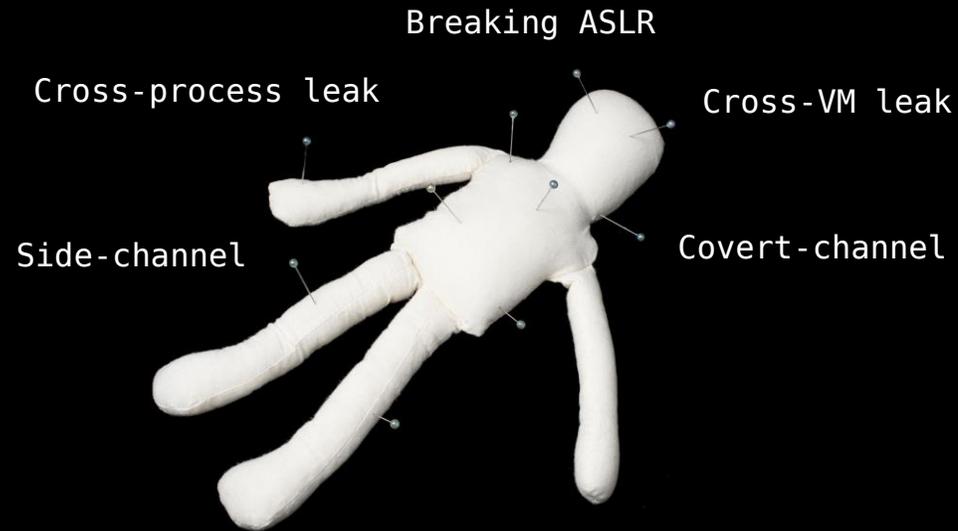


Memory Deduplication: The Curse that Keeps on Giving



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Our message today...

ONE DOES NOT SIMPLY

ENABLE MEMORY DEDUPLICATION

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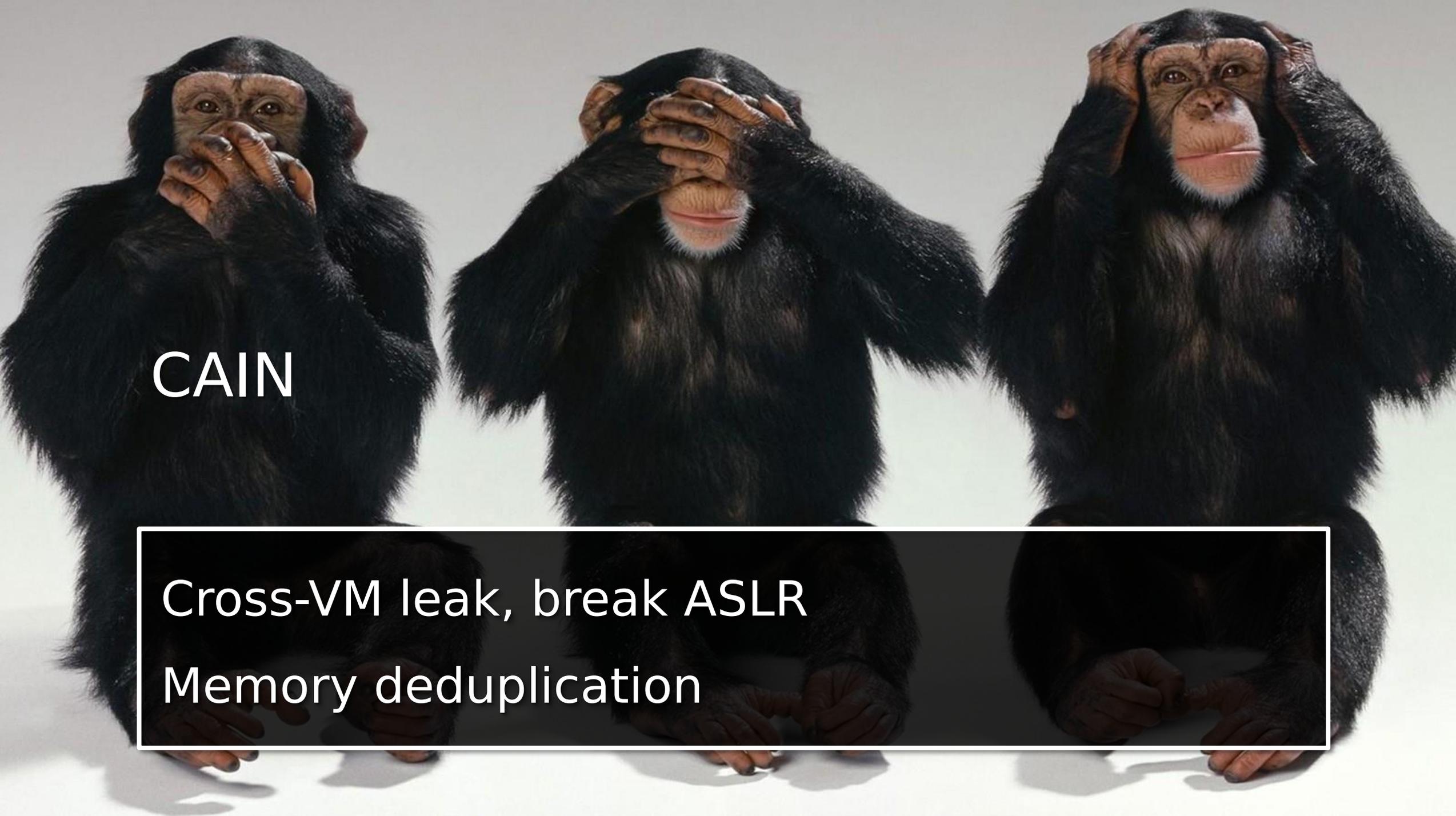
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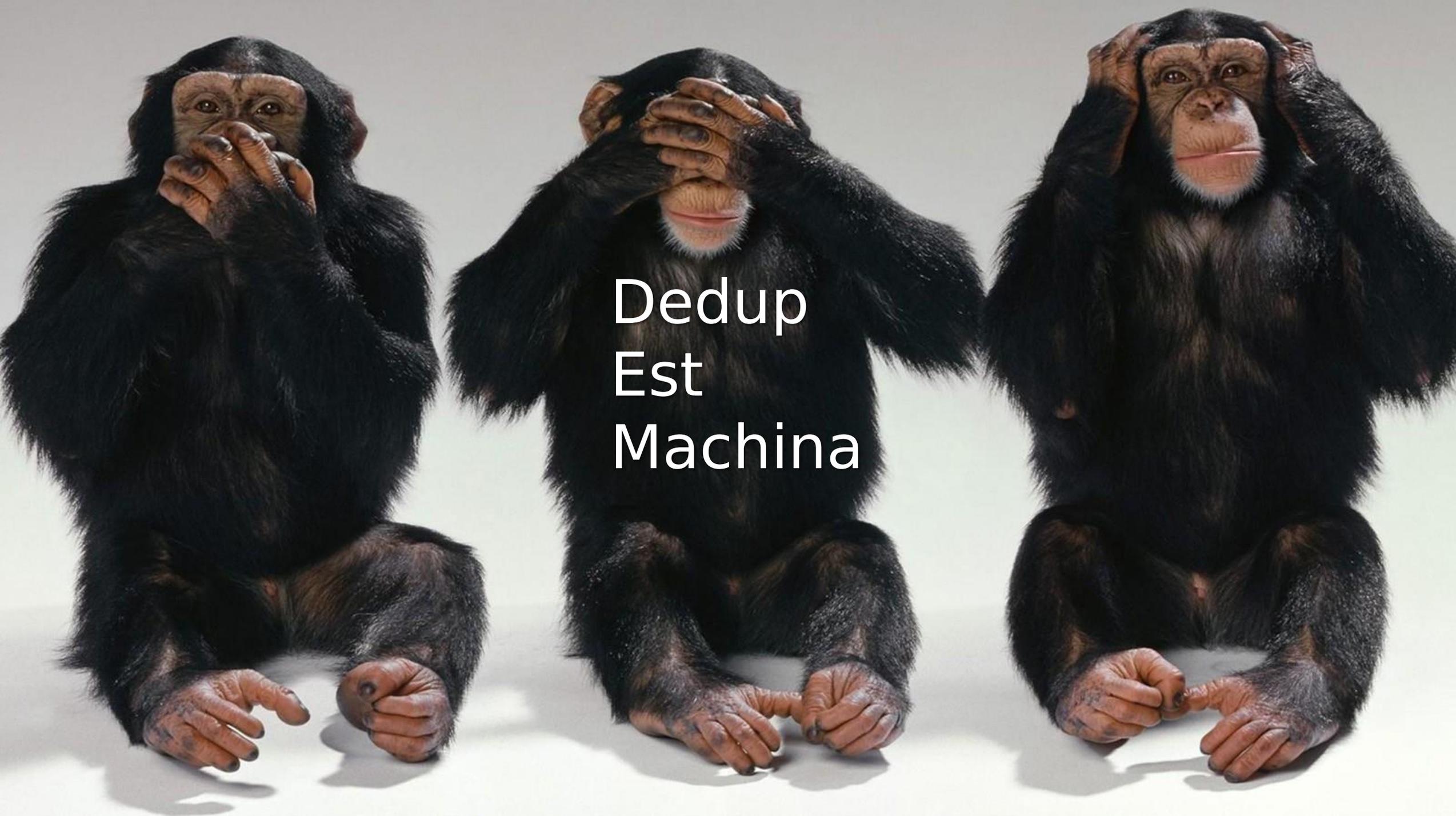


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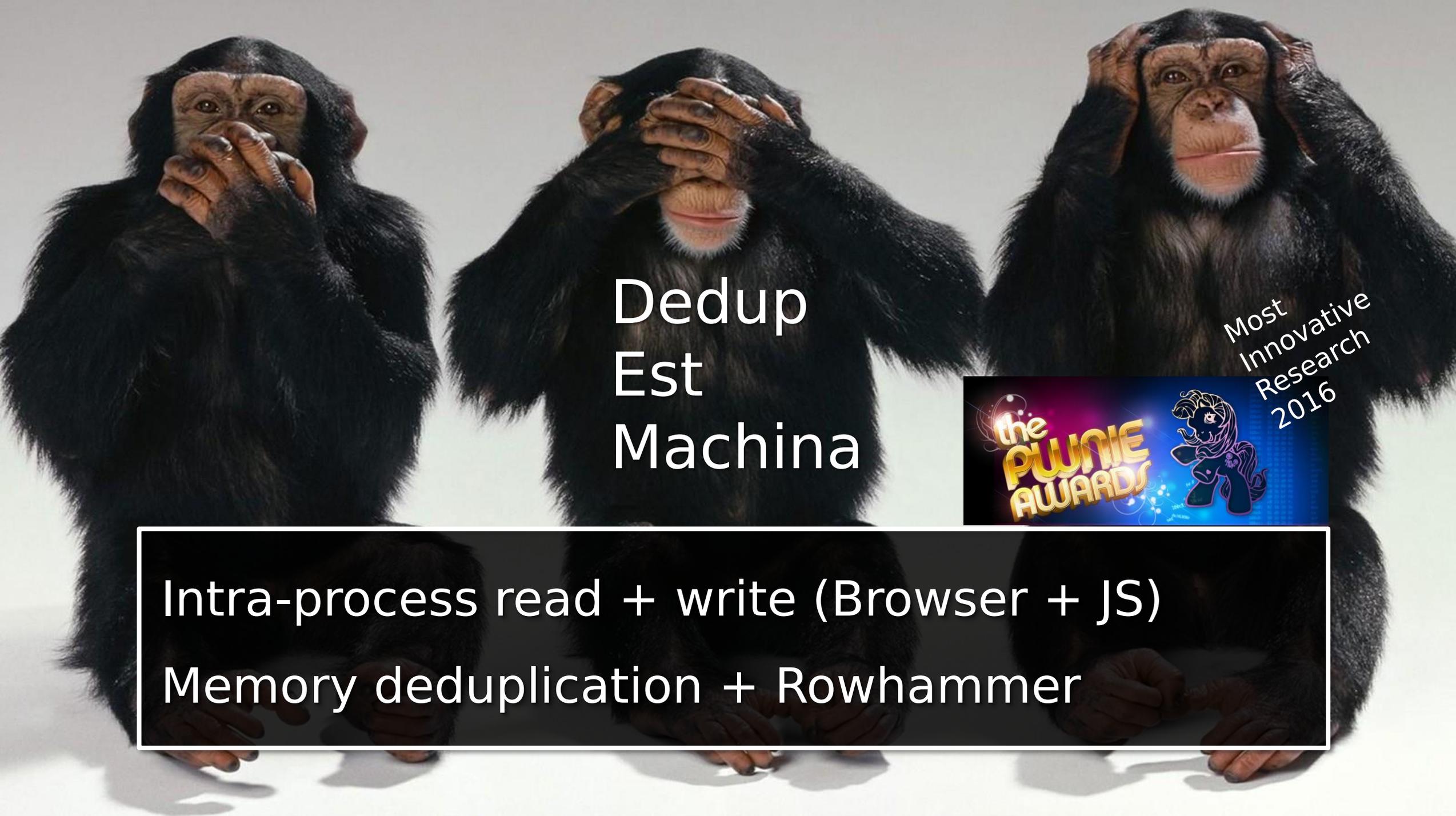


CAIN

Cross-VM leak, break ASLR
Memory deduplication



Dedup
Est
Machina

Three chimpanzees are shown against a plain white background. The chimpanzee on the left has its hand over its mouth. The chimpanzee in the middle has its hands over its eyes. The chimpanzee on the right has its hands on its head. The text 'Dedup Est Machina' is overlaid on the middle chimpanzee.

