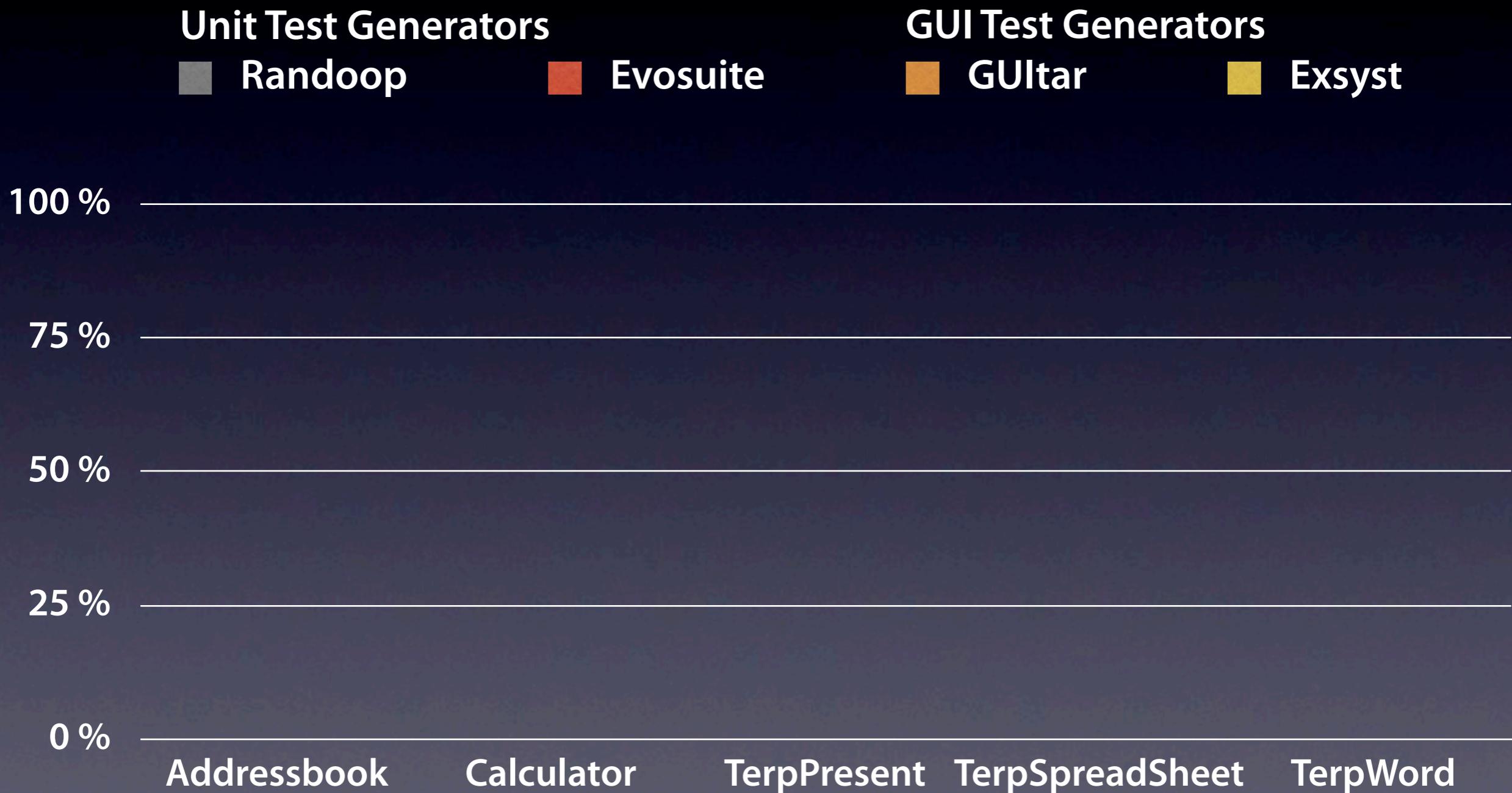
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GUI Test Generators