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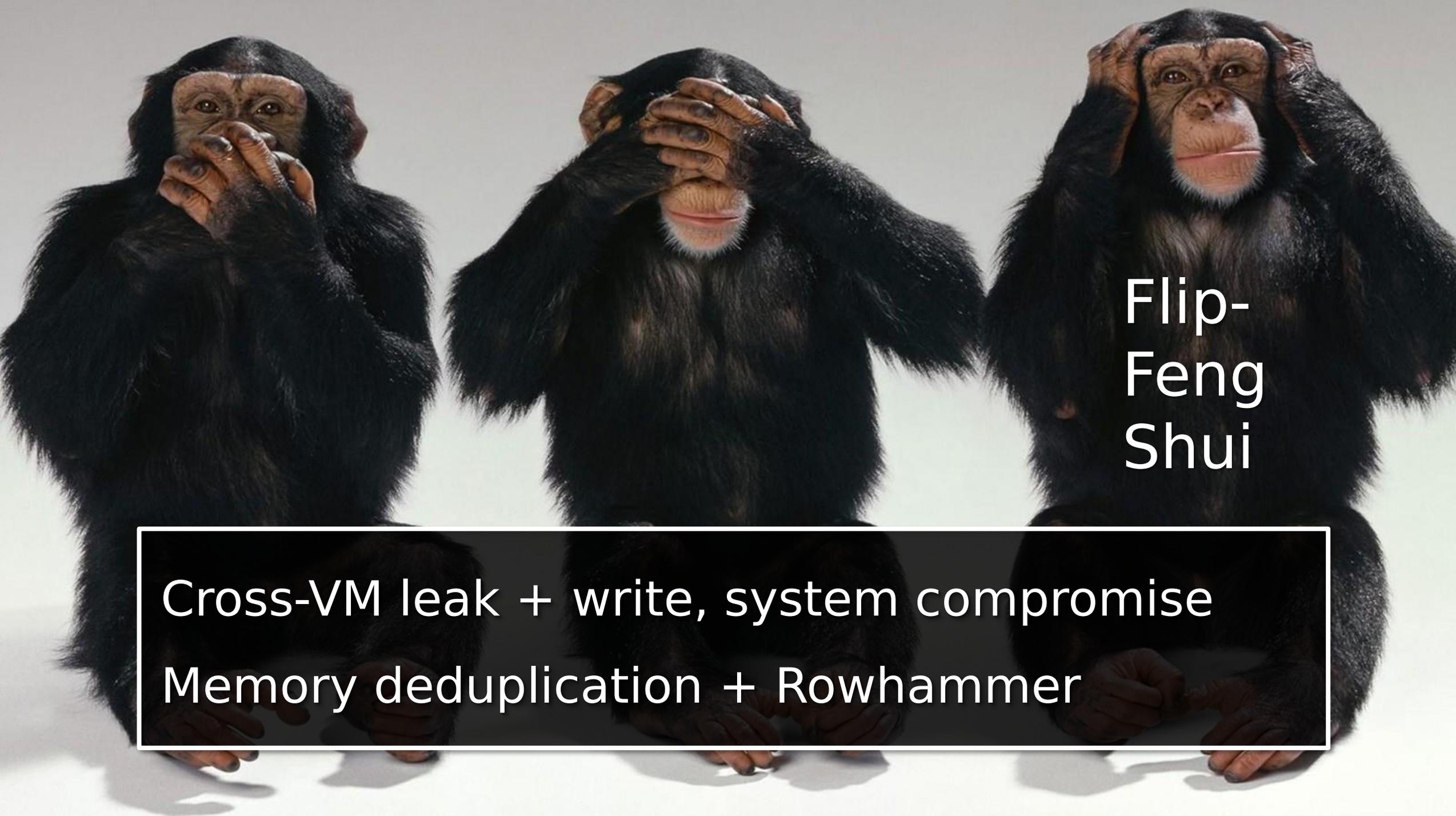
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2016



Intra-process read + write (Browser + JS)
Memory deduplication + Rowhammer



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Cross-VM leak + write, system compromise
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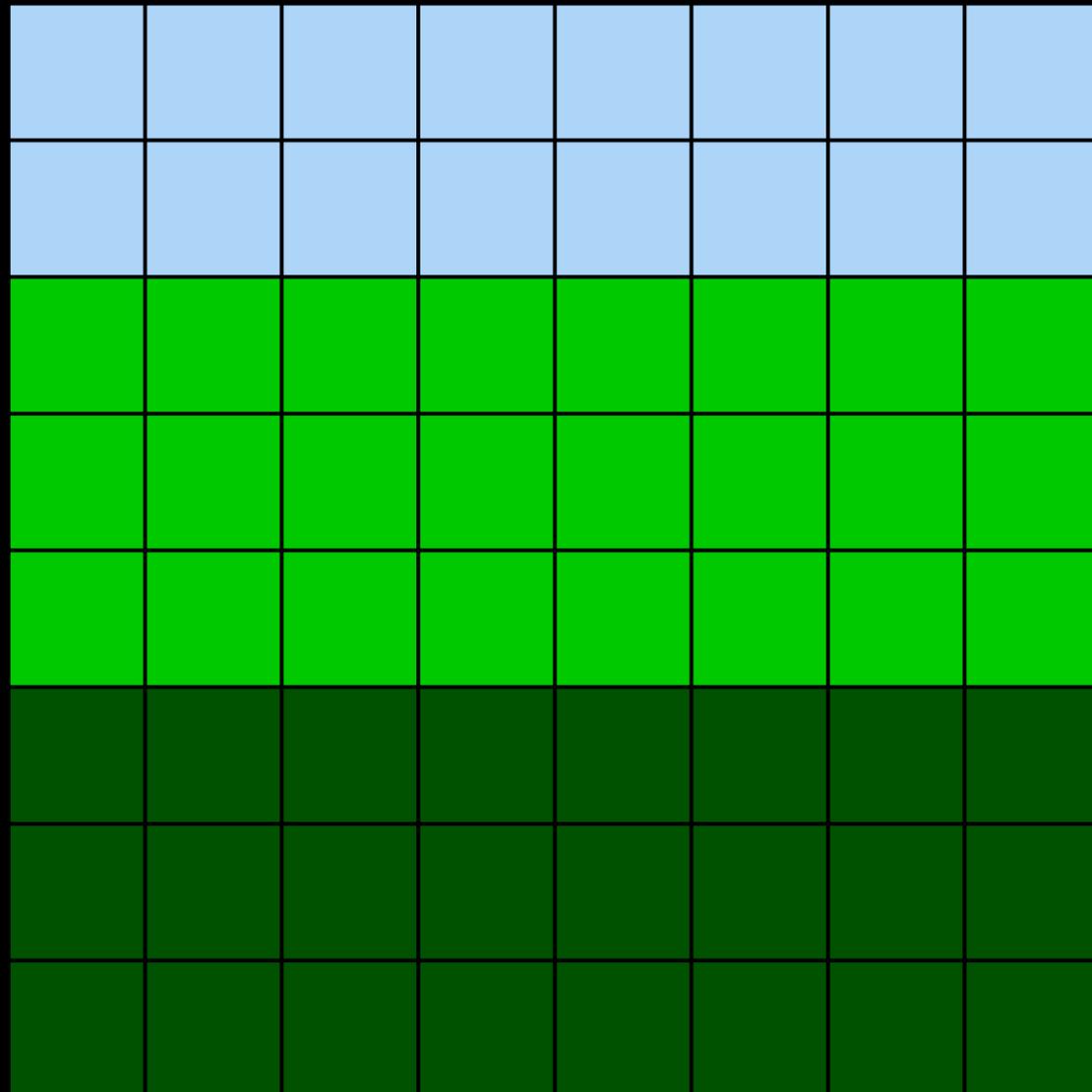
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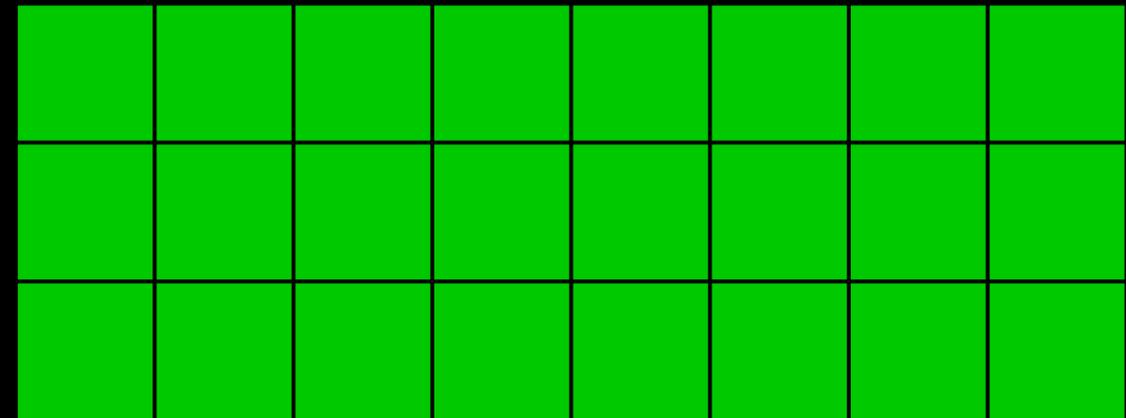
Now we can sell even more VMs... \$\$\$

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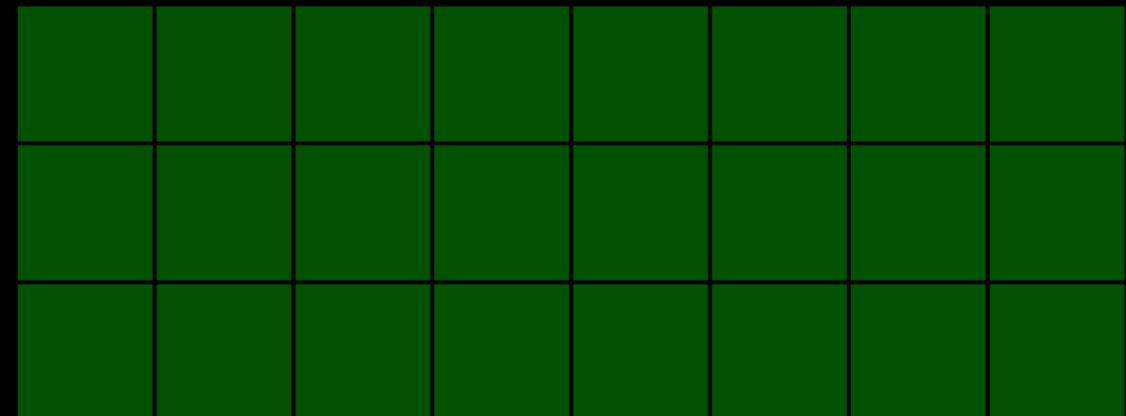
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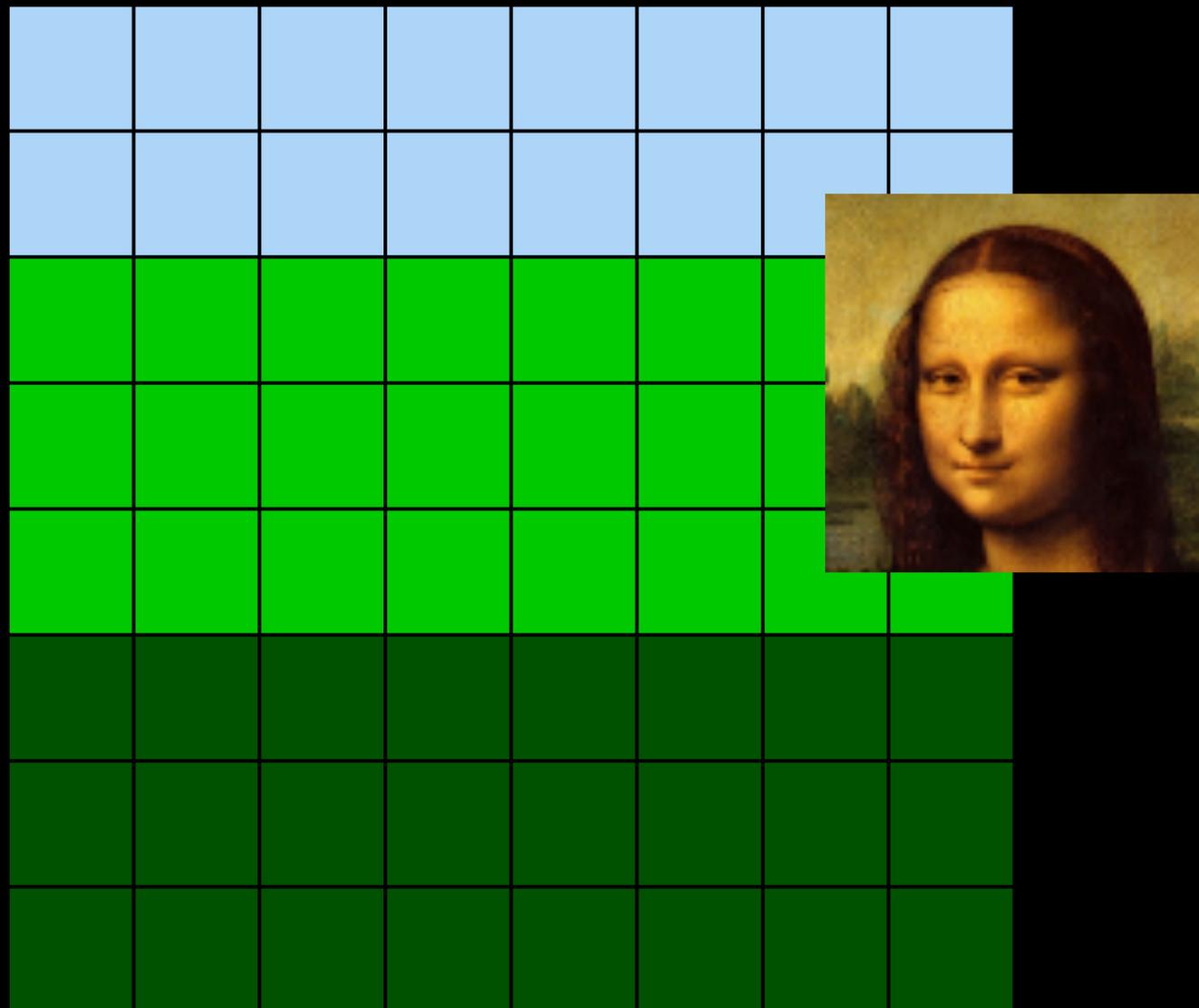