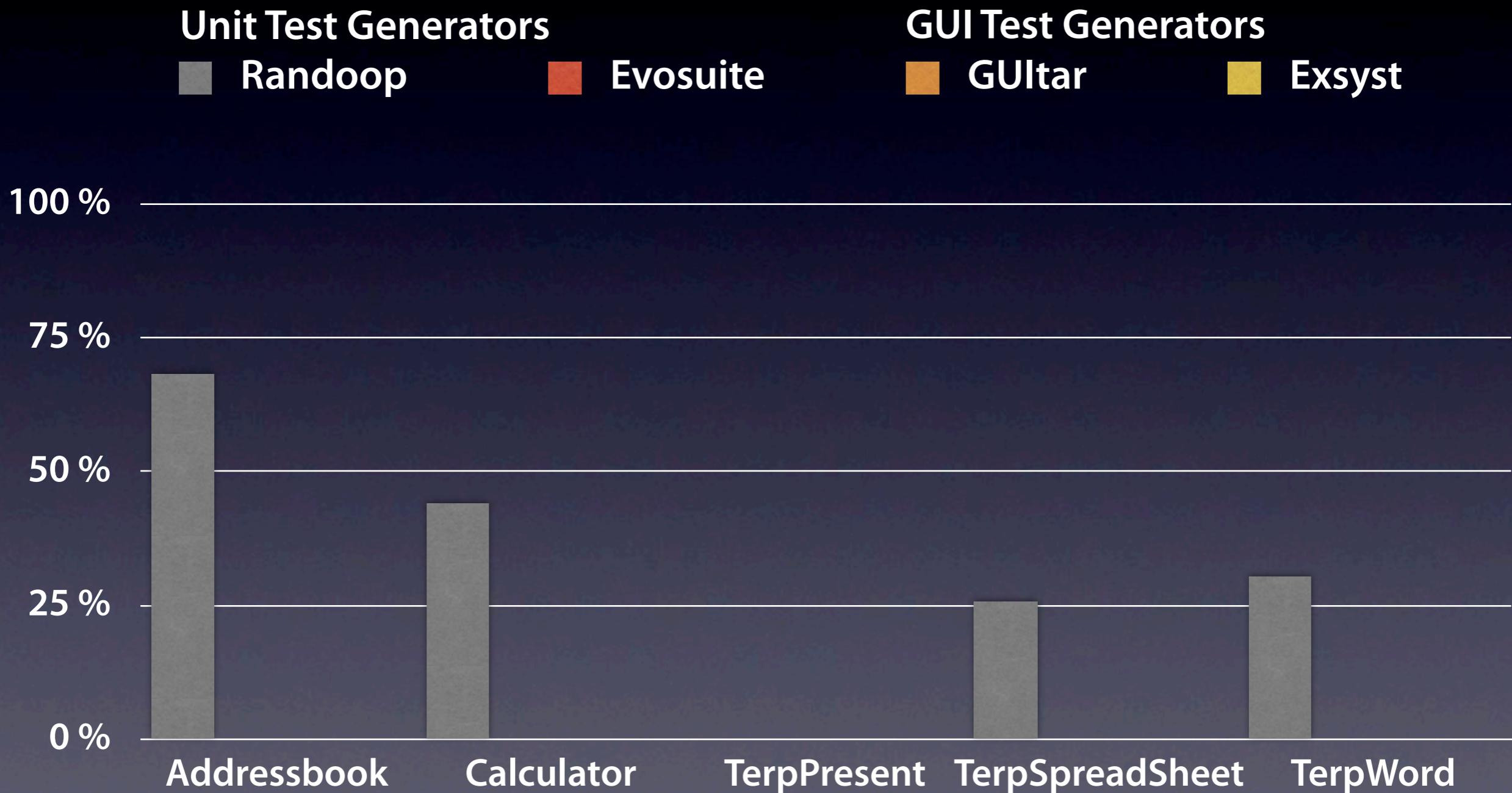
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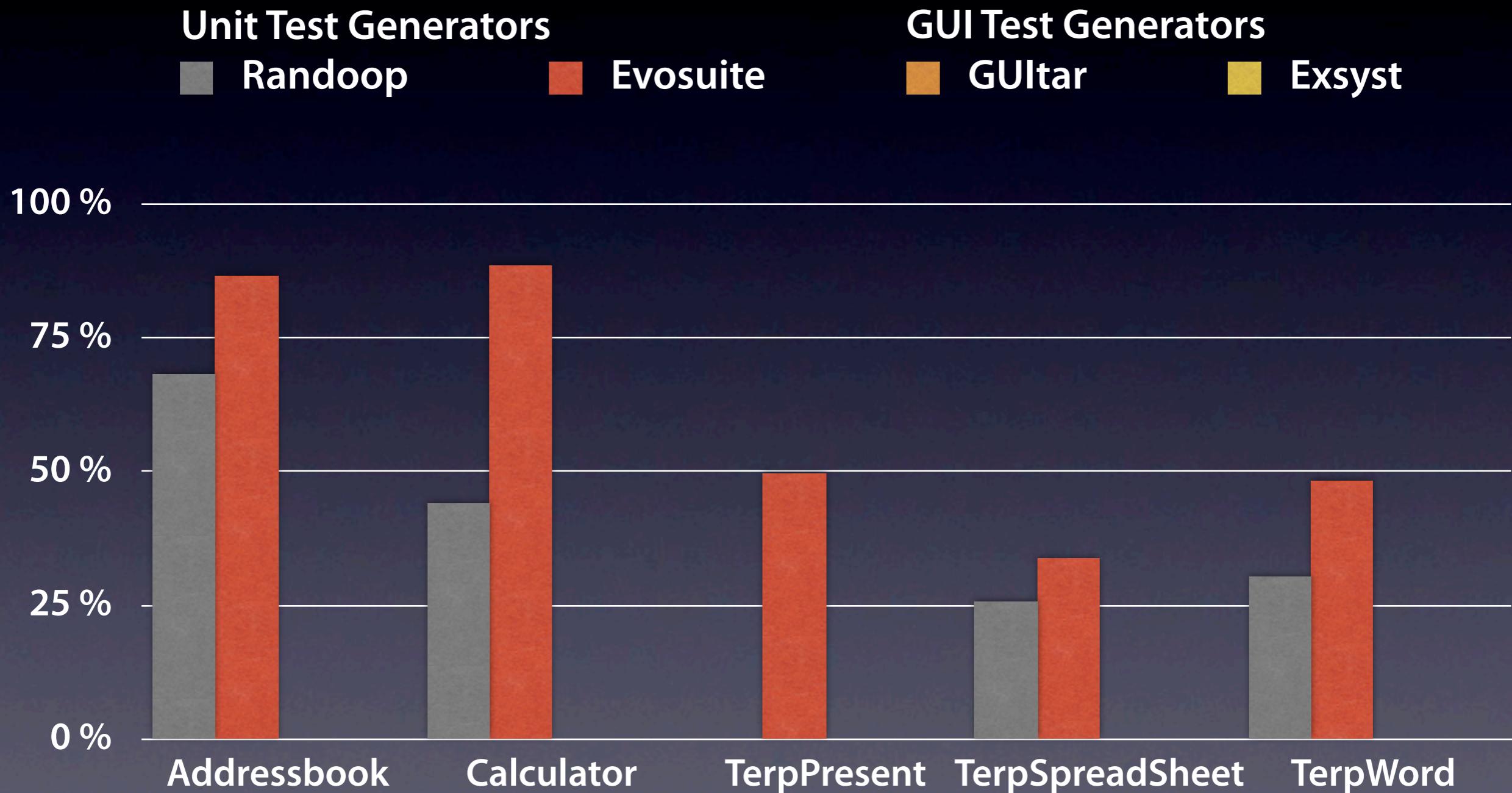
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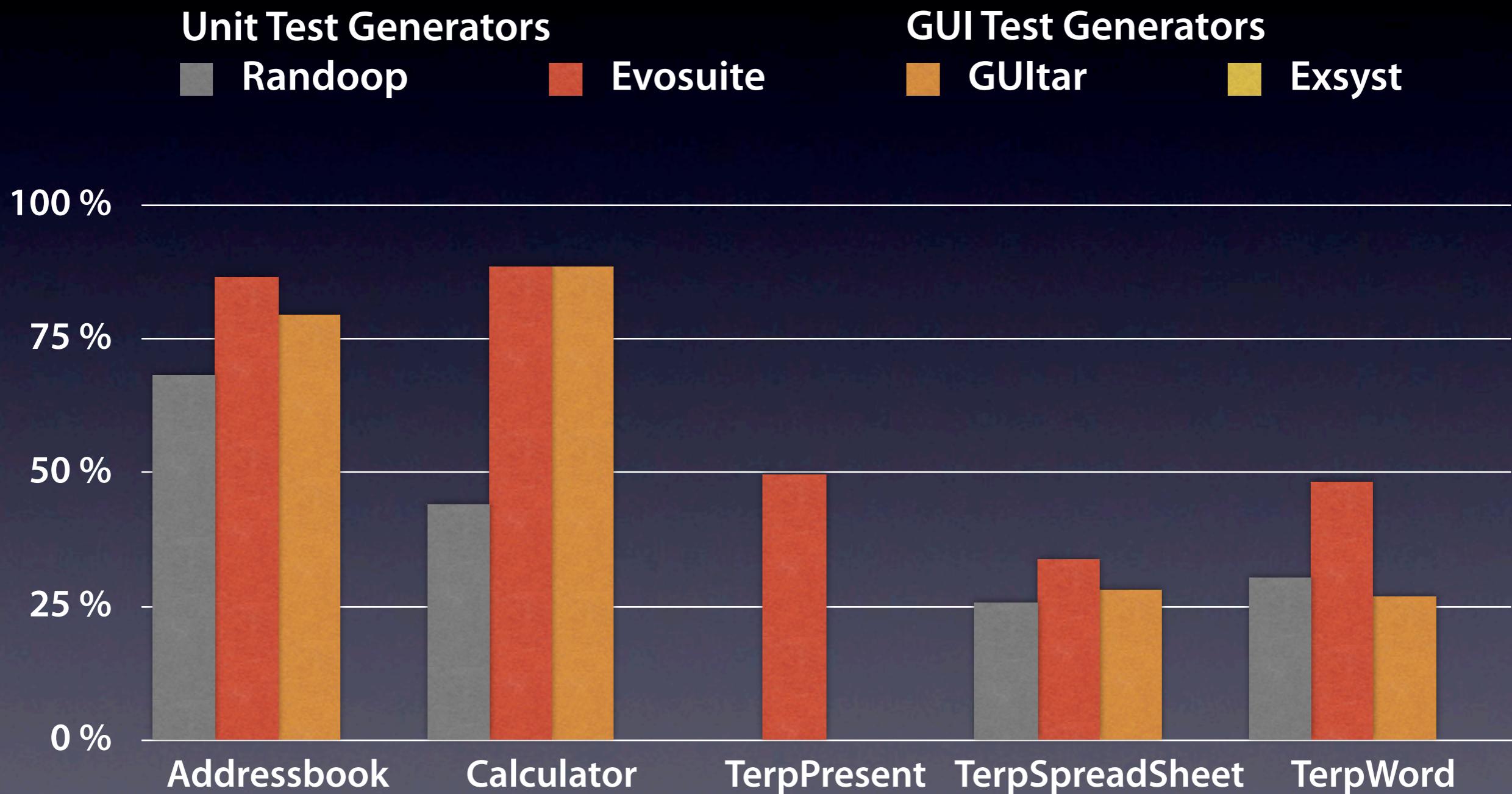
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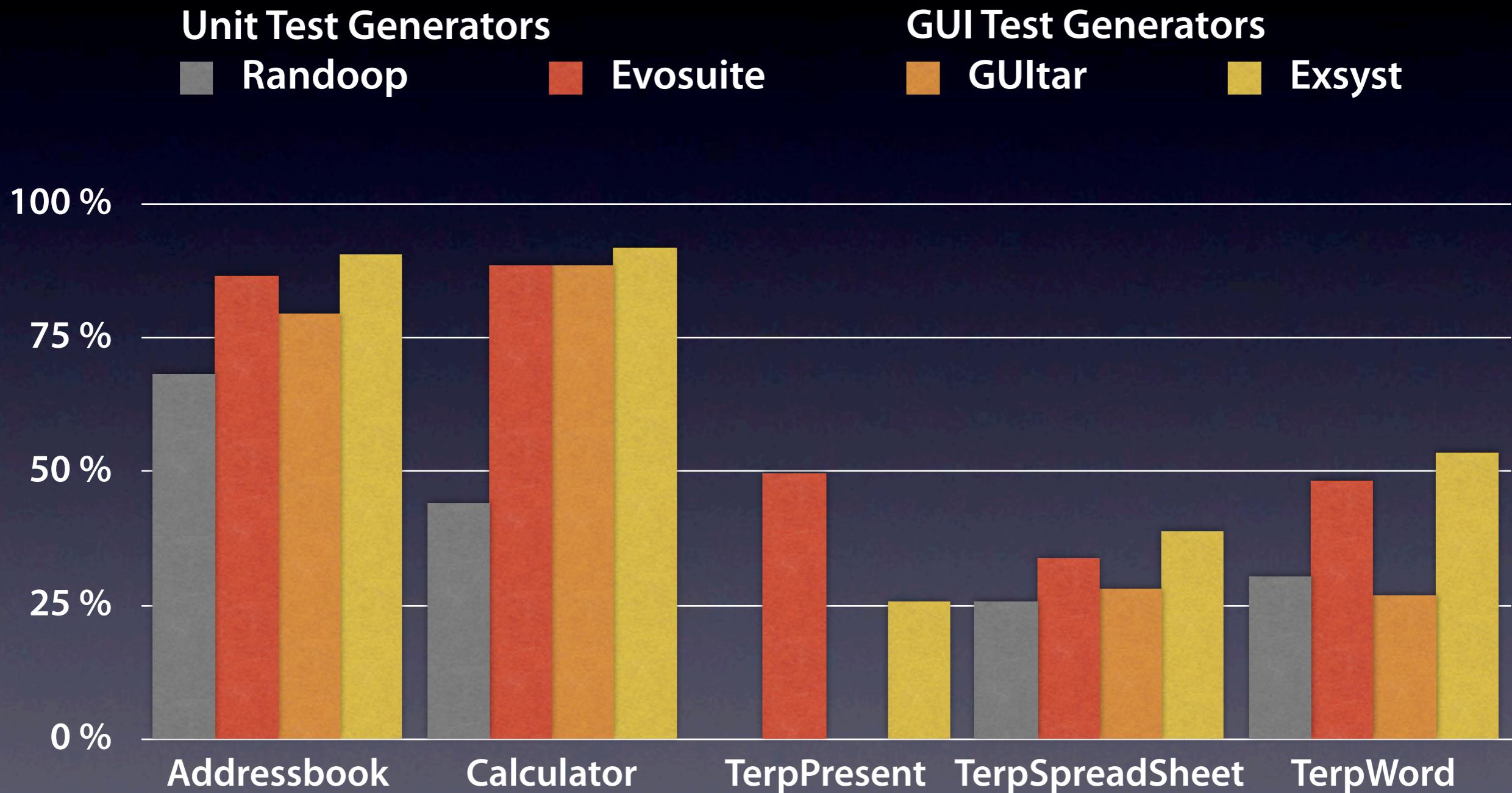
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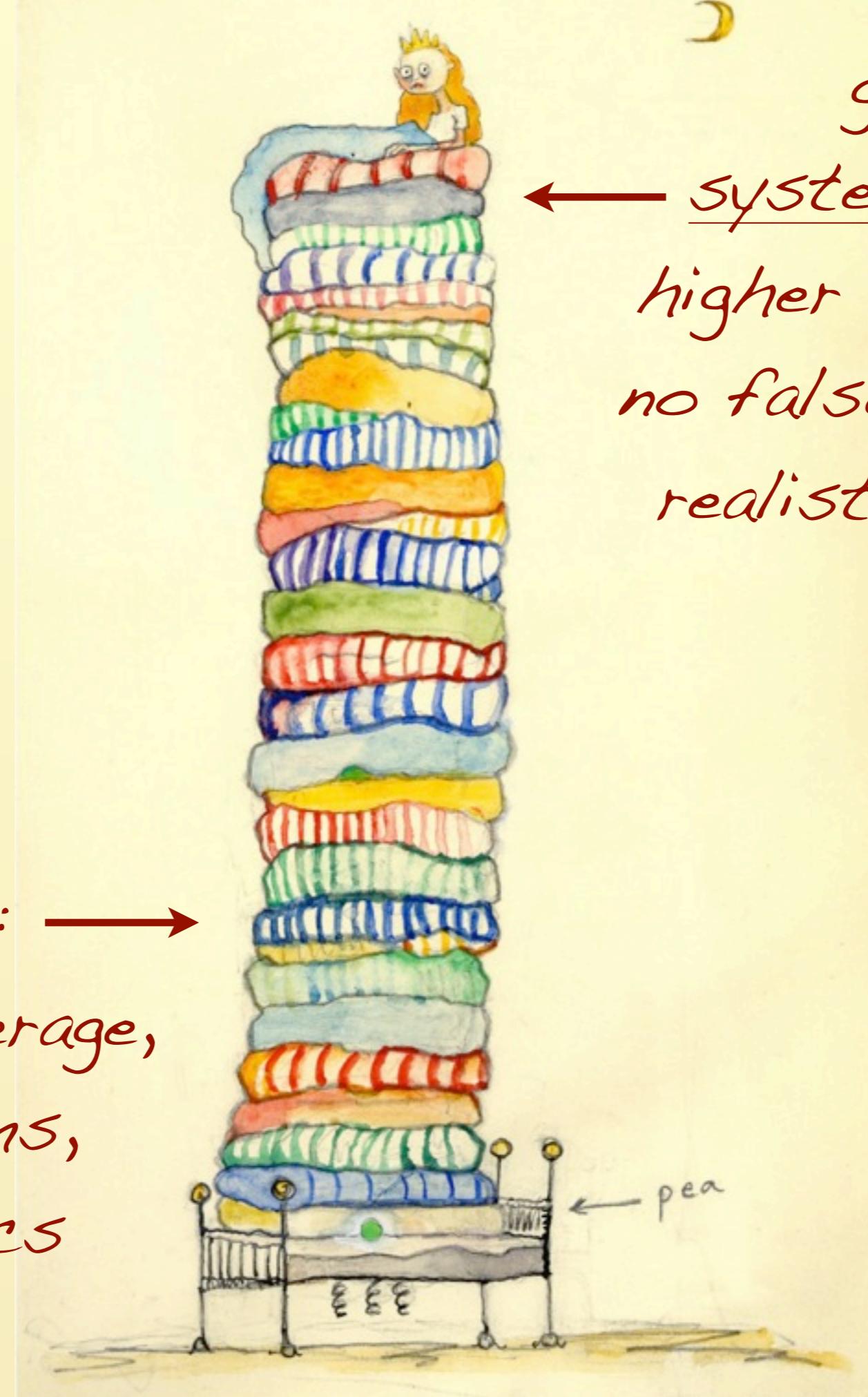


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unit tests: →
lower coverage,
false alarms,
fuzzy specs



generating
system tests:
higher coverage,
no false alarms,
realistic specs

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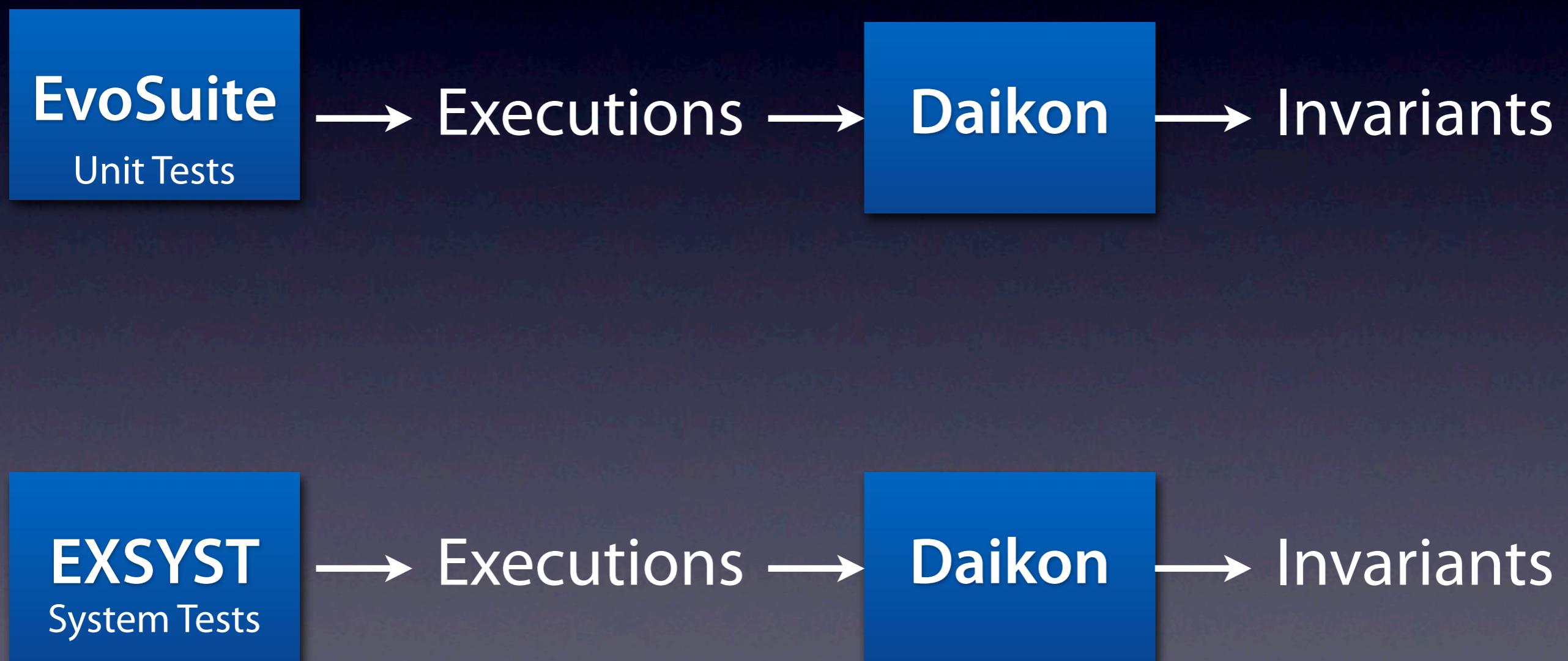
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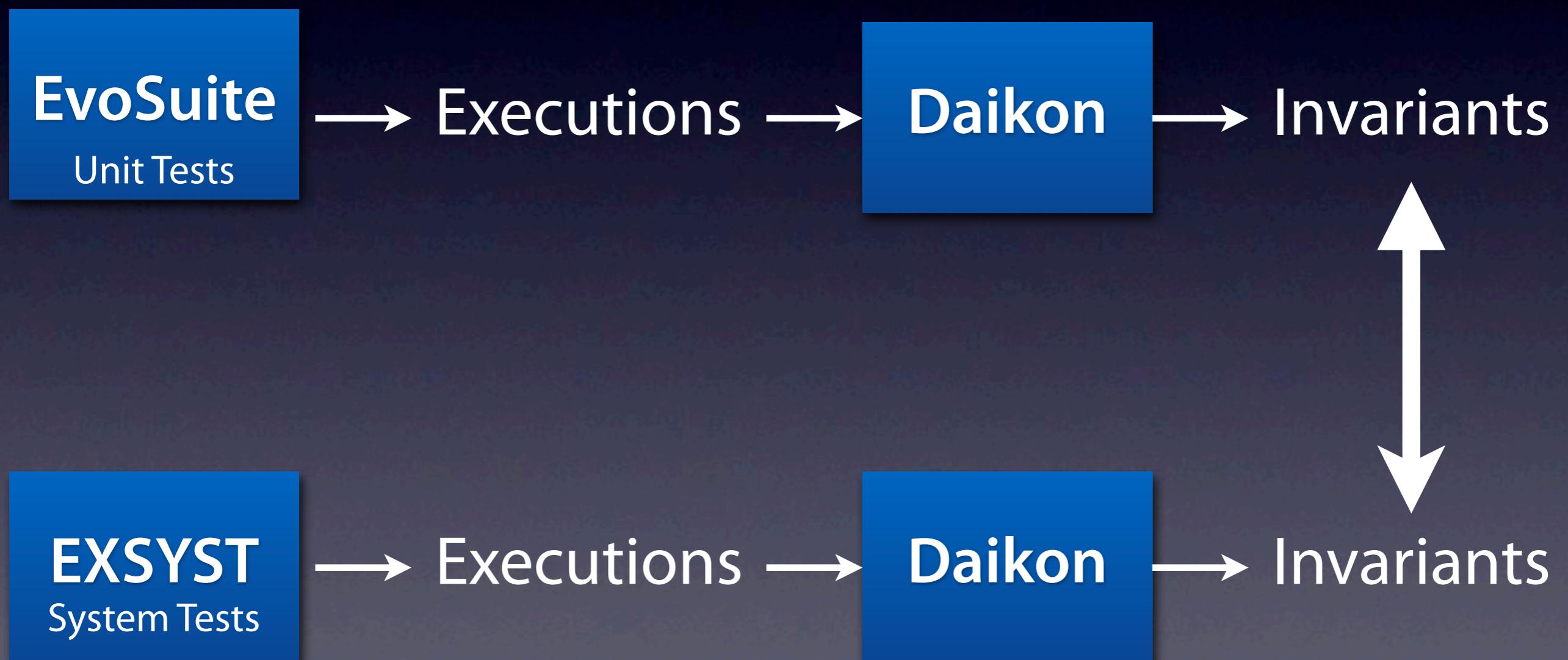
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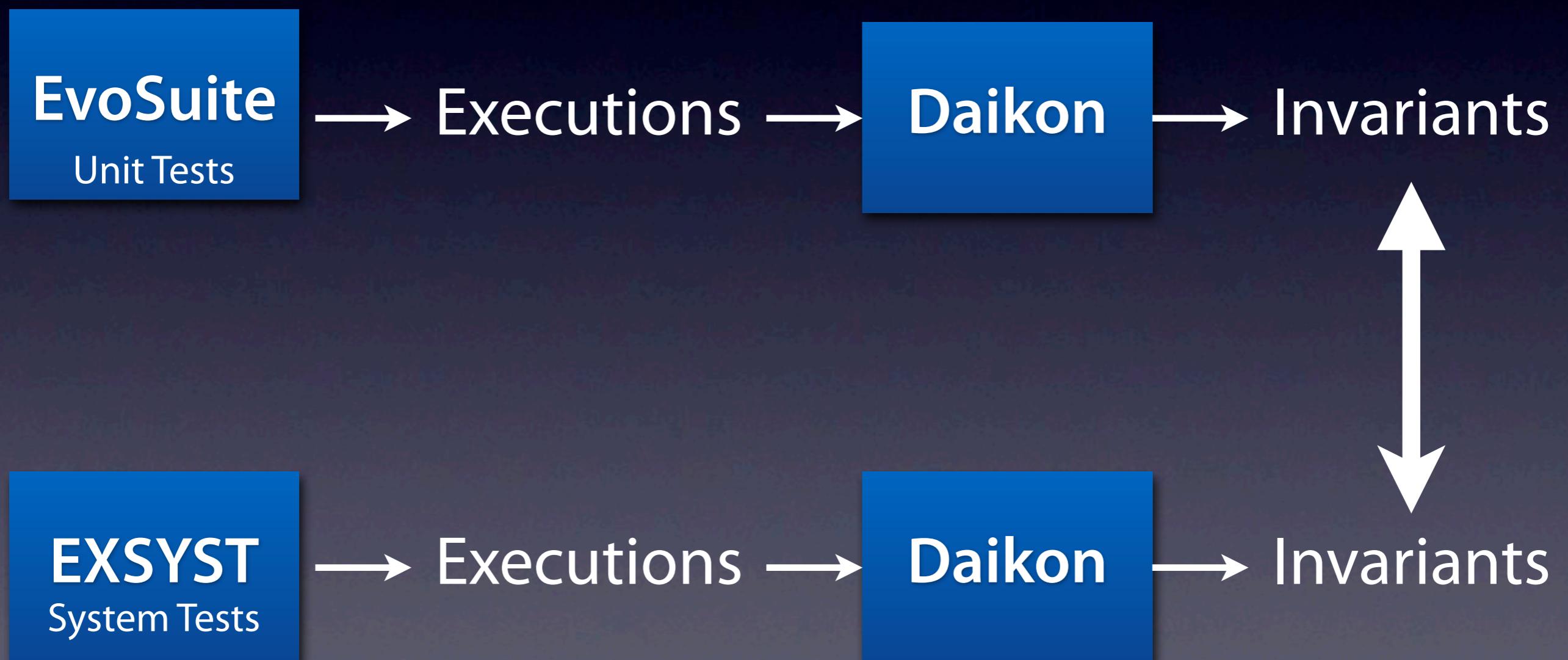
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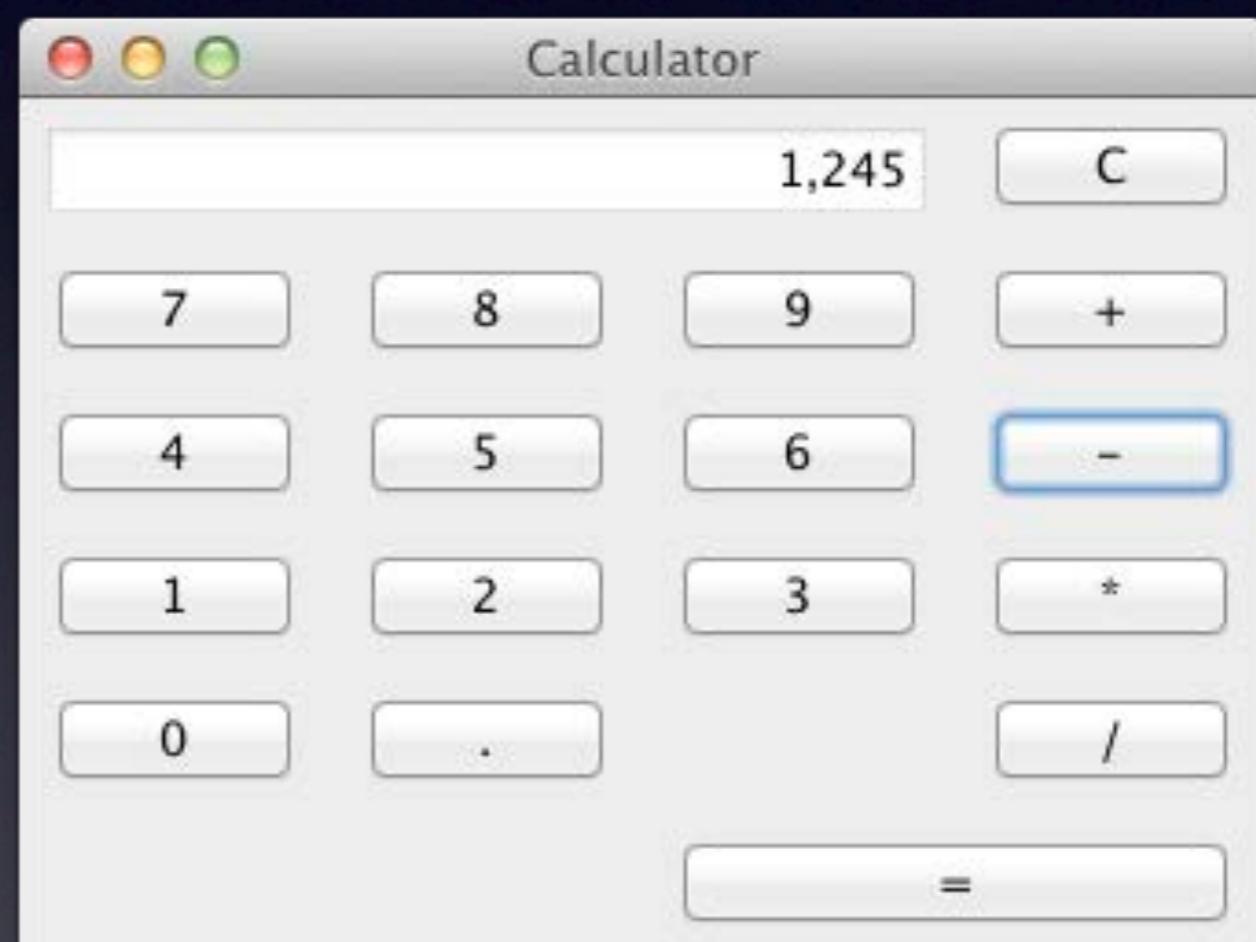
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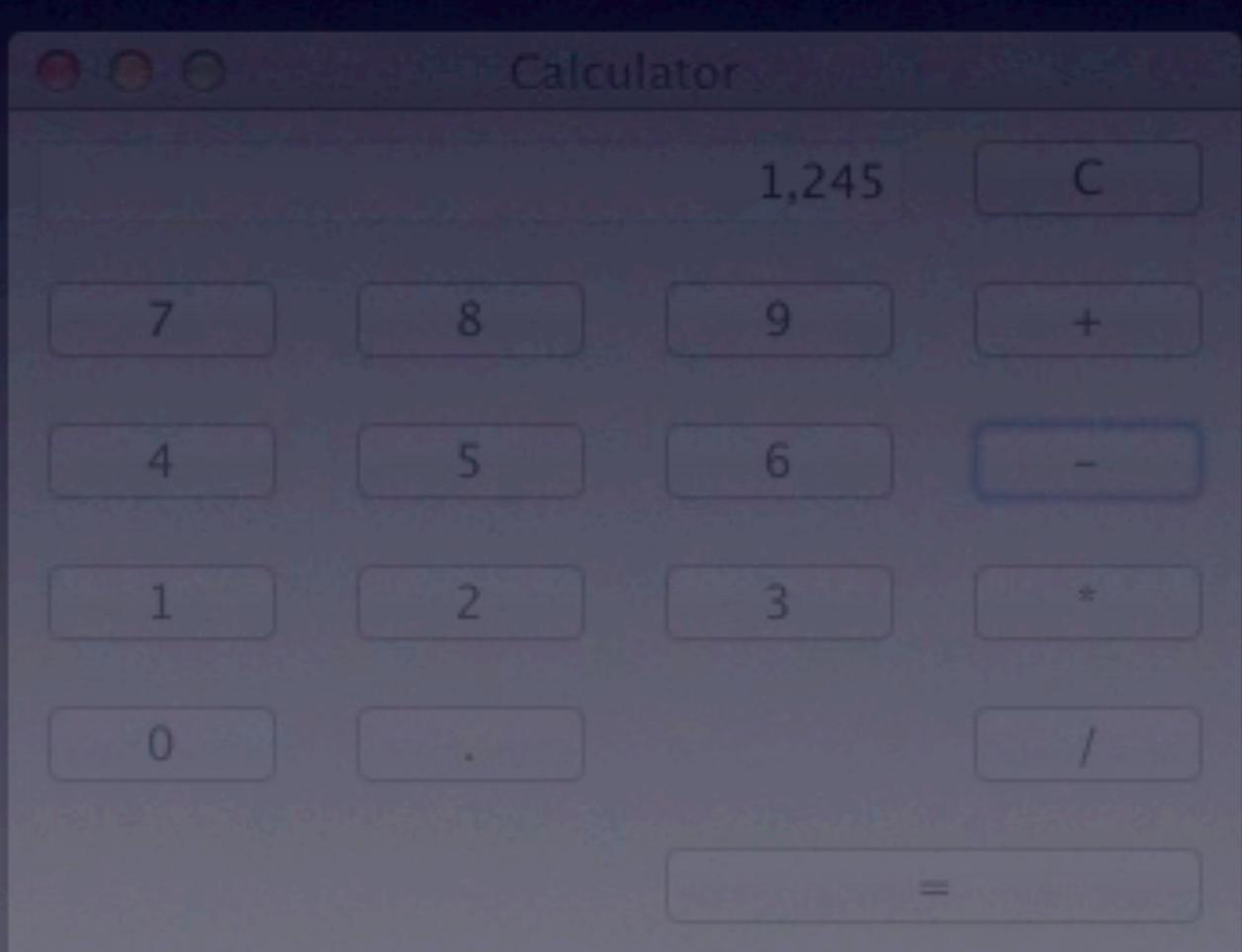