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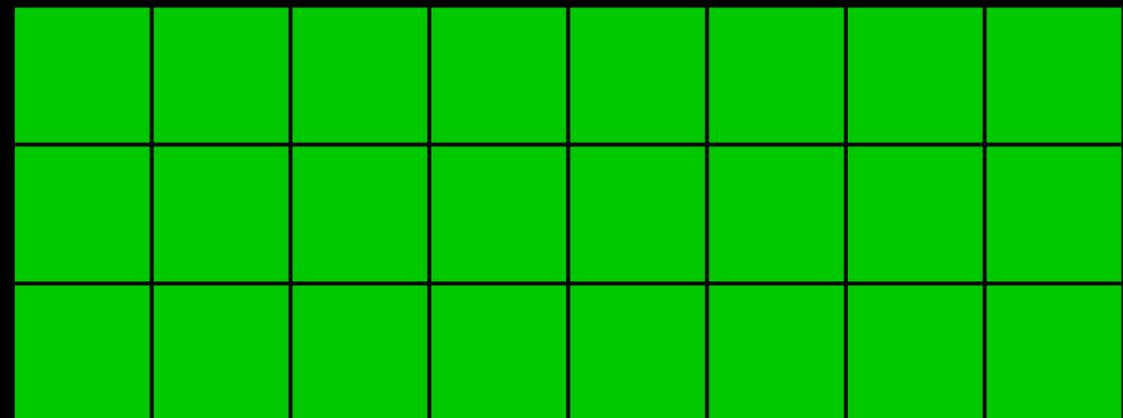


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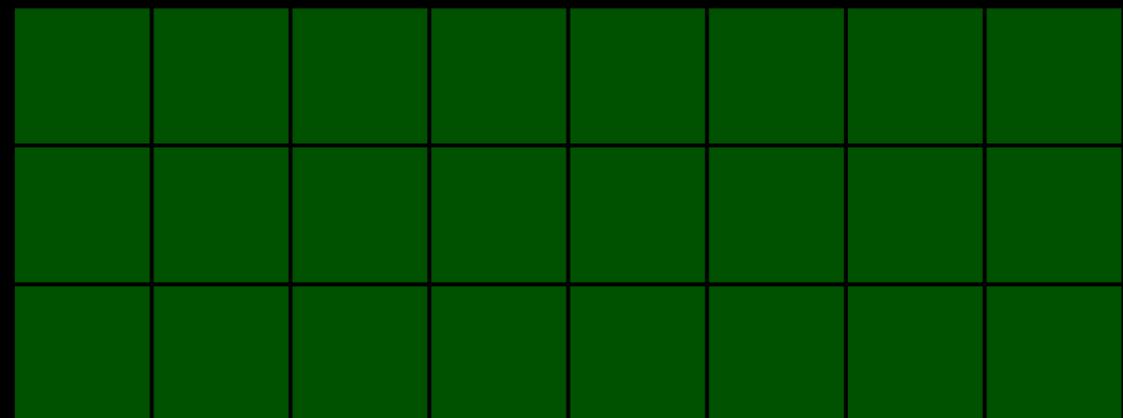
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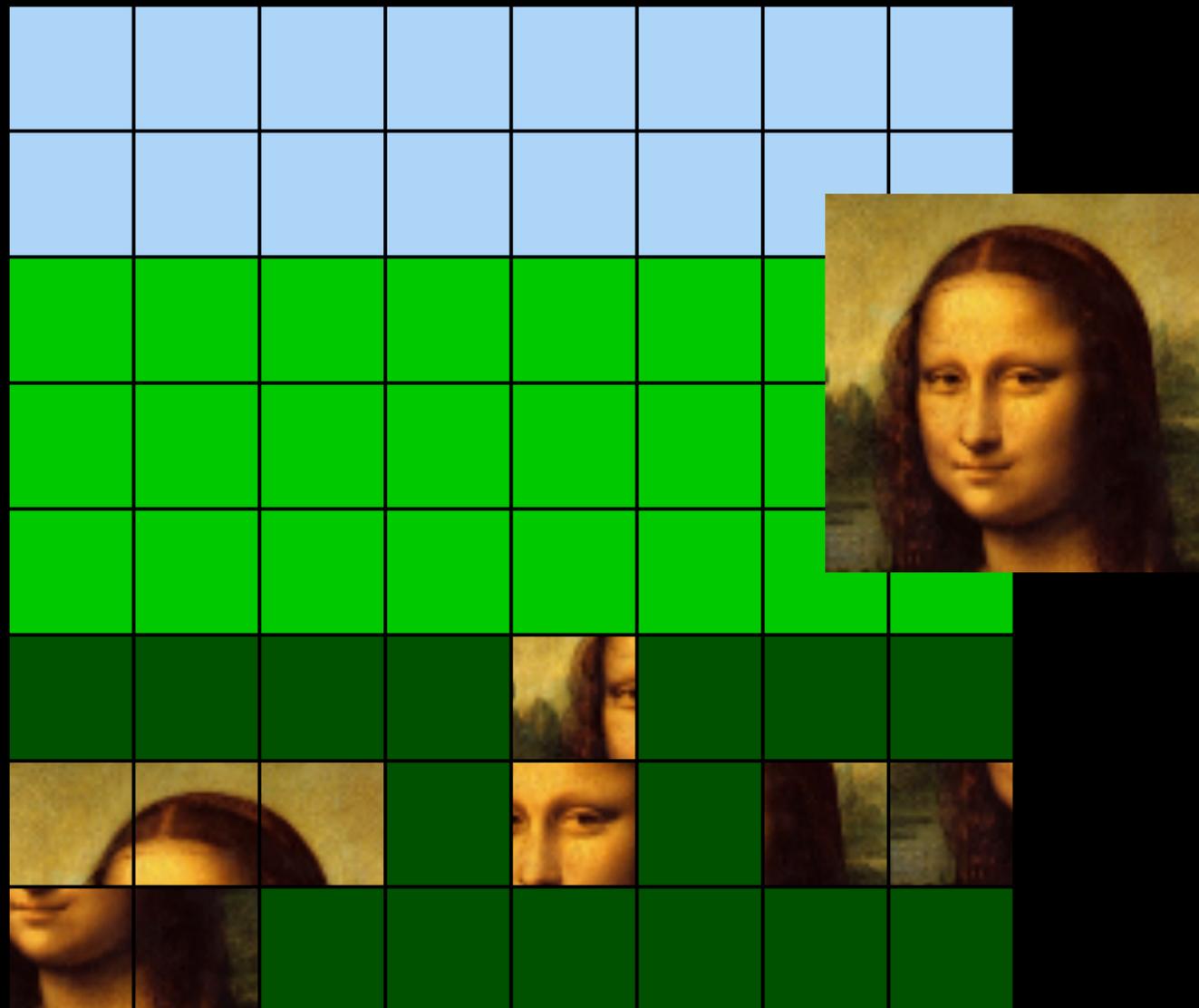


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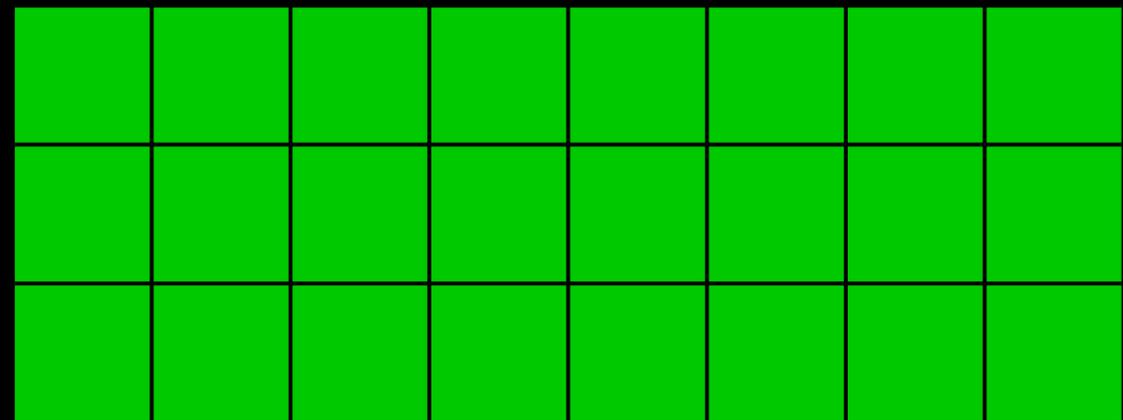


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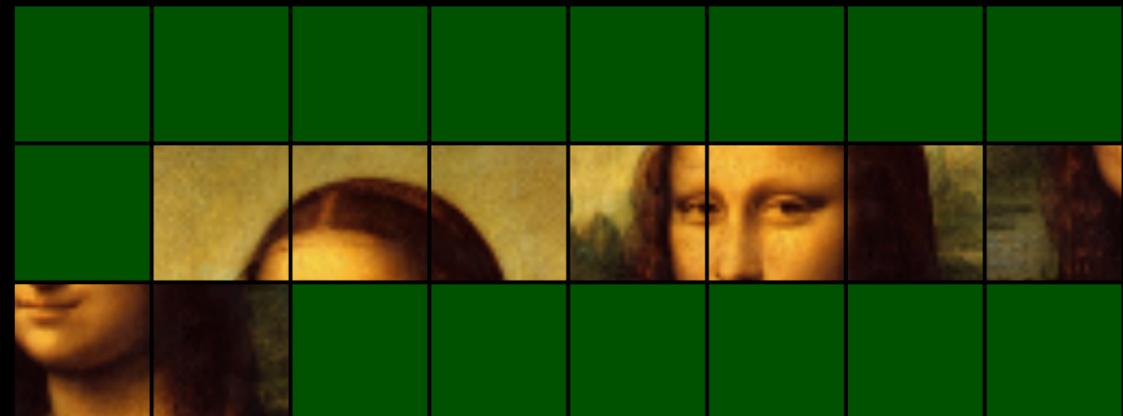
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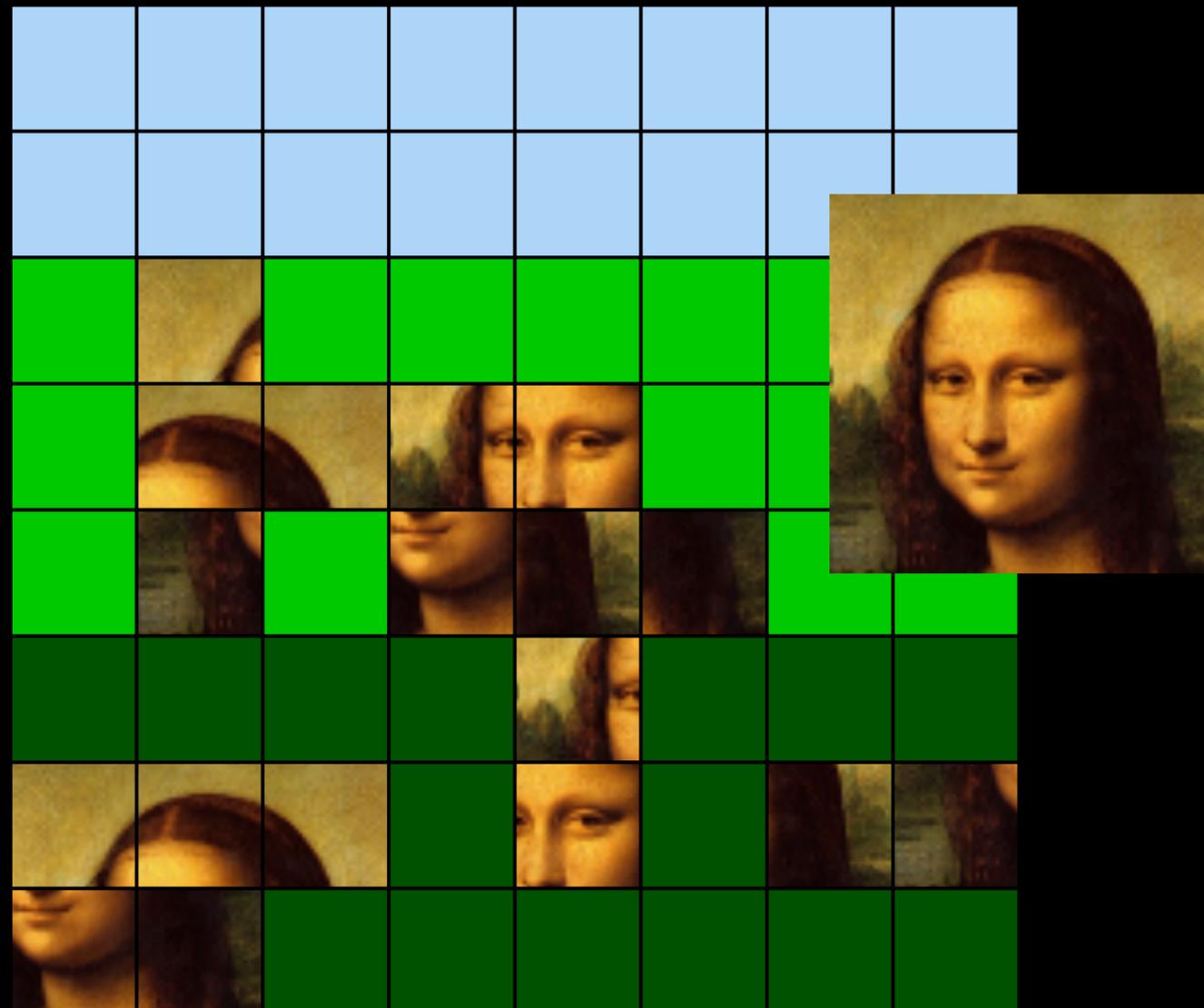