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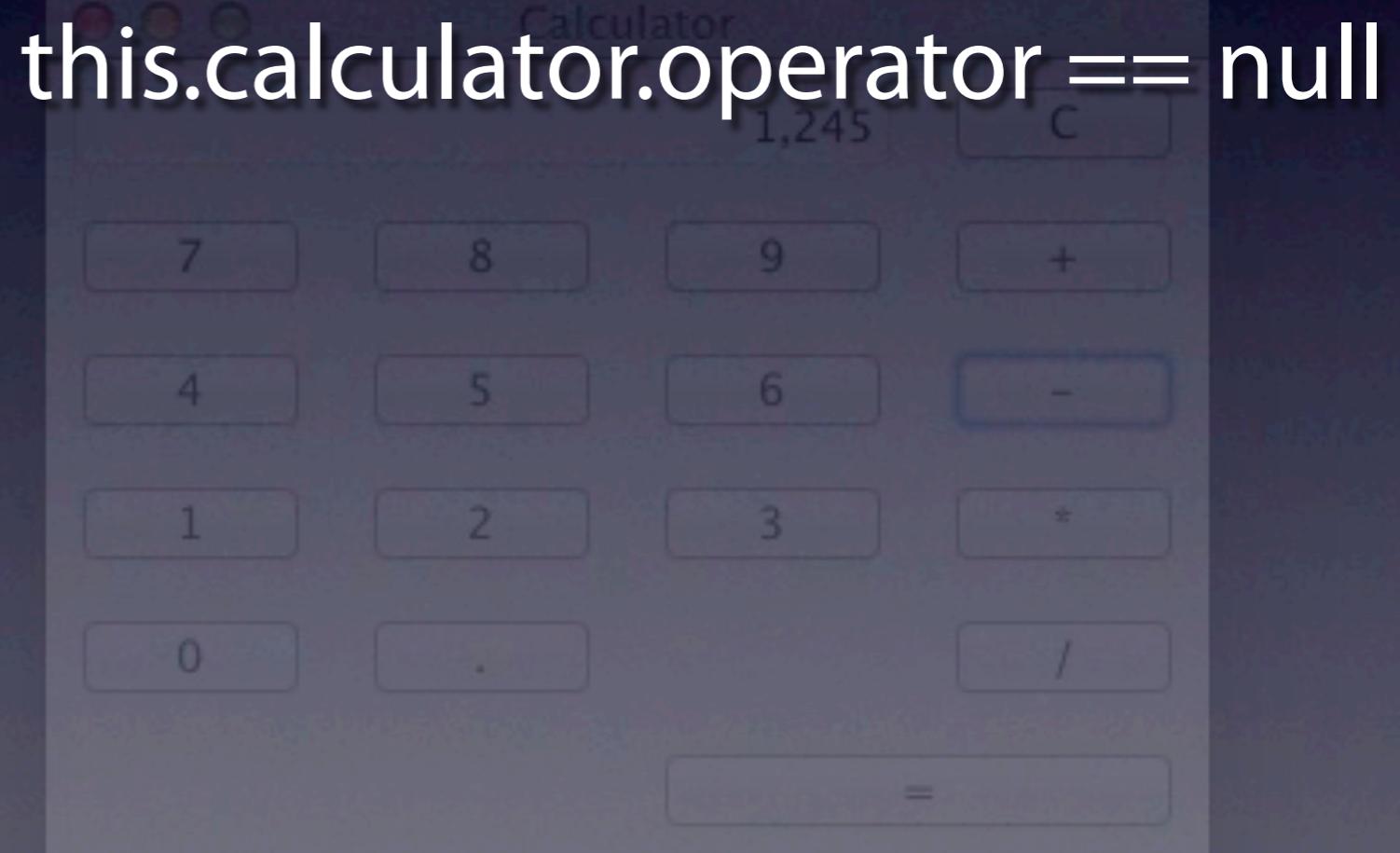


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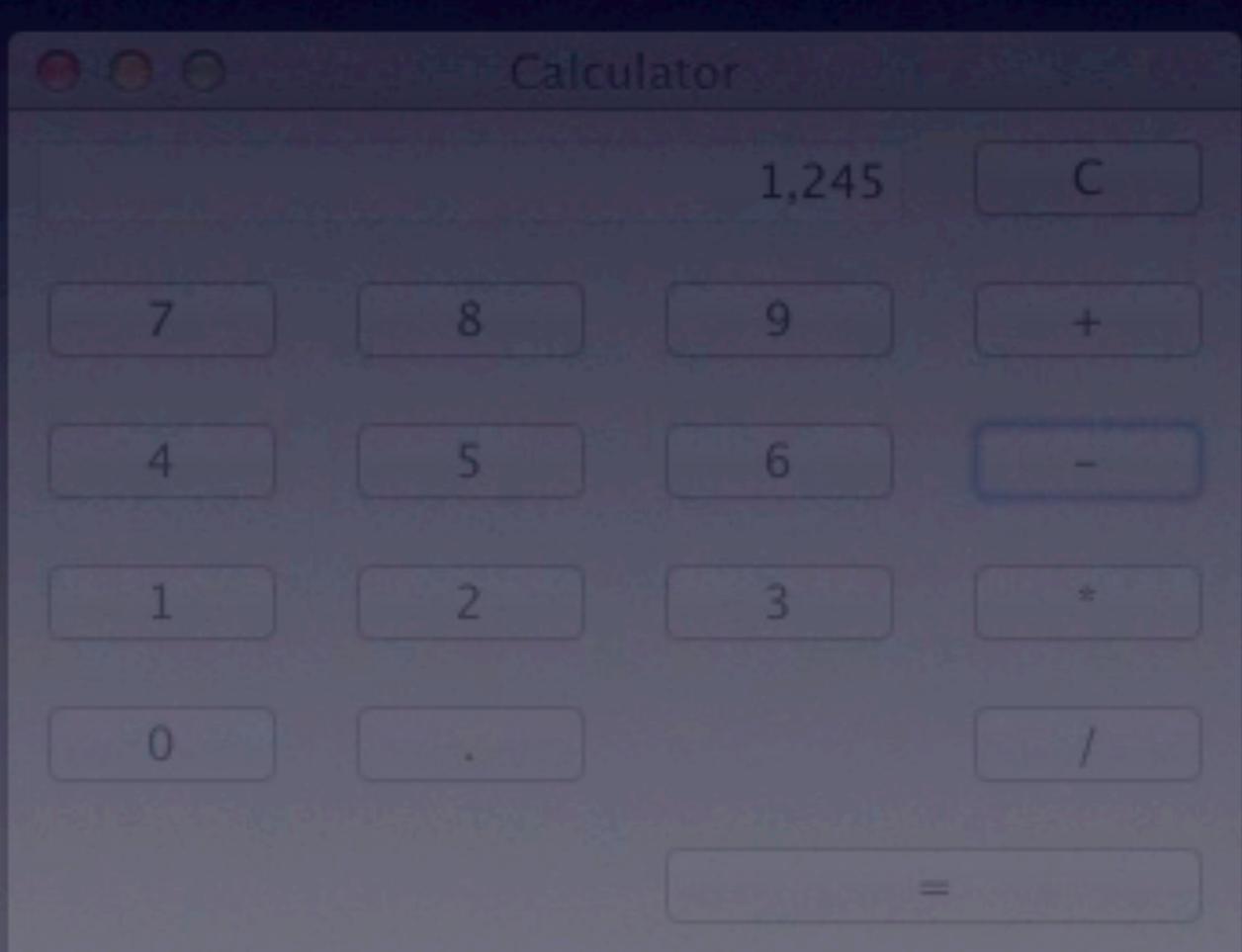
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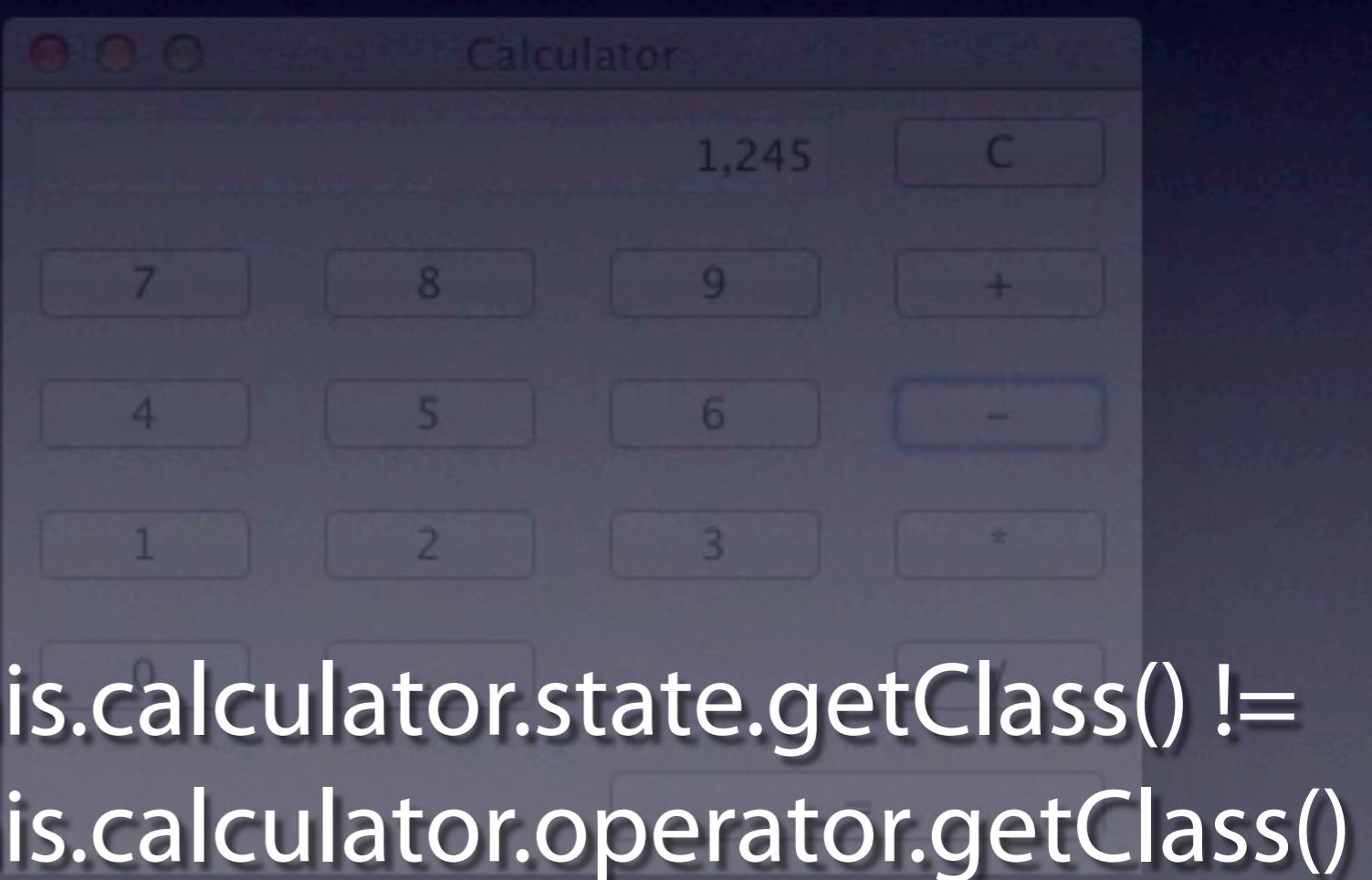