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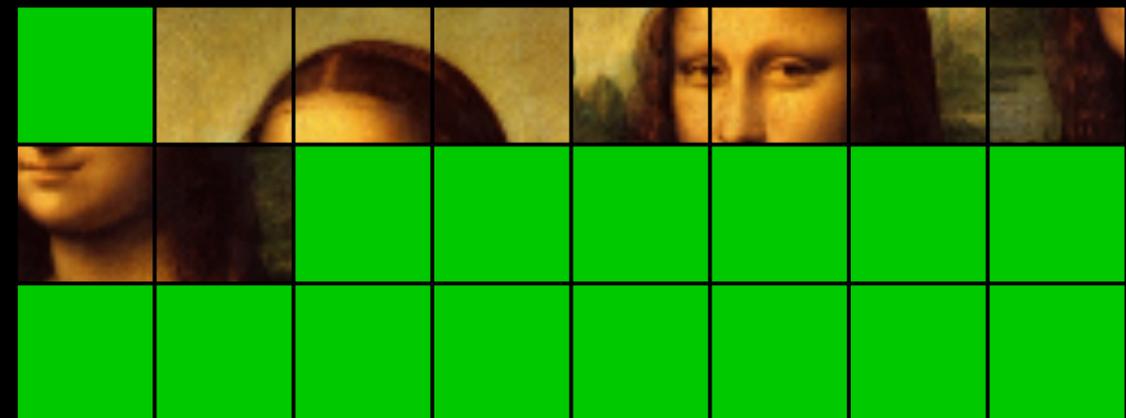


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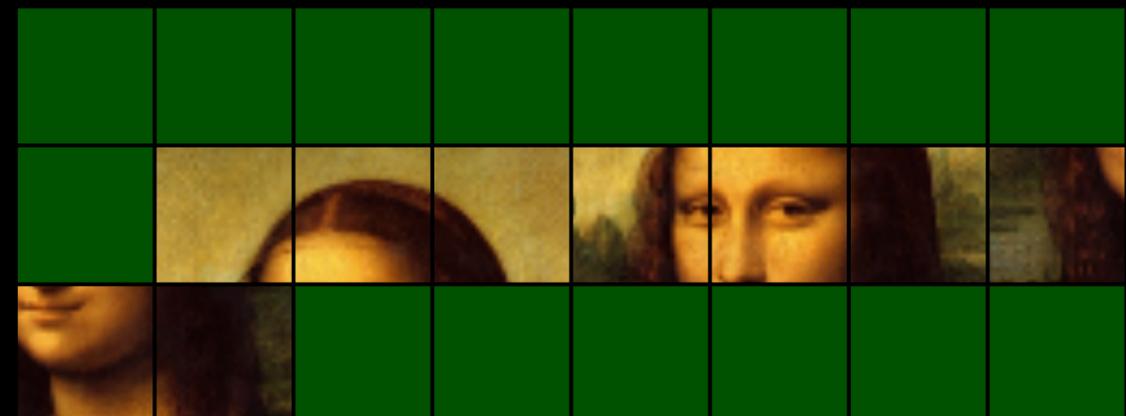
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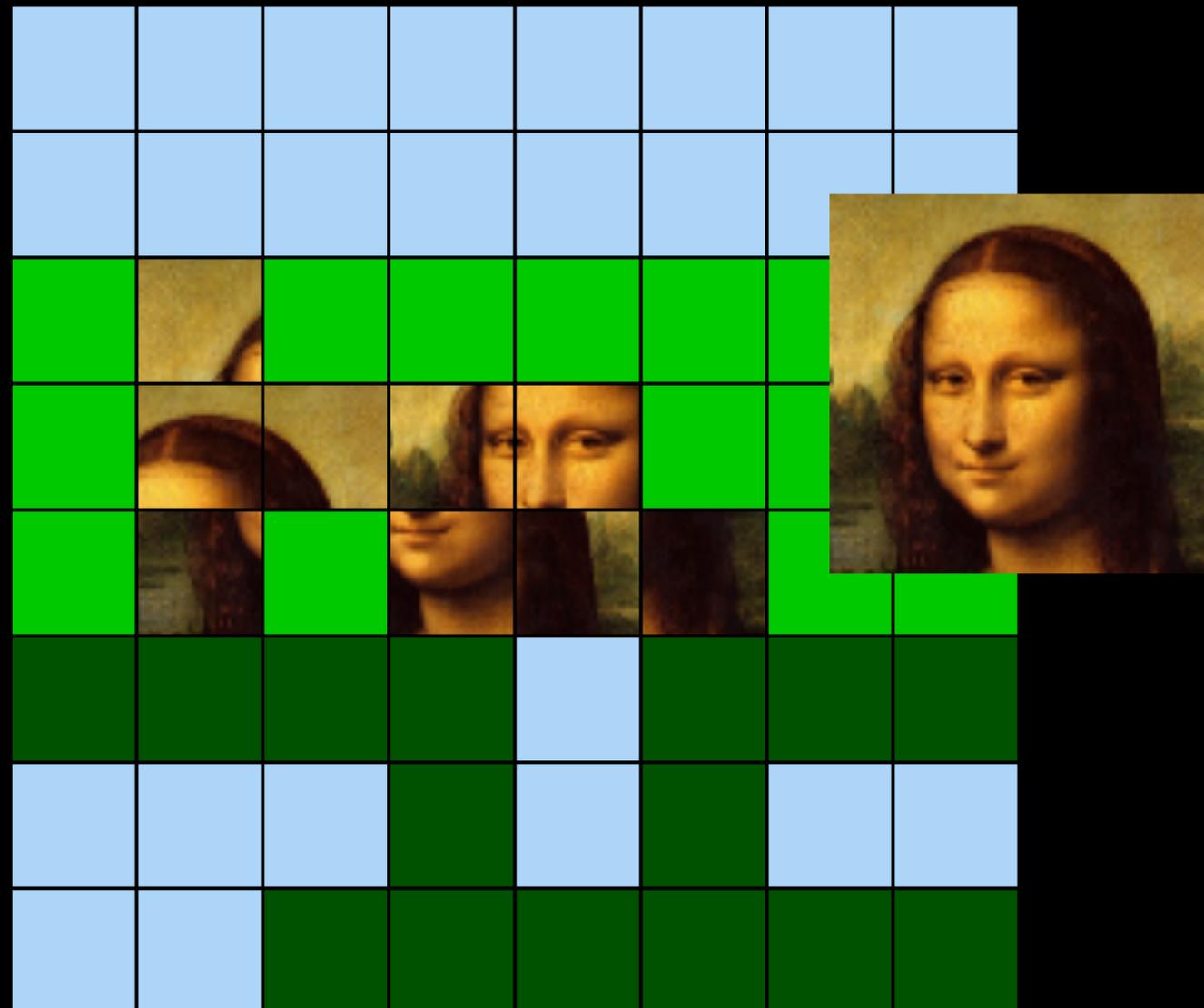


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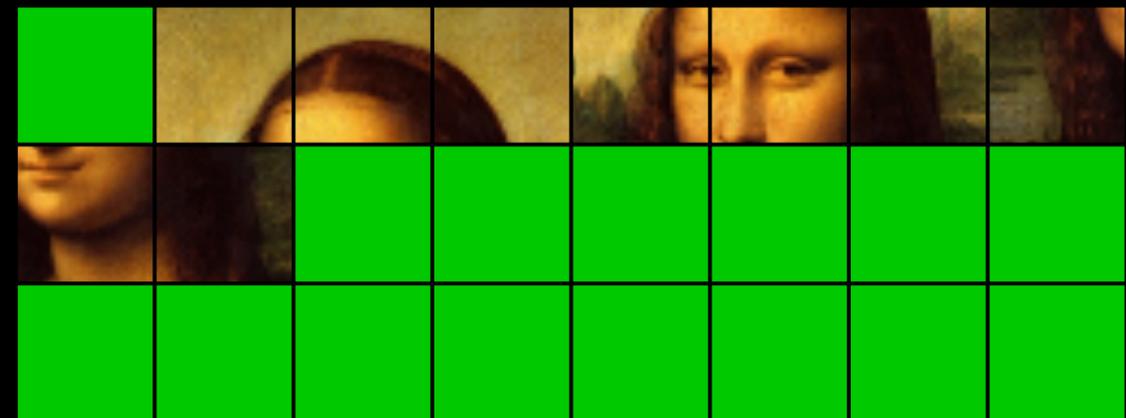


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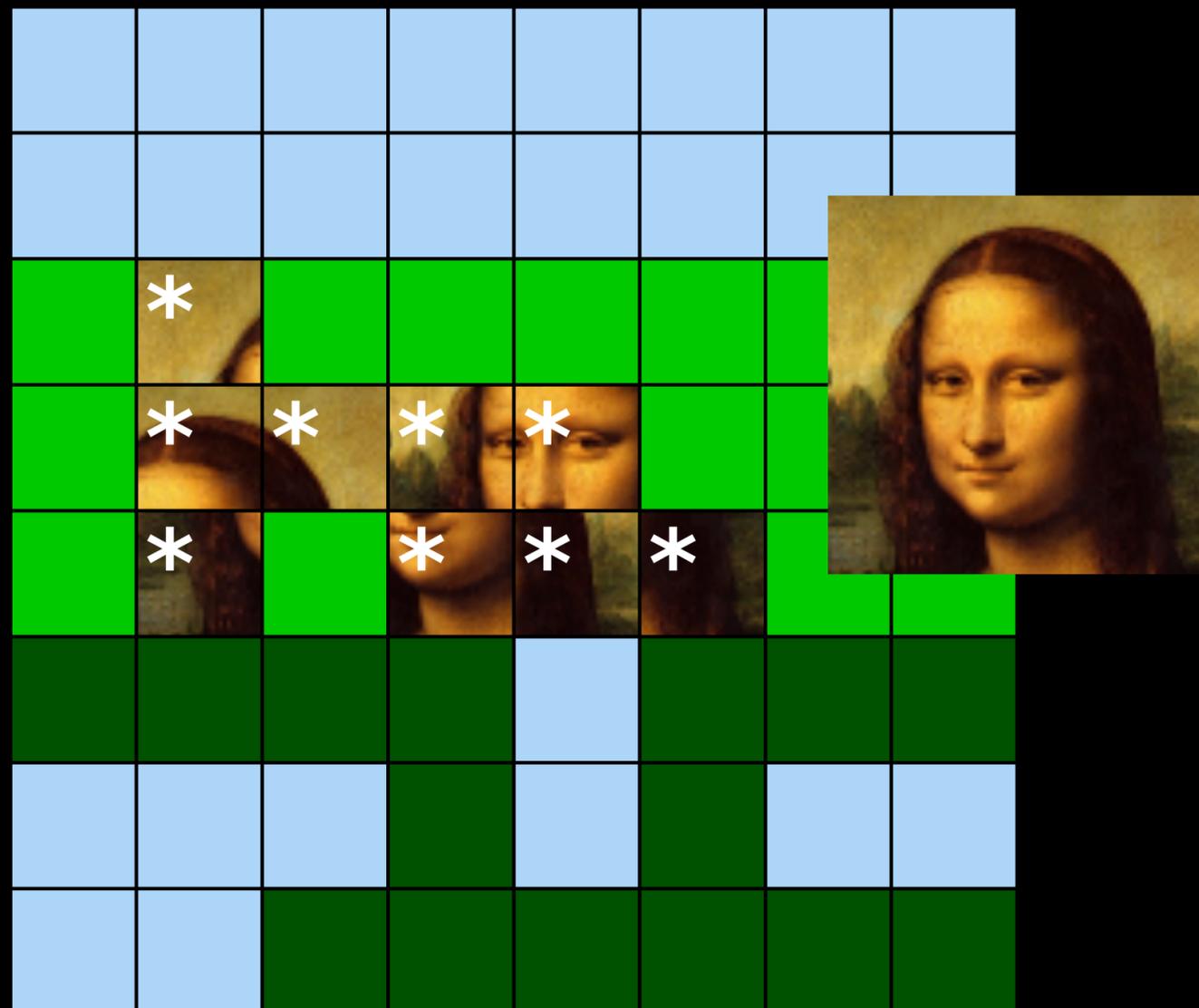