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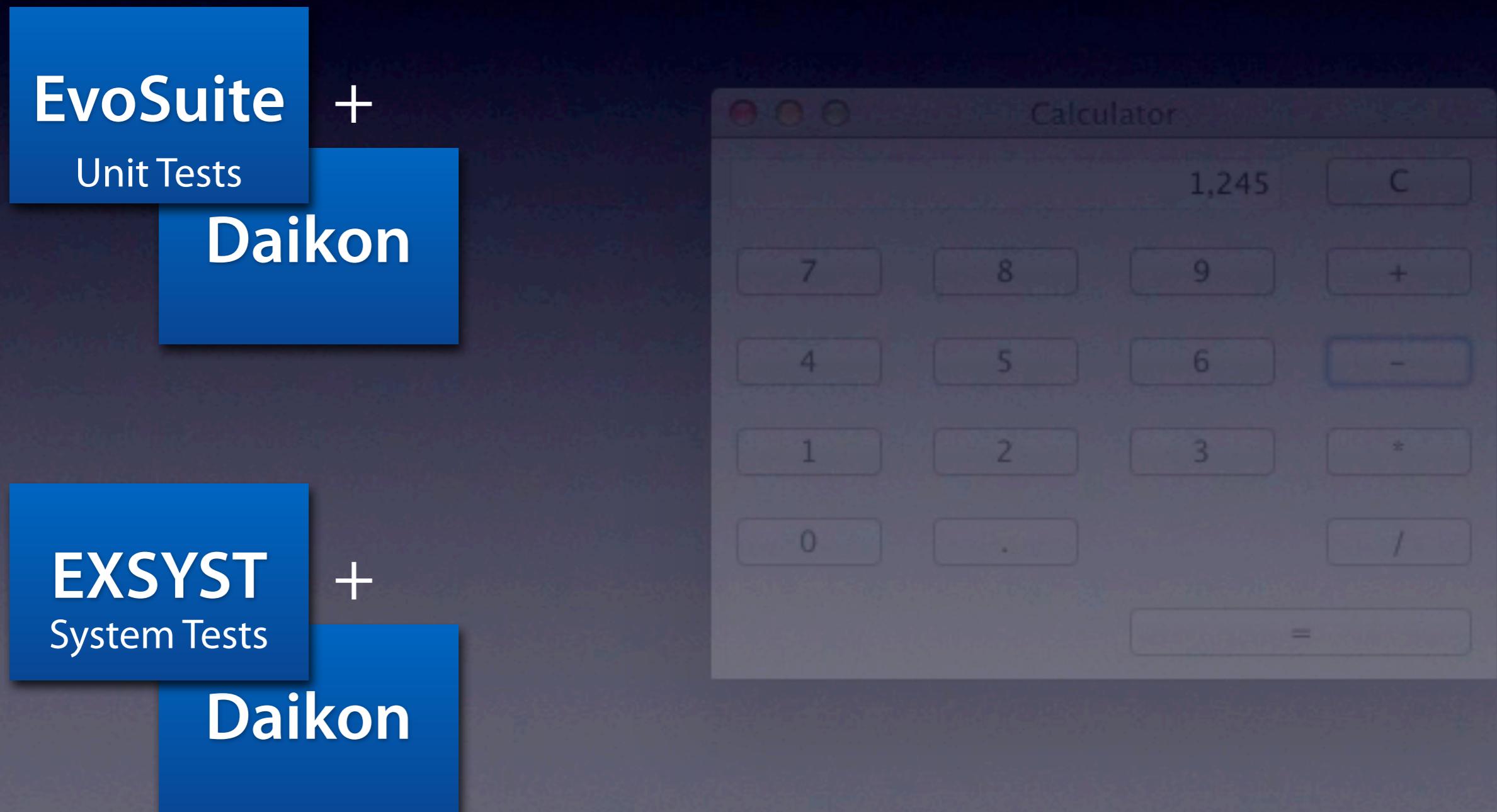
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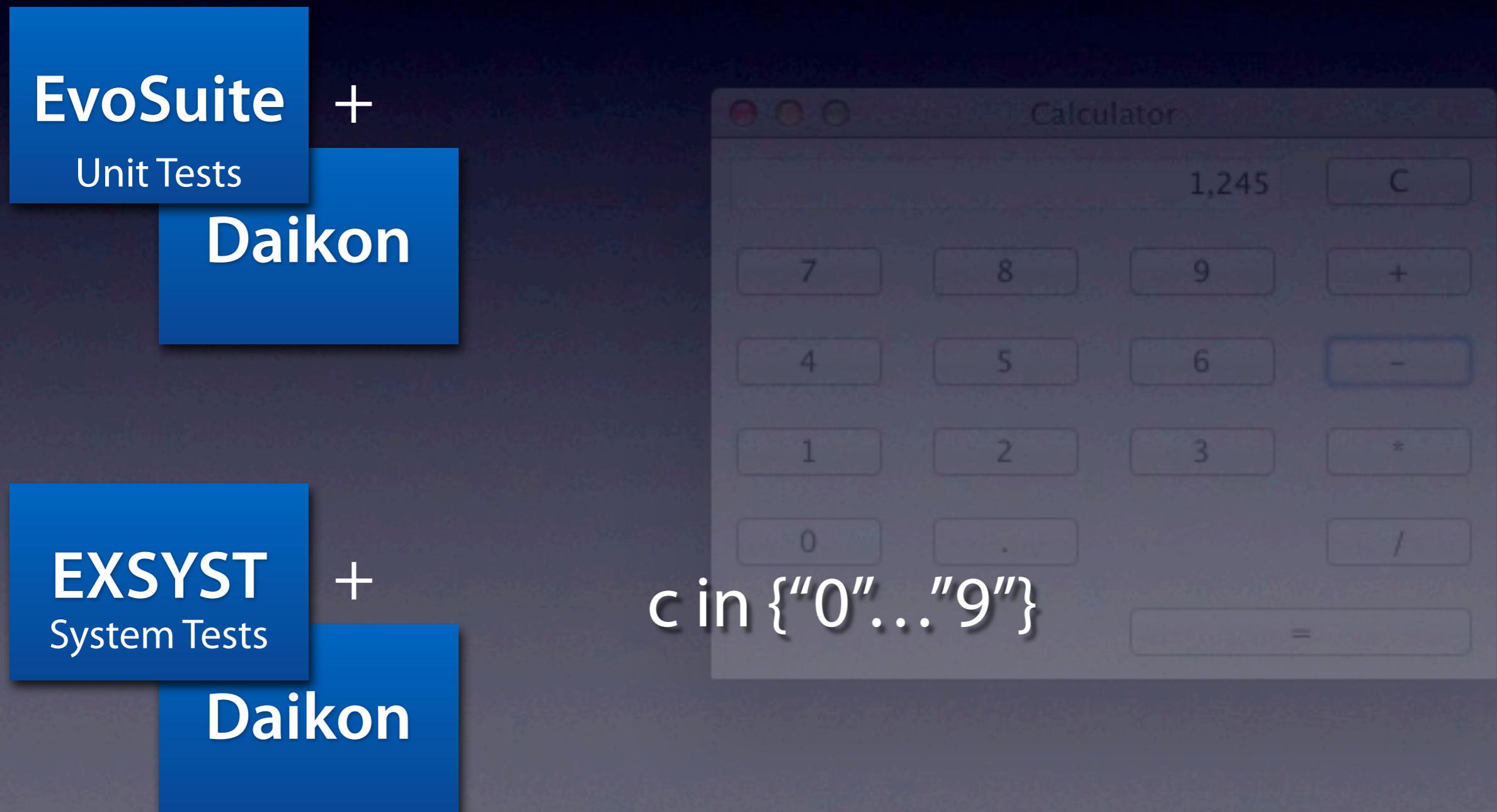
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c takes random values)*

c in {"0"..."9"}

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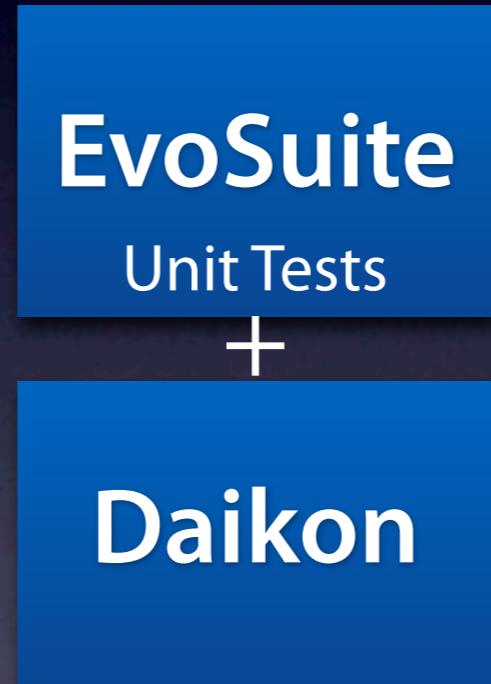
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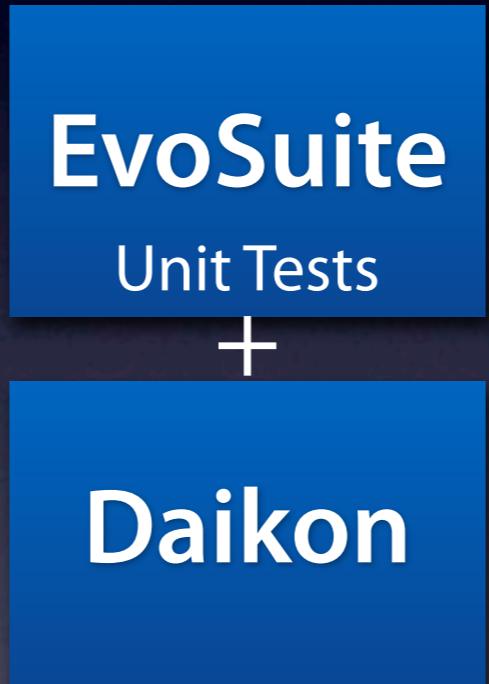
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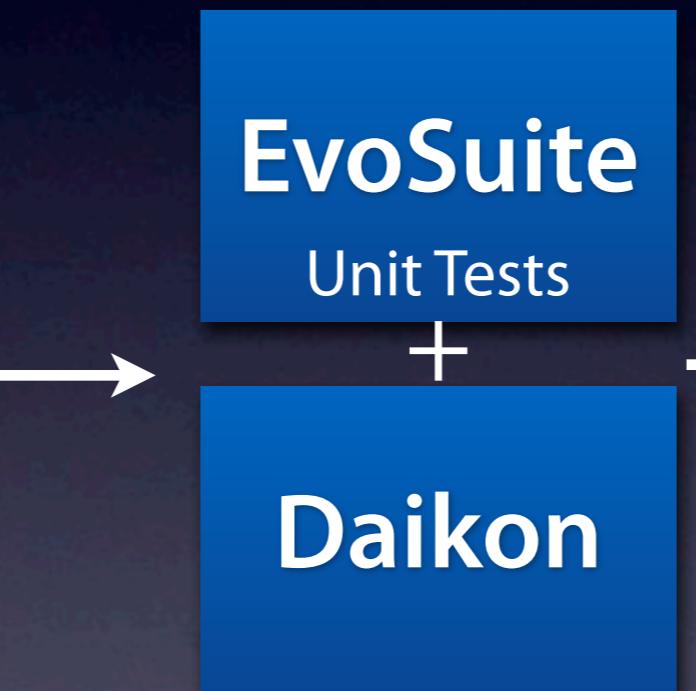


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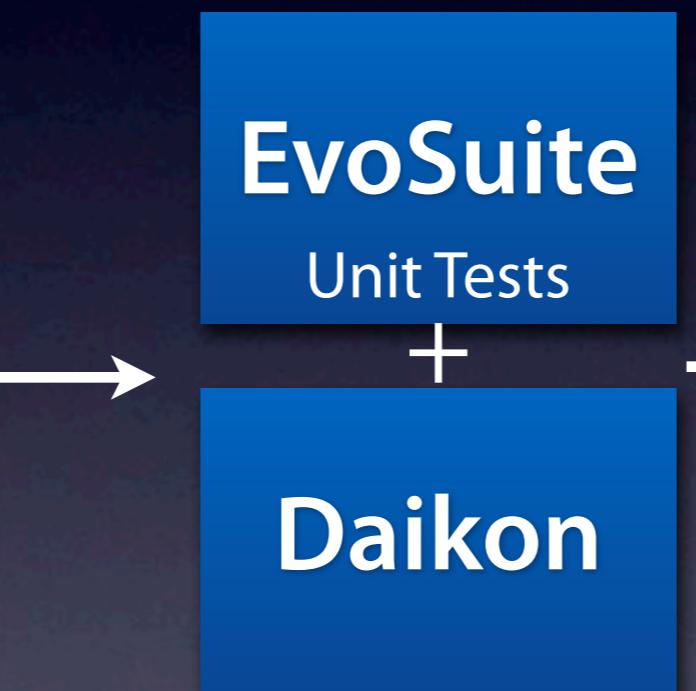
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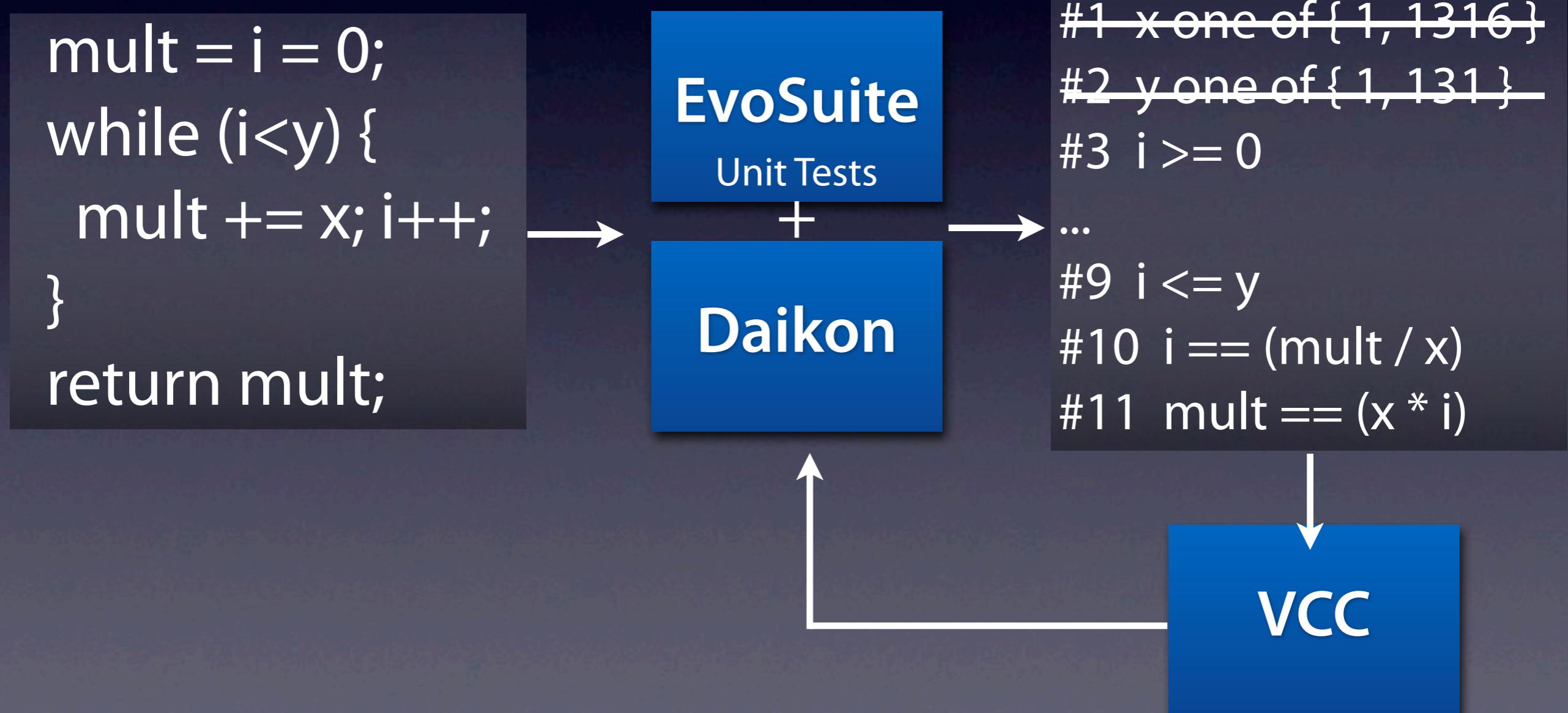


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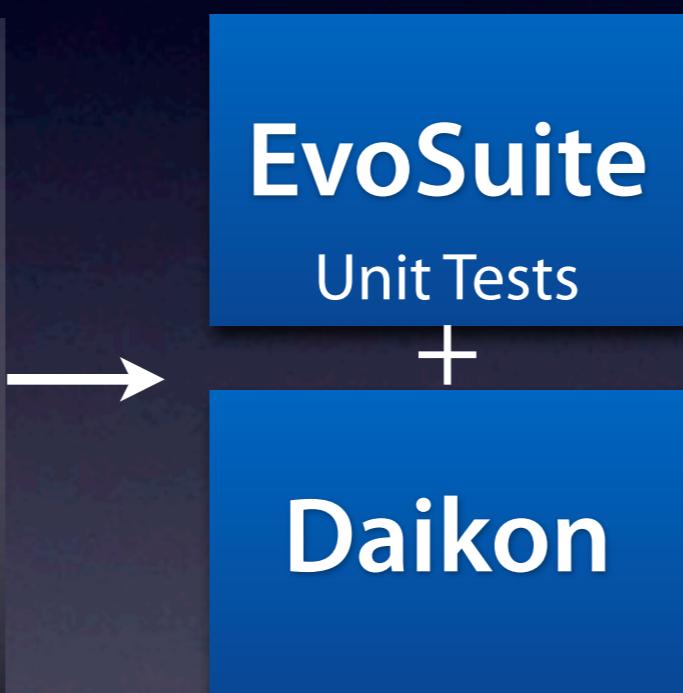
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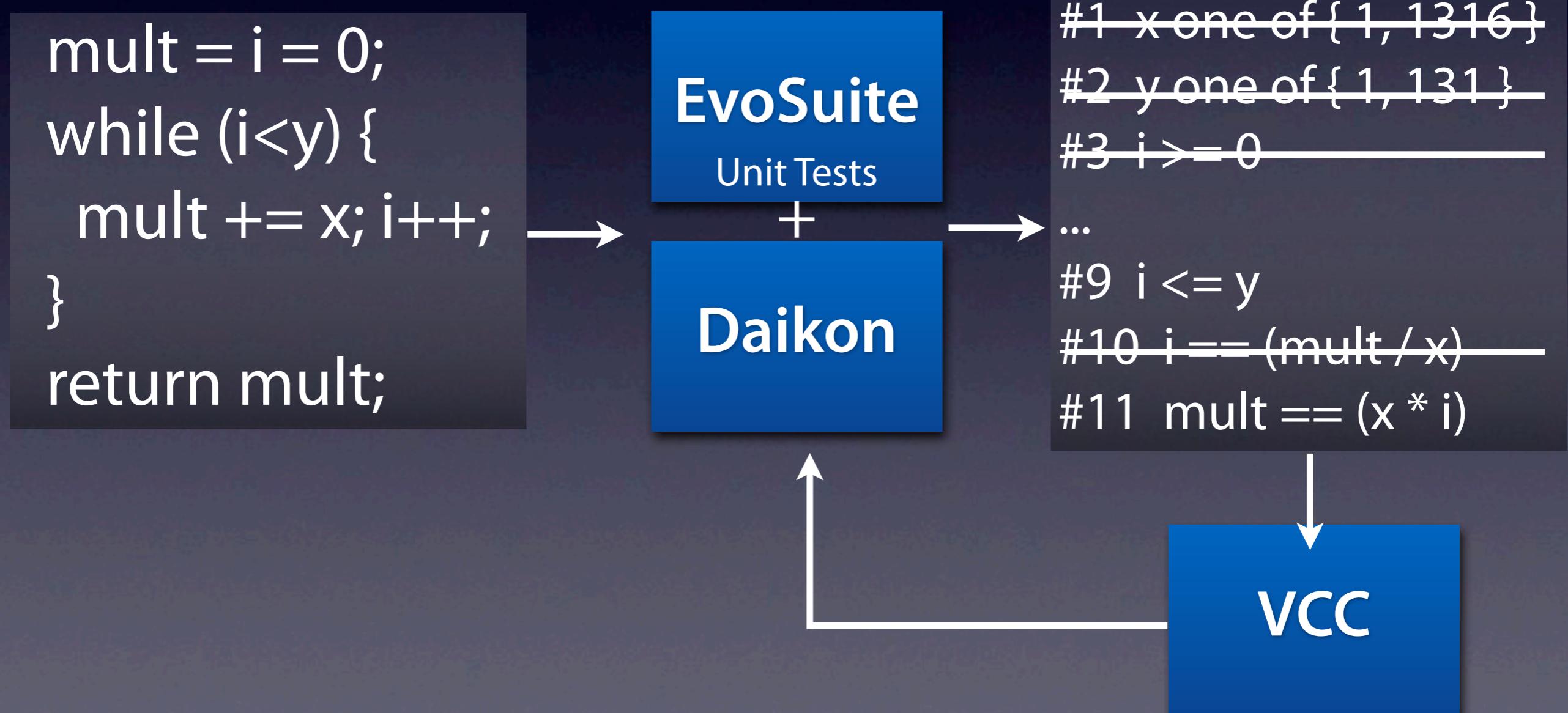