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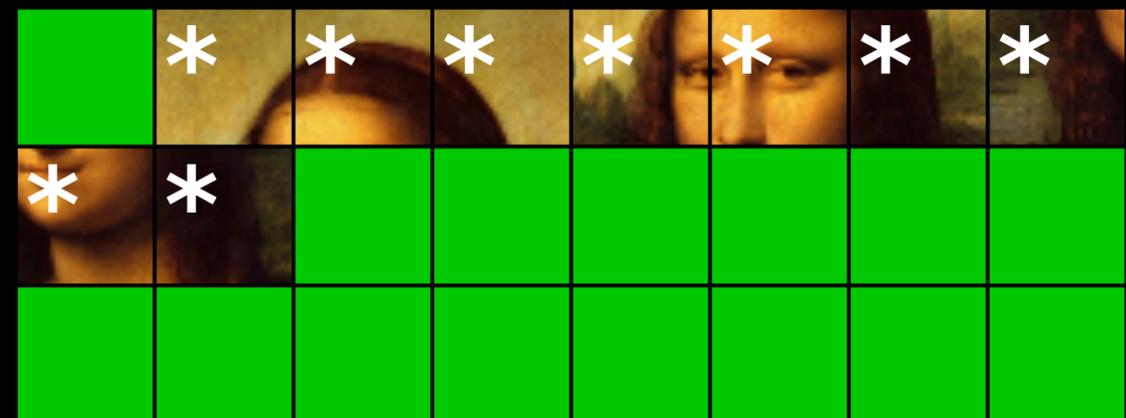


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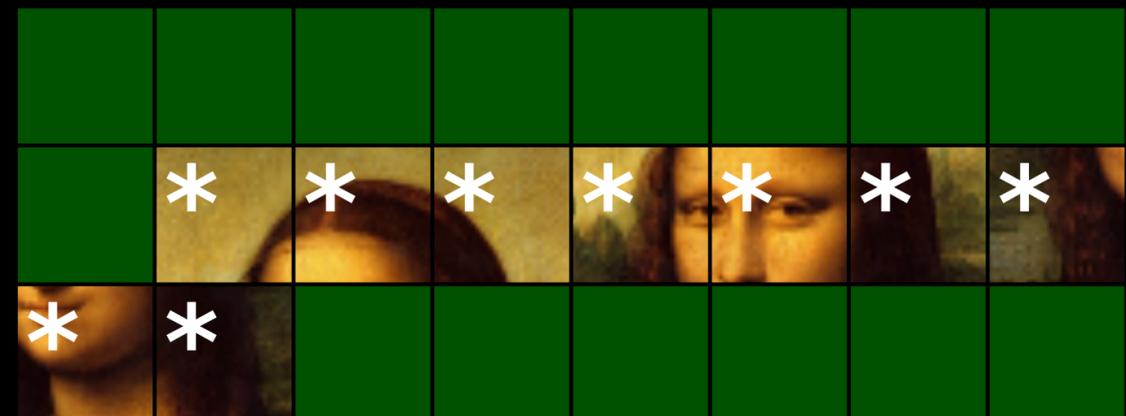
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`/sys/kernel/mm/ksm/sleep_millisecs` e.g., 200 ms

`/sys/kernel/mm/ksm/pages_to_scan` e.g., 100

$1000/\text{sleep_millisecs} * \text{pages_to_scan} = \text{pages per second}$

e.g., $(1000/200\text{ms}) * 100 = 500 \text{ pages/sec}$

Memory deduplication: The Problem

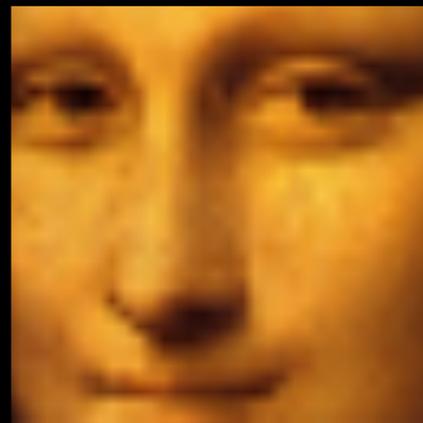
Deduplicated memory does not need to have the same security domain.

(unlike fork(), file-backed memory)

An attacker can use deduplication as a side-channel.

Deduplication side-channel attack

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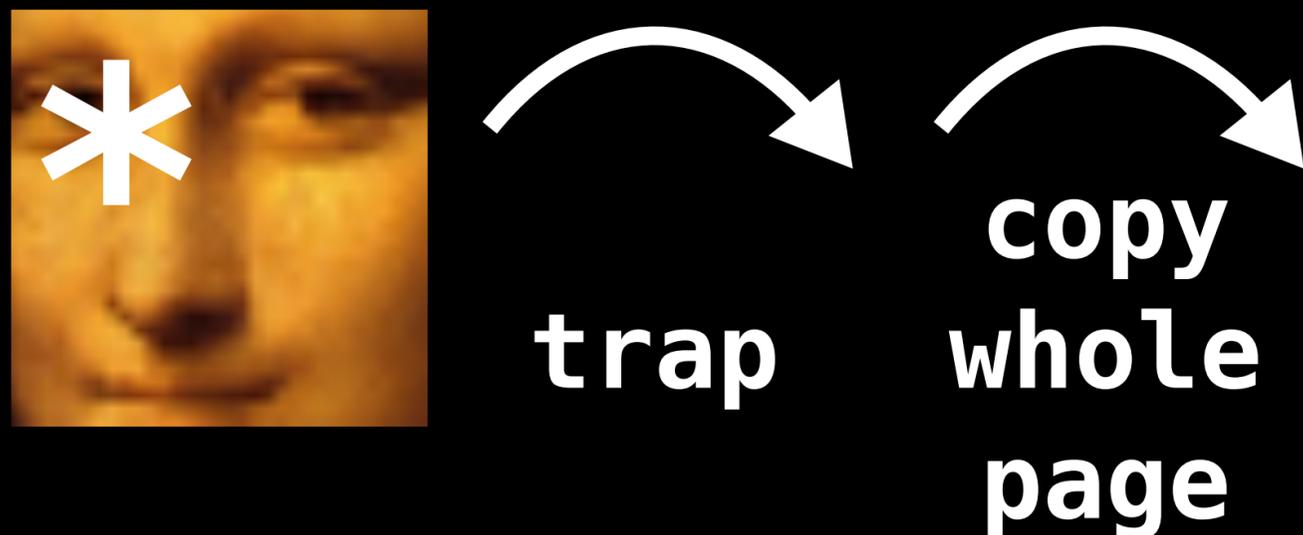


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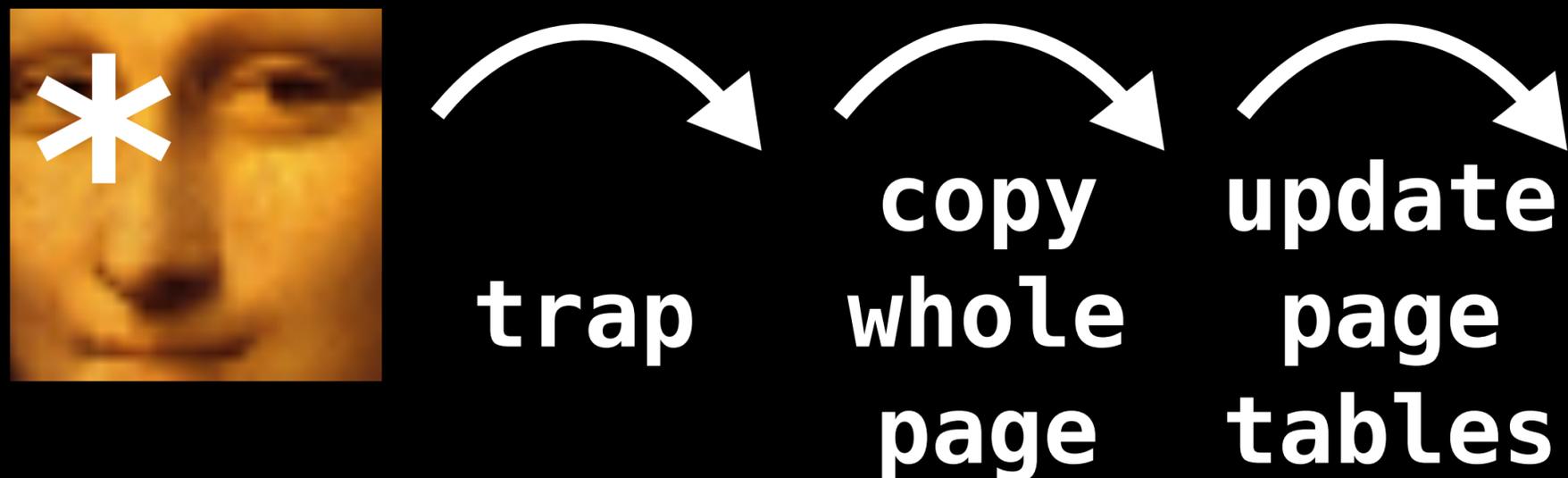


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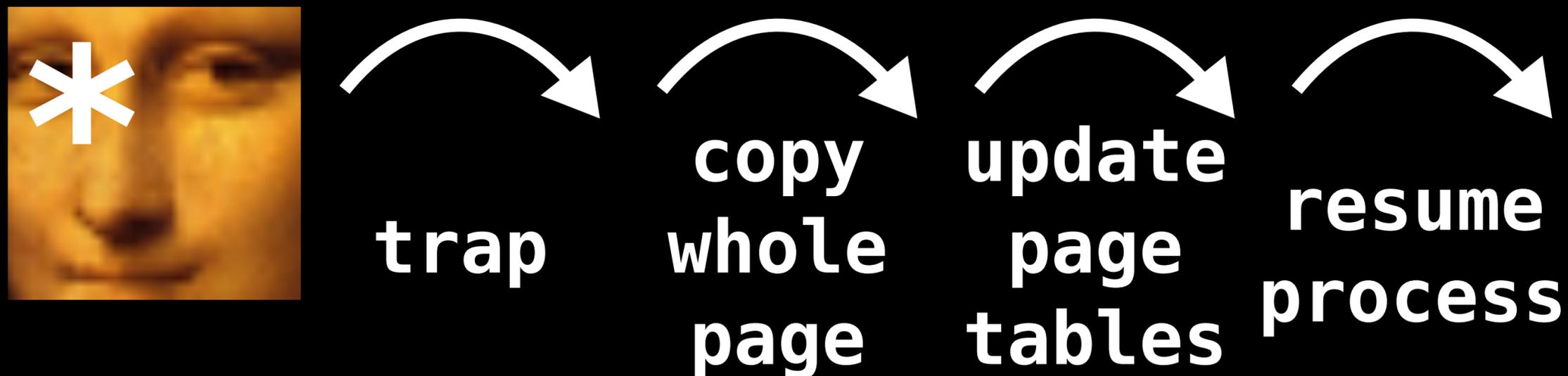


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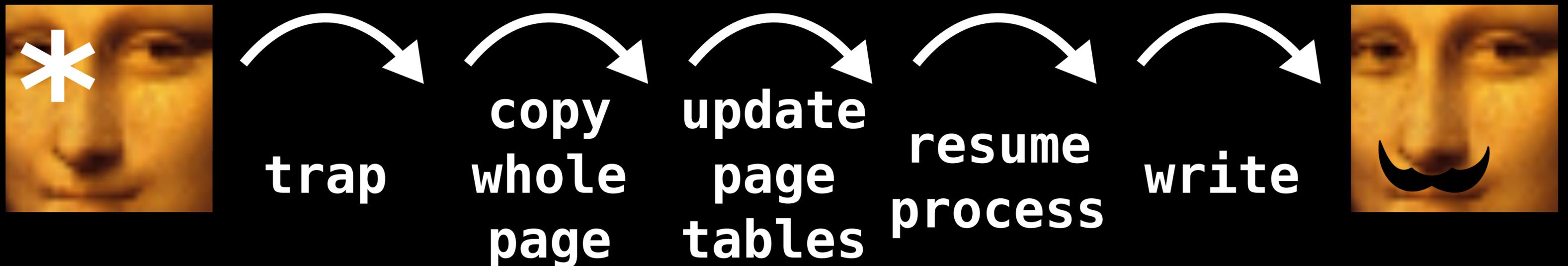


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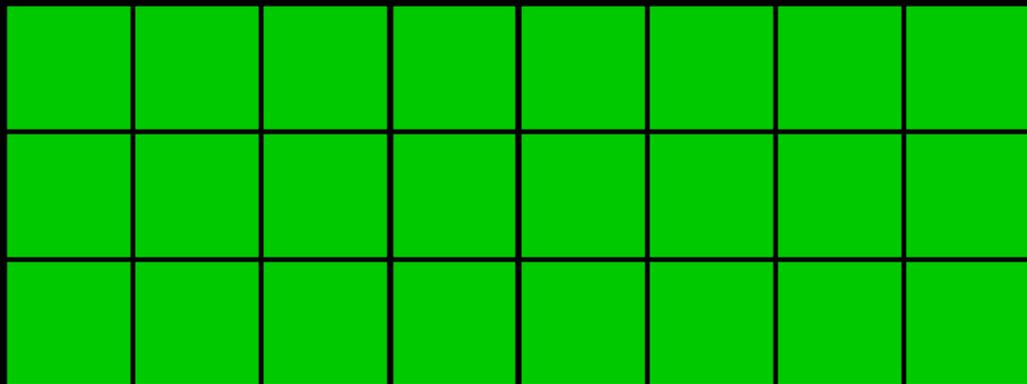
- > Cross-process