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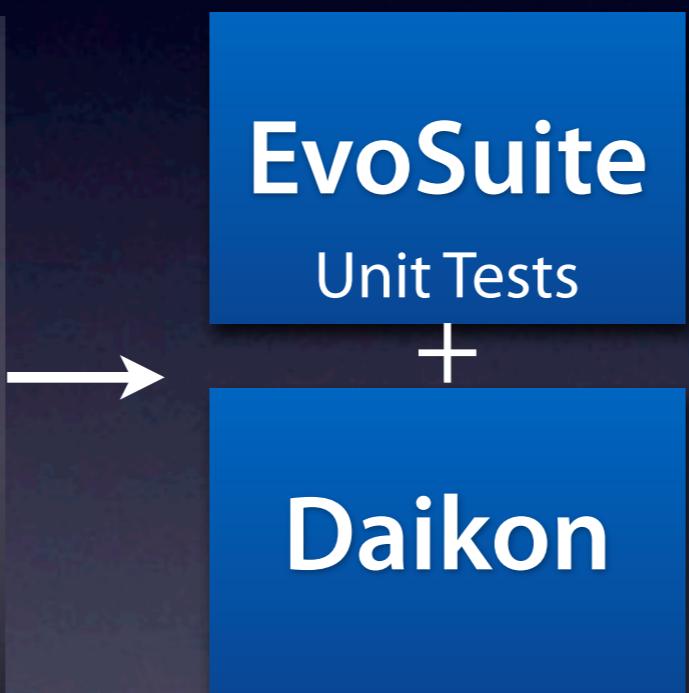
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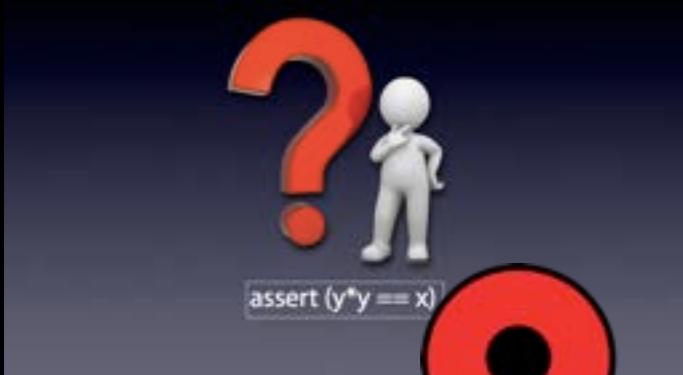
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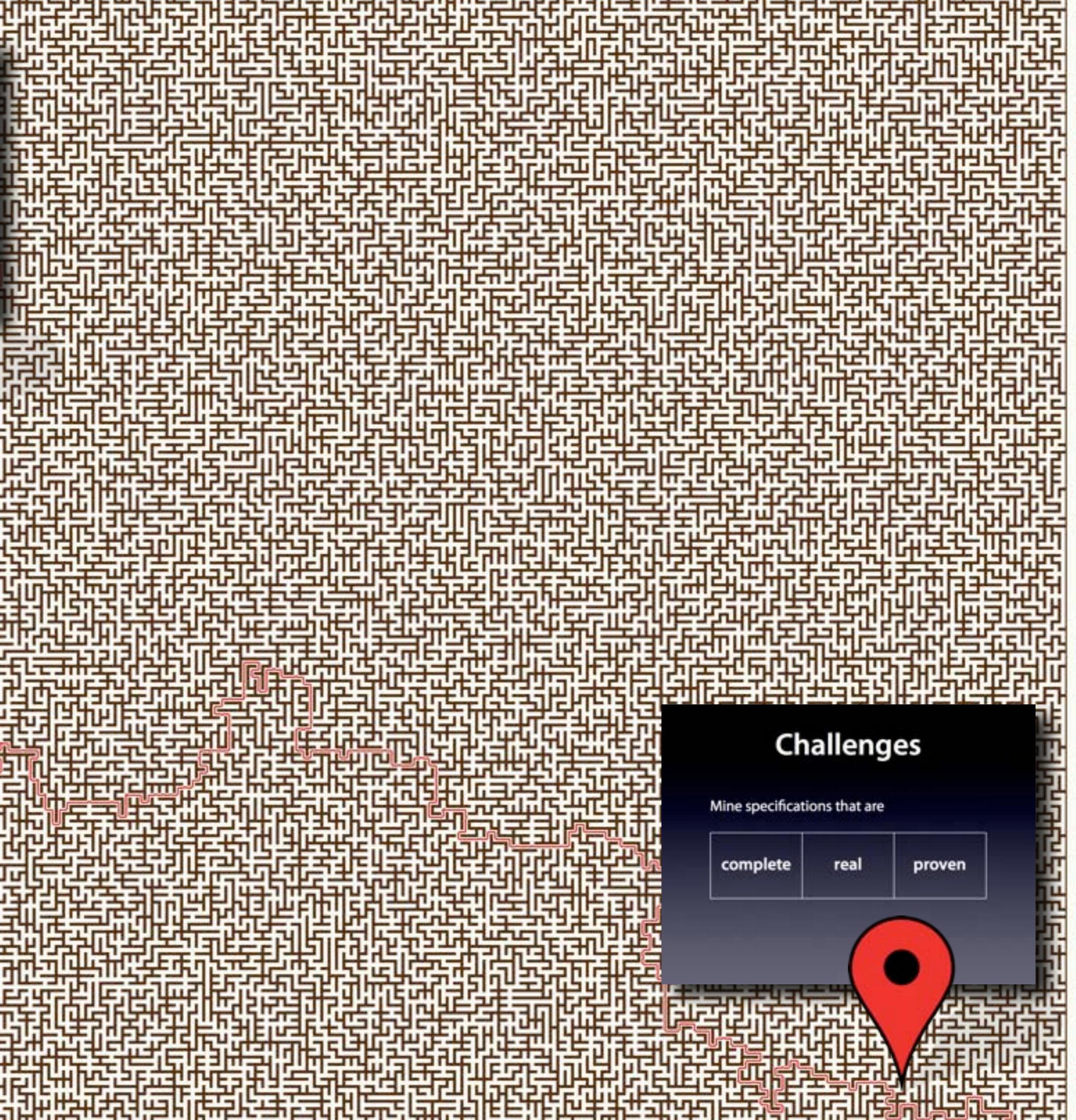
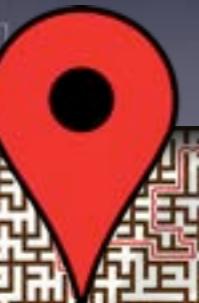
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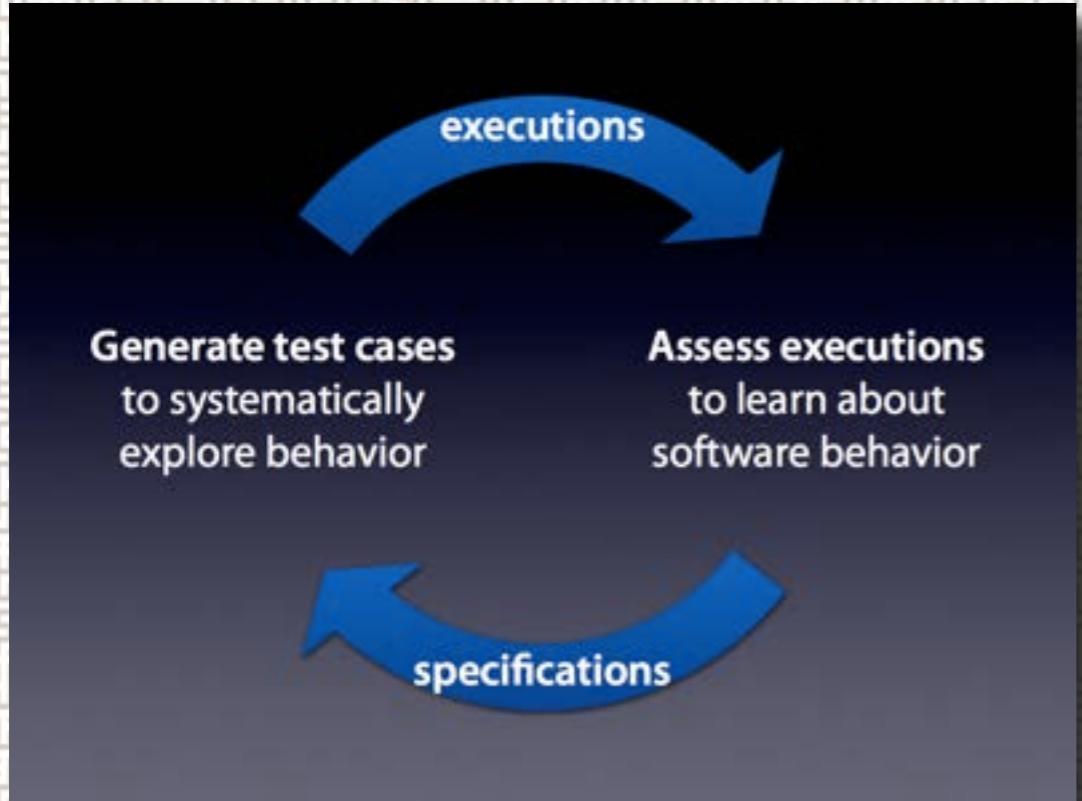


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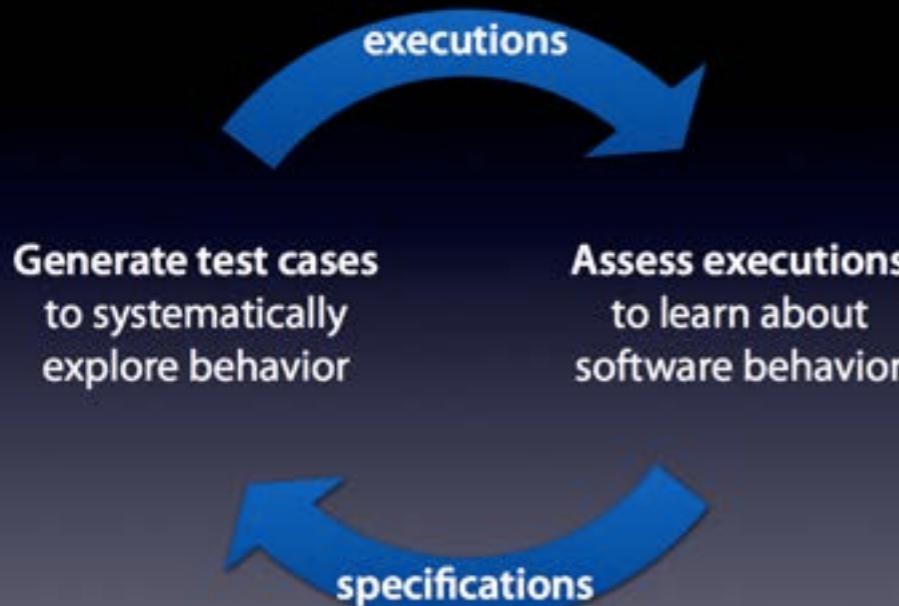
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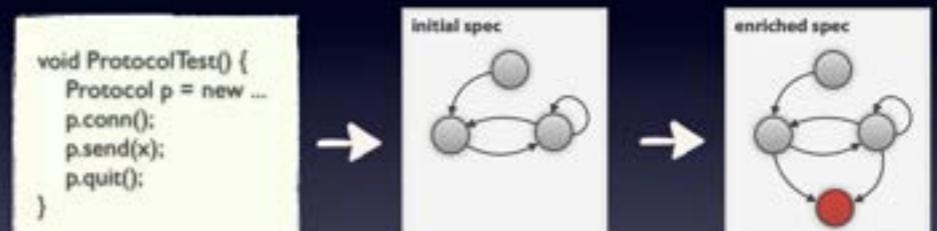