- > Intra-process, leak process data from JavaScript

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attacker memory



victim memory

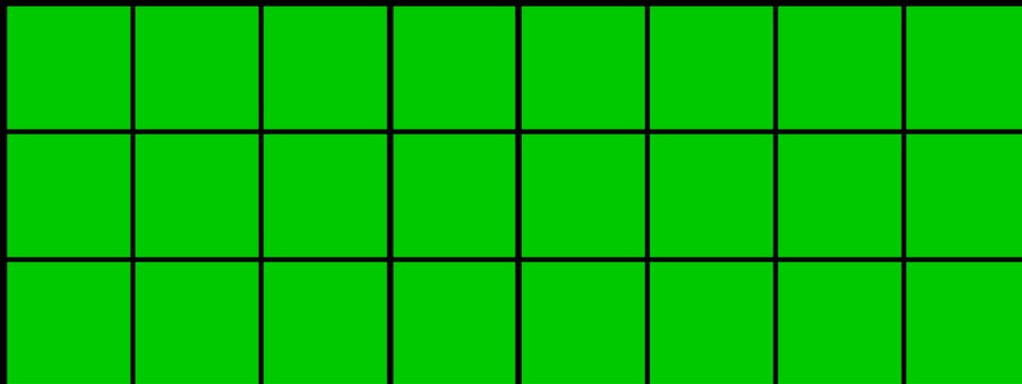


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secret page

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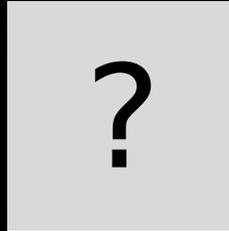


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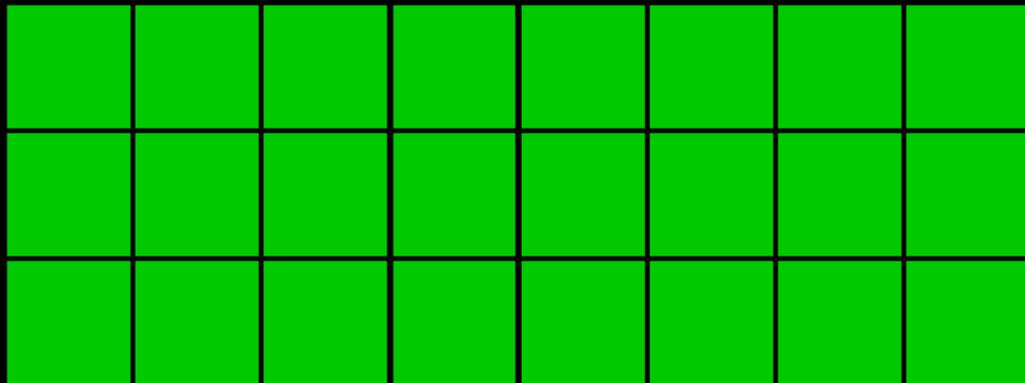
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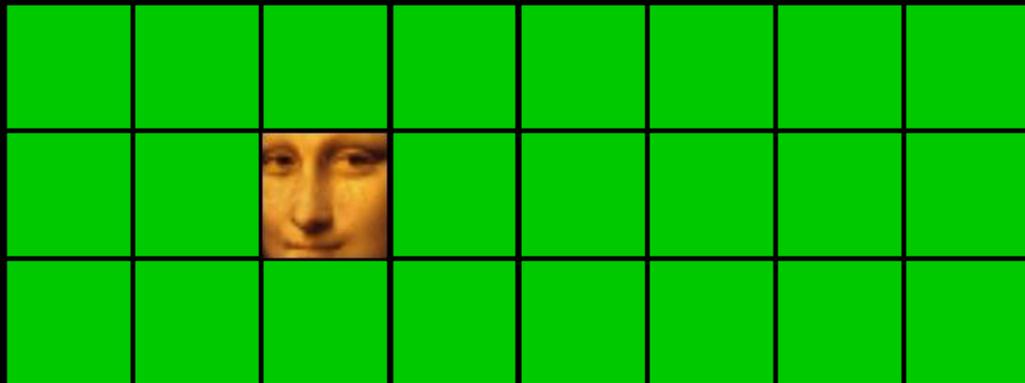
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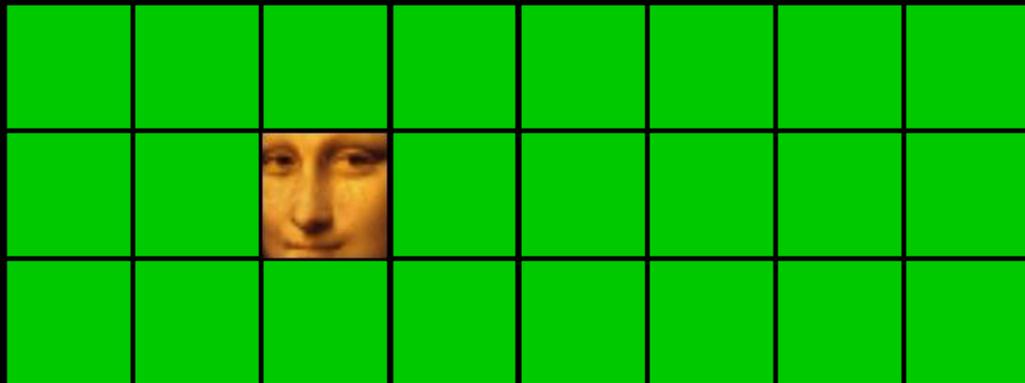
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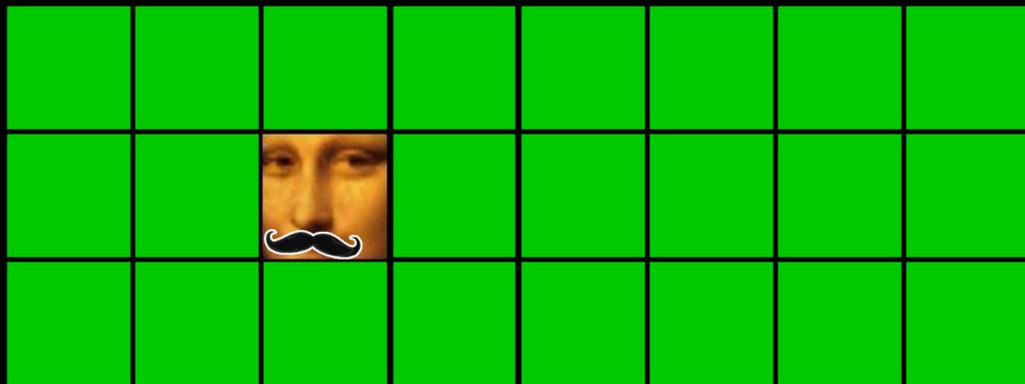


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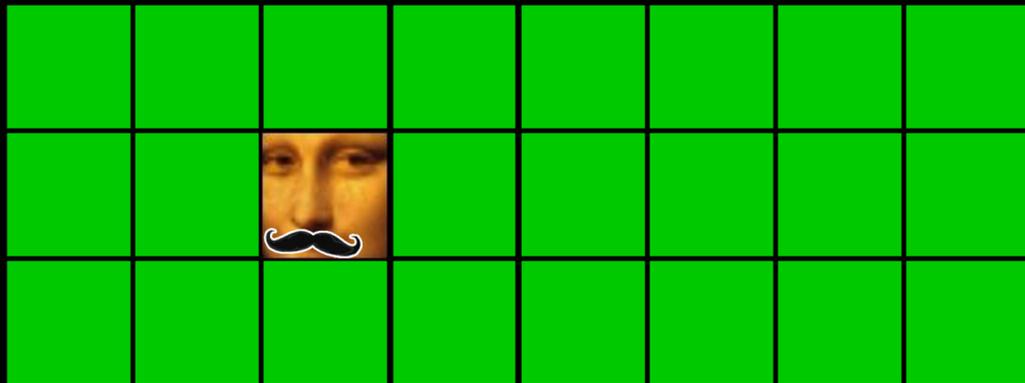


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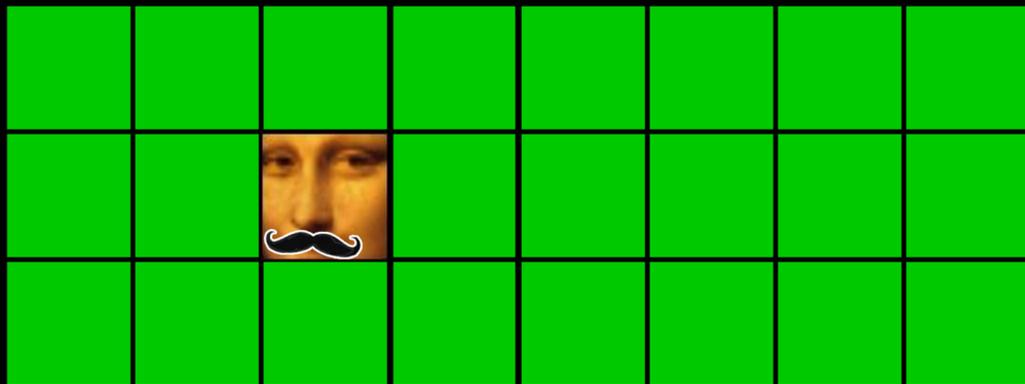


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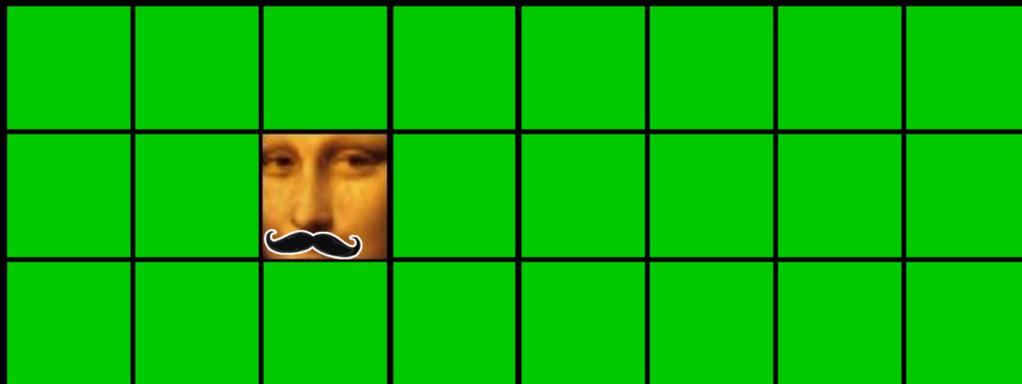


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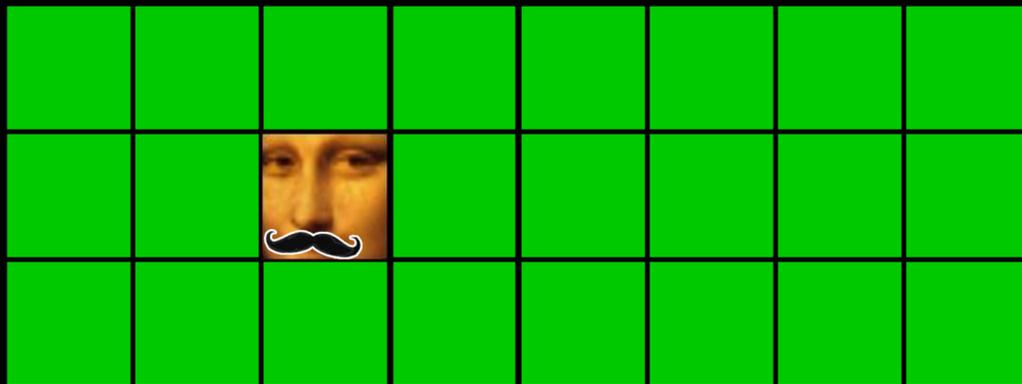


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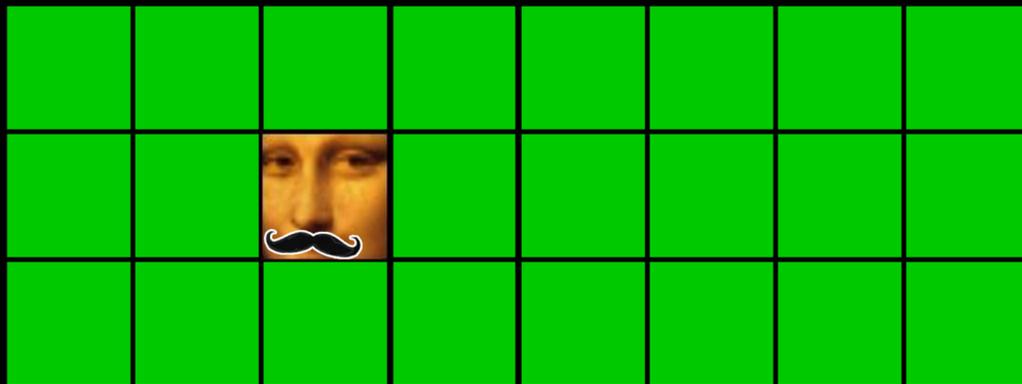


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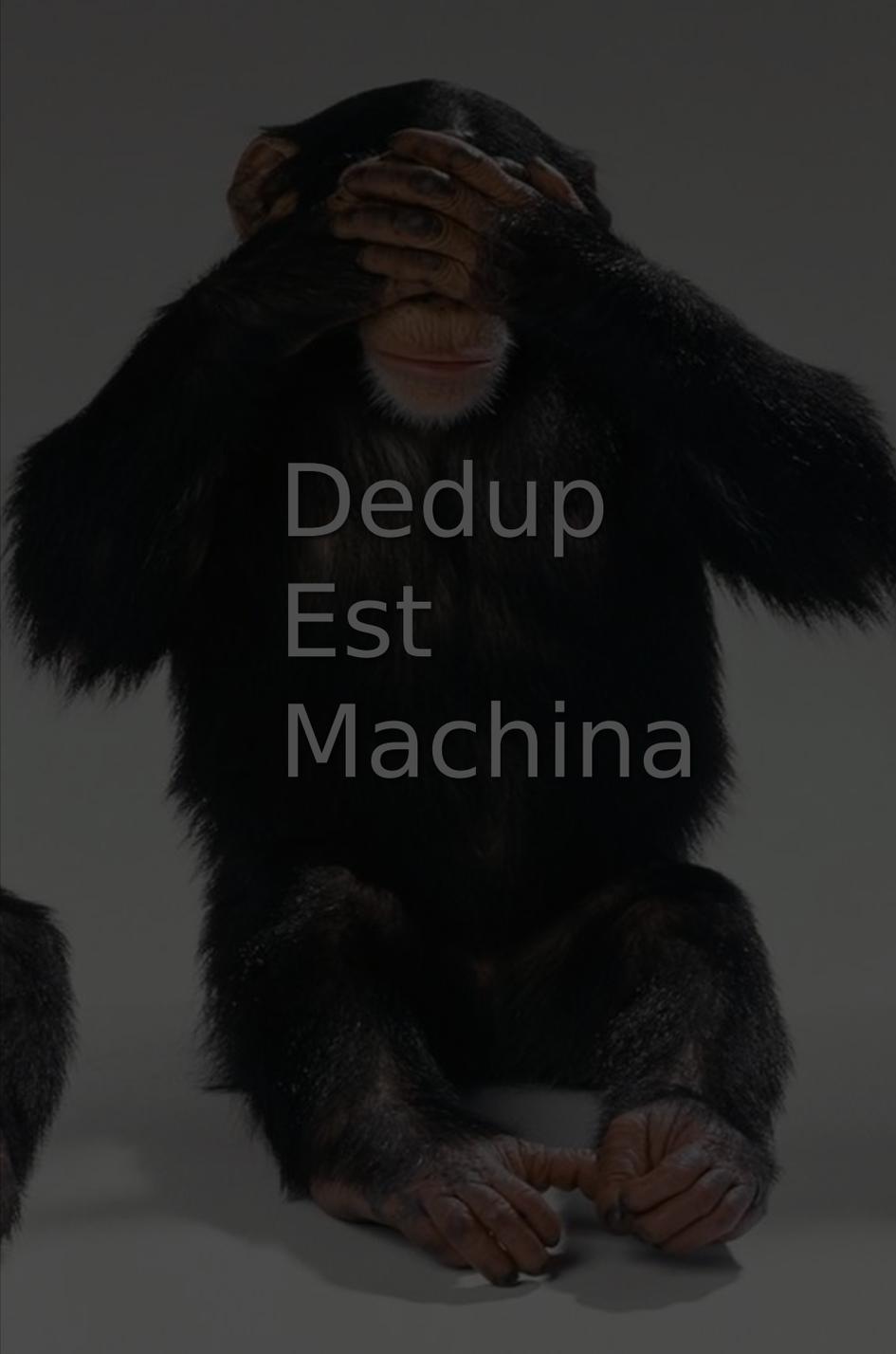


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Cross-VM leak / ASLR bypass

CVE-2015-2877 / VU#935424 (<https://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/935424>)

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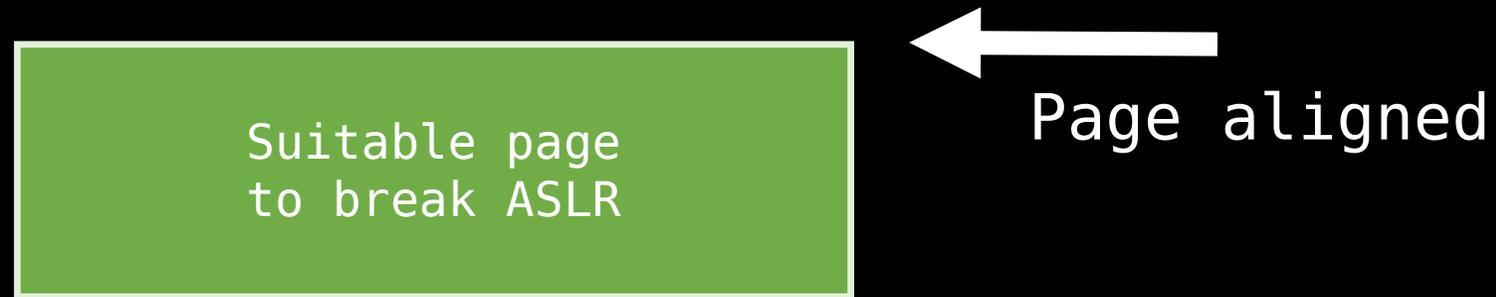
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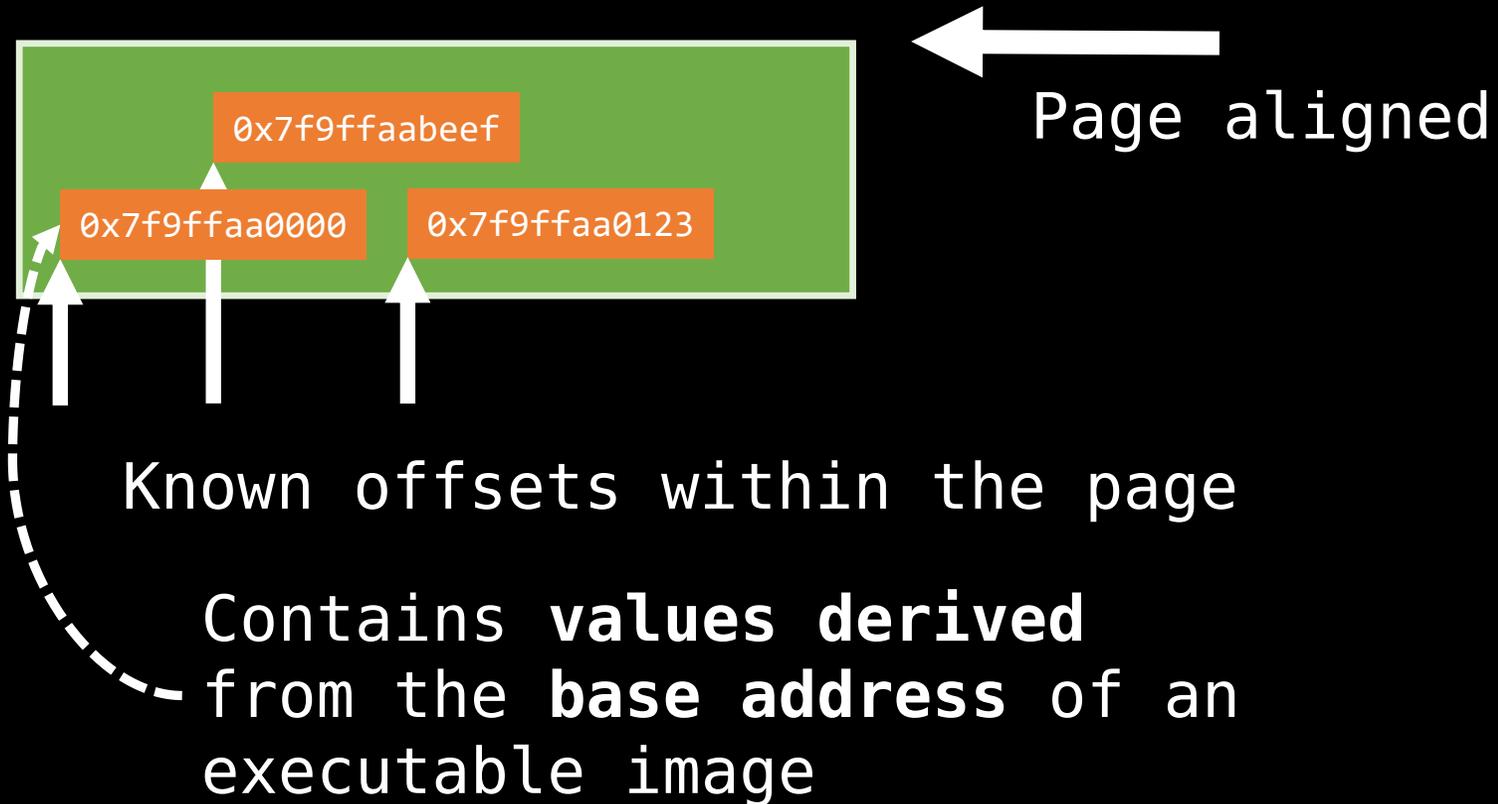


- > **Mostly static**
- > **Read-only in victim VM**
- > **Known to exist**

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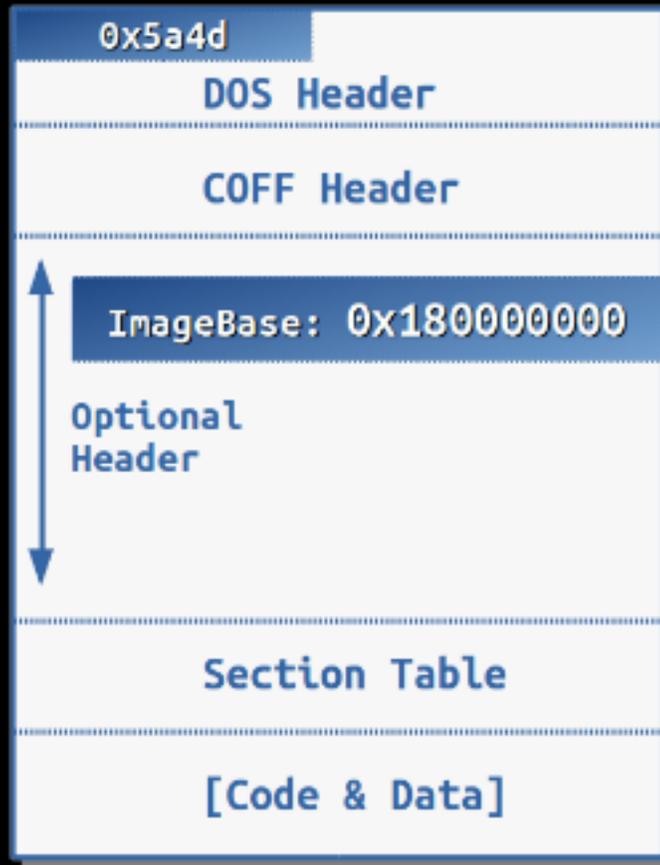


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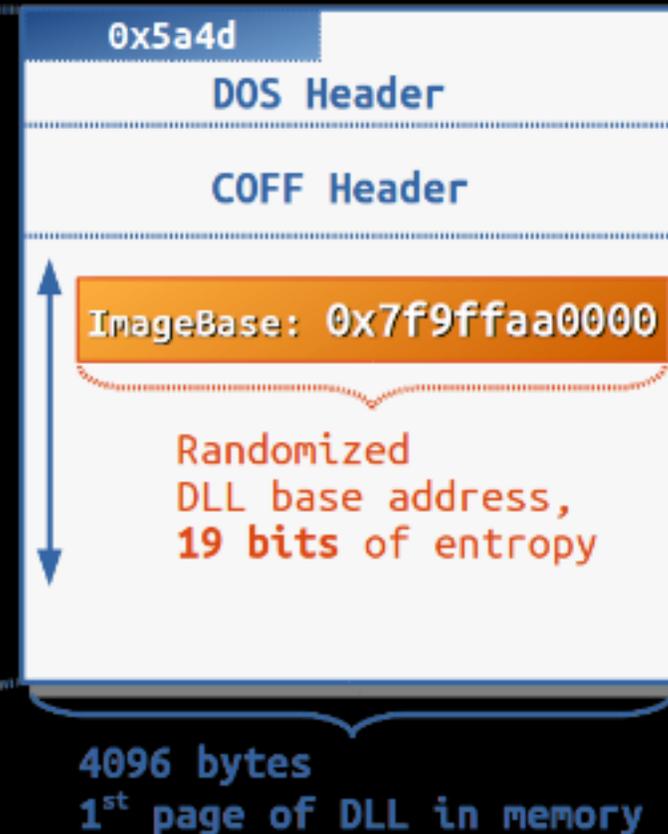