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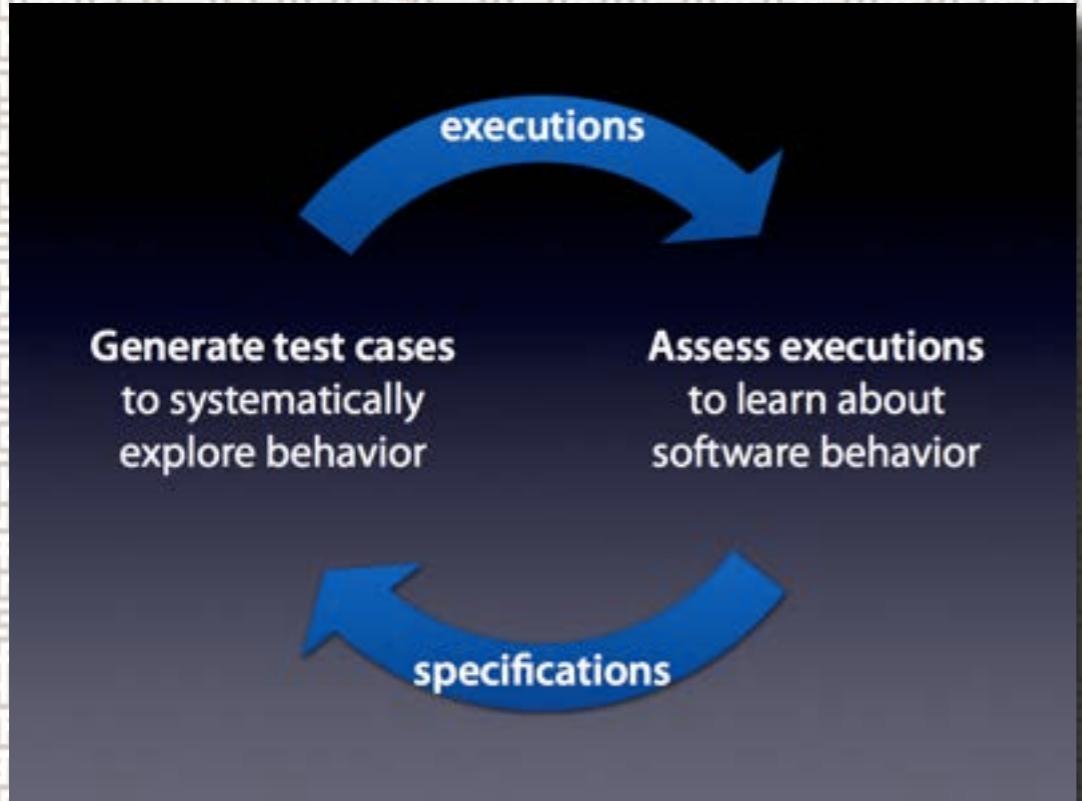
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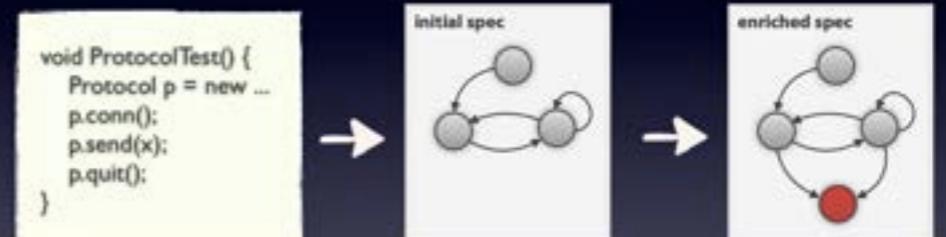
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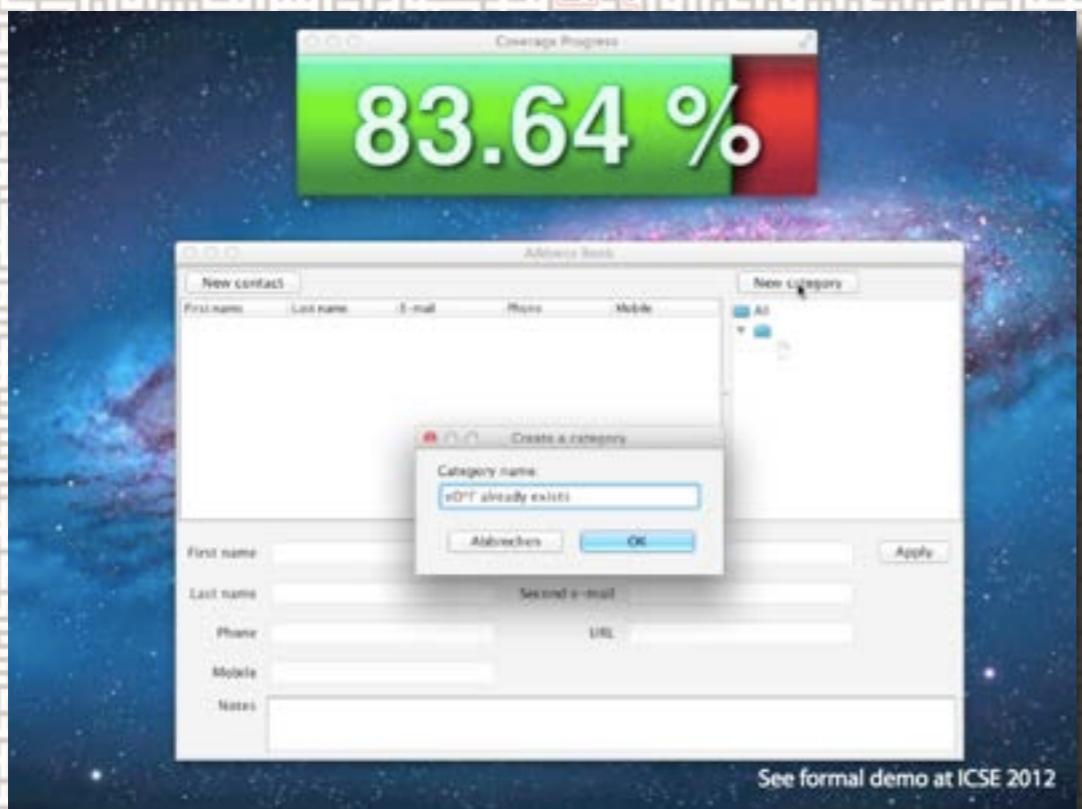


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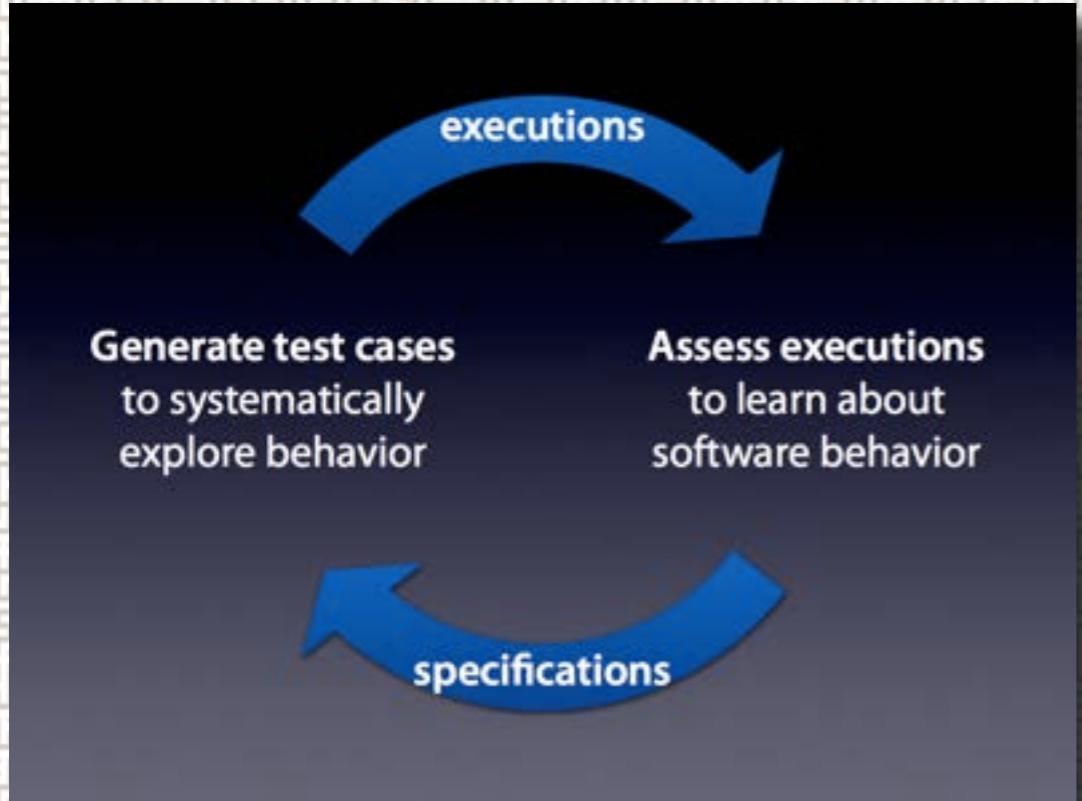
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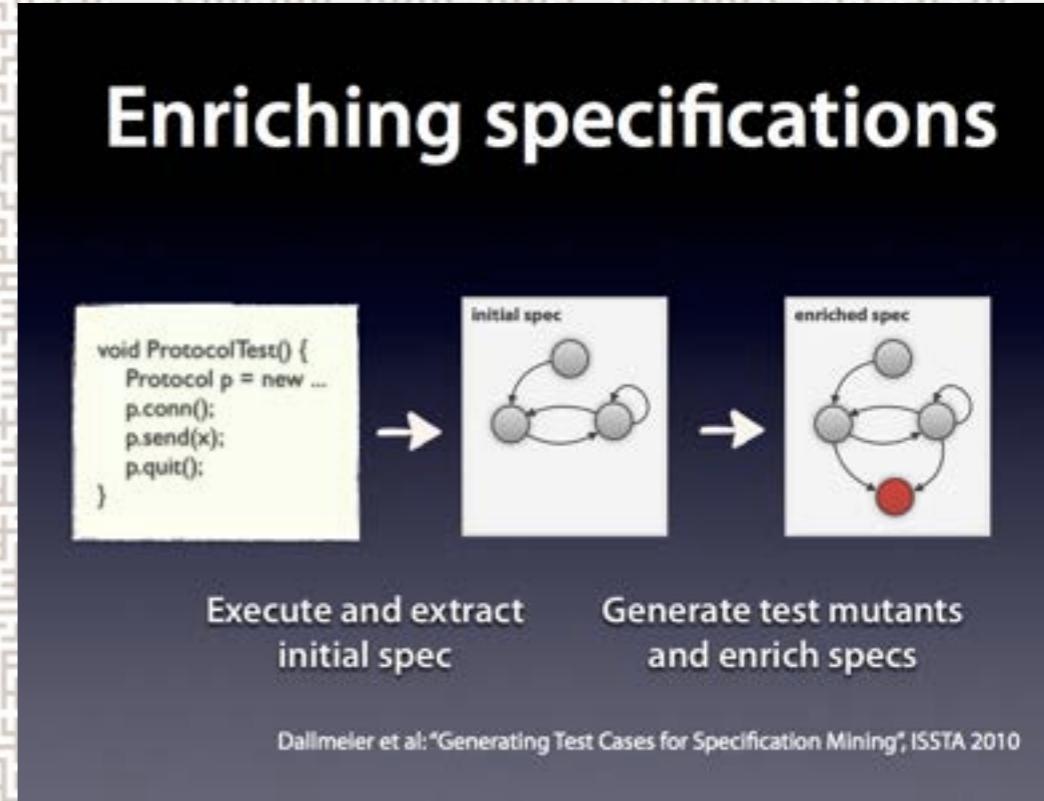
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