Suitable page under Windows

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BRUTE FORCE

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<Page with RBA guess>

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0x7f9ffaa0000

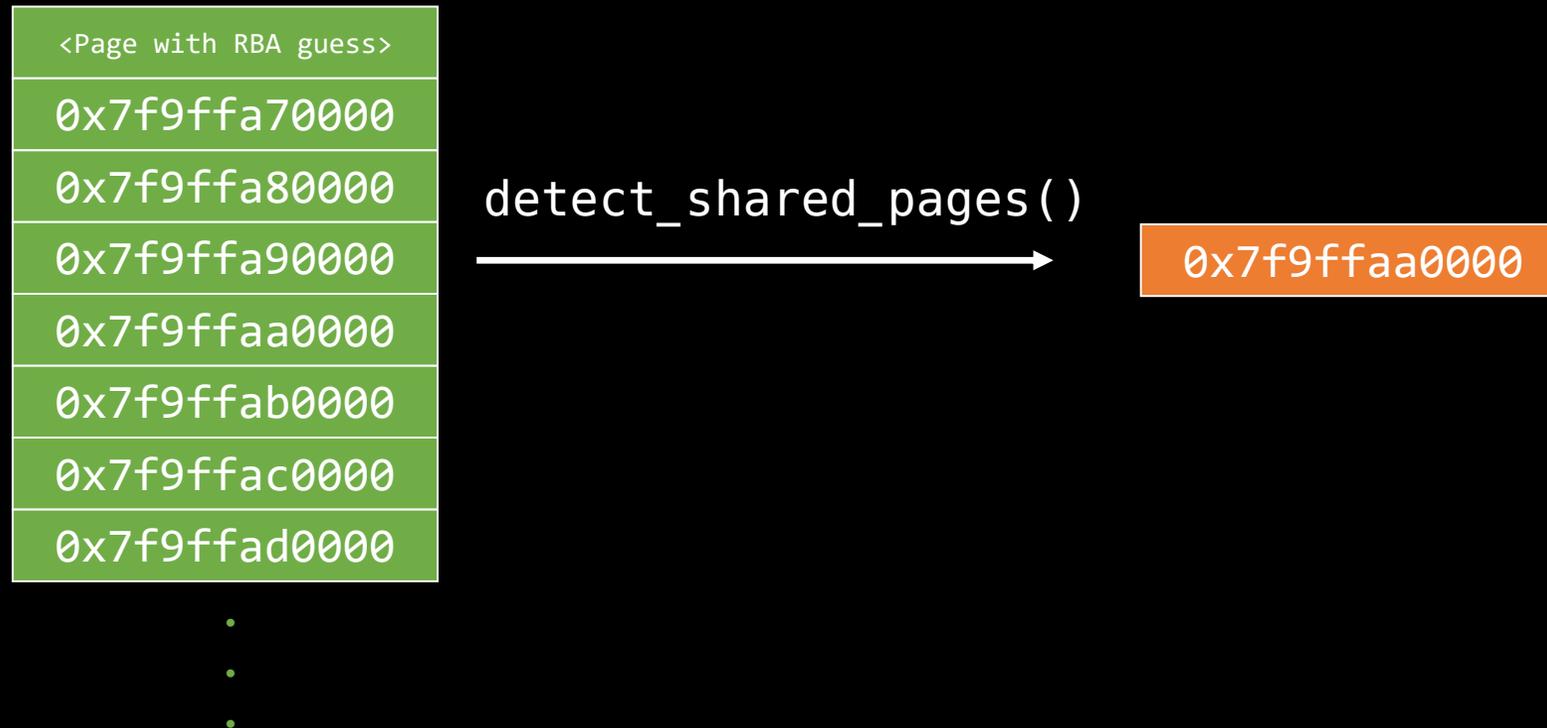
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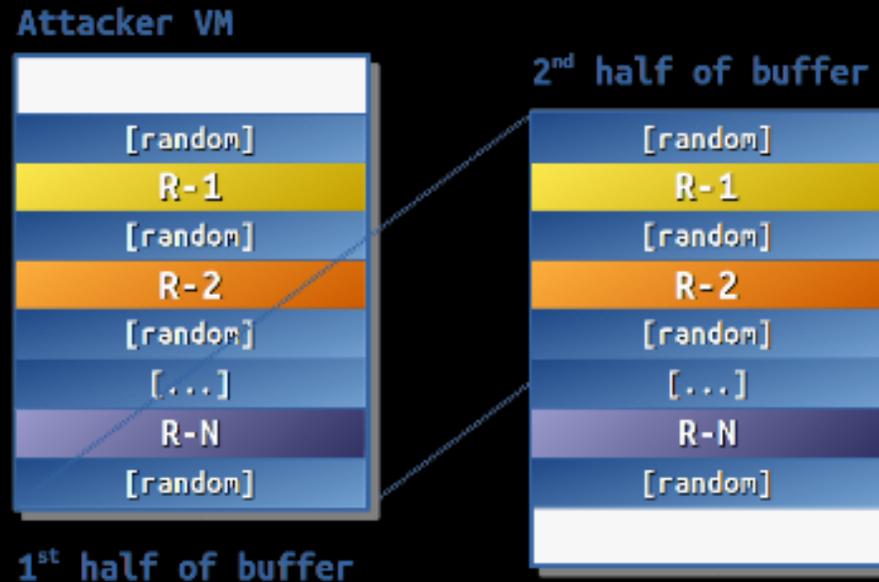
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- > Attacker trade-off
 - > Waiting too little obstructs the attack
 - > Waiting too long increases attack time

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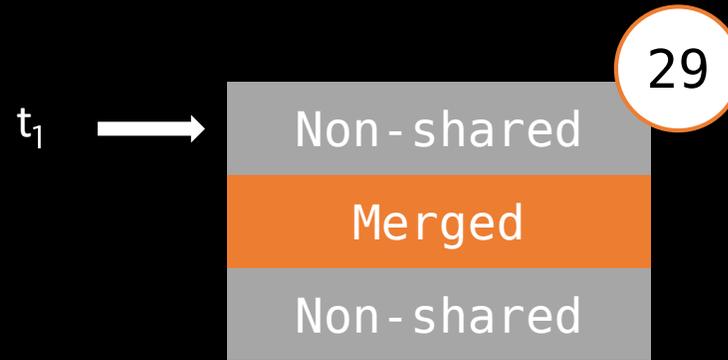
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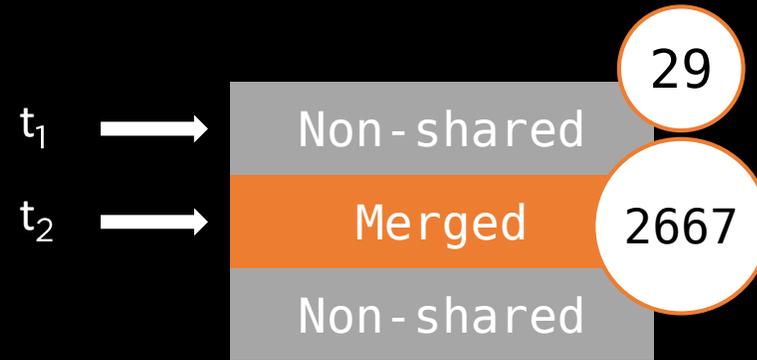
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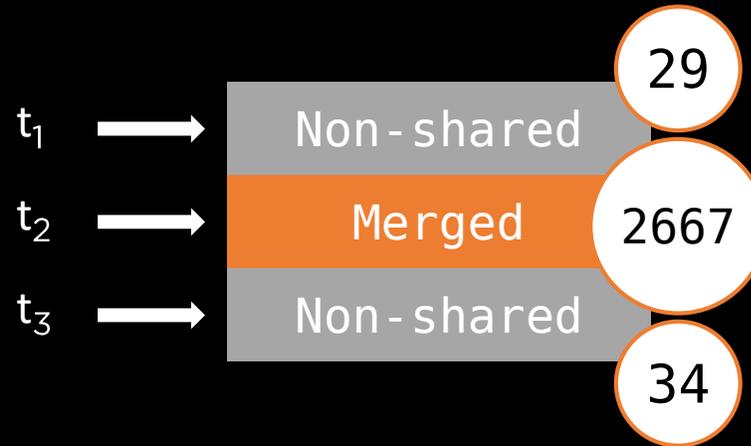


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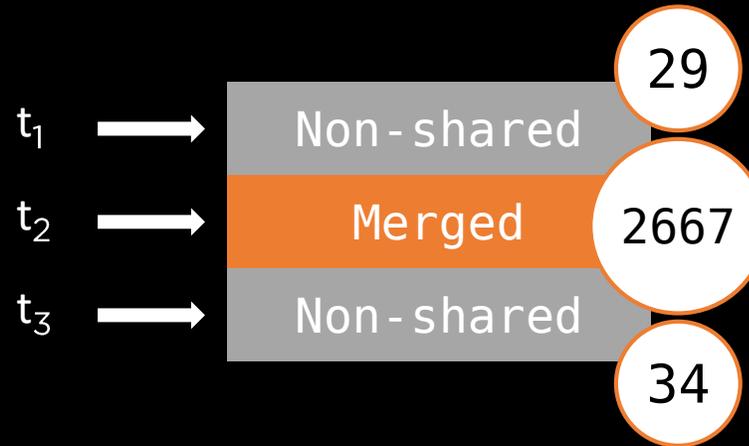
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$$t_2 > 2 * (t_1 + t_3) / 2$$

$$t_{1,3} < M = 1000$$

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These heuristics
worked for different
HW configurations

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1000

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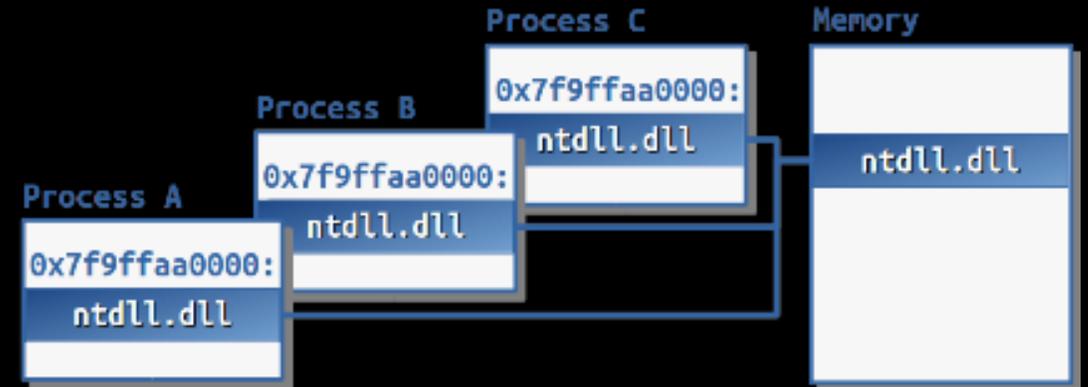
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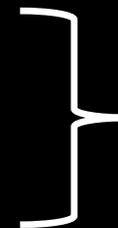
- > Be conservative and perform multiple rounds
 - > Probability that same guess is affected by noise in different rounds is low

Windows x64 ASLR

- > High Entropy ASLR
 - > 33 bits for stacks
 - > 24 bits for heaps

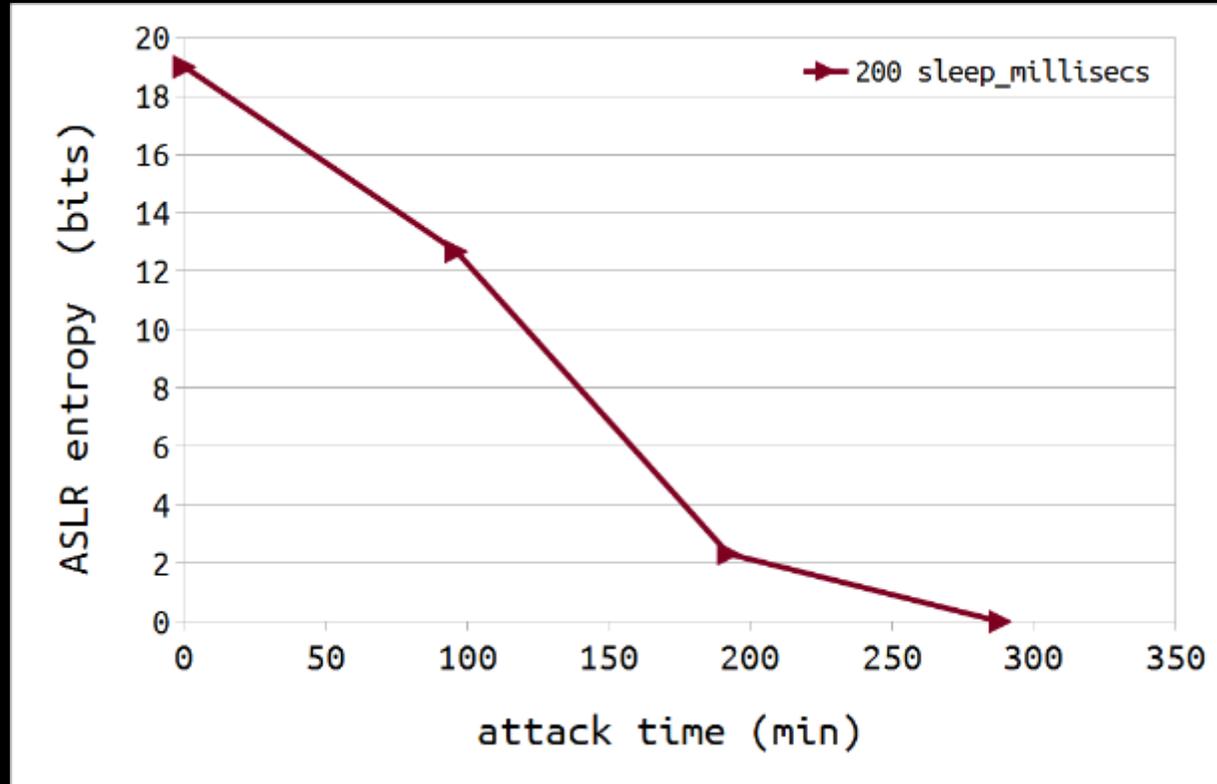


- > 17 bits for executables
- > 19 bits for DLLS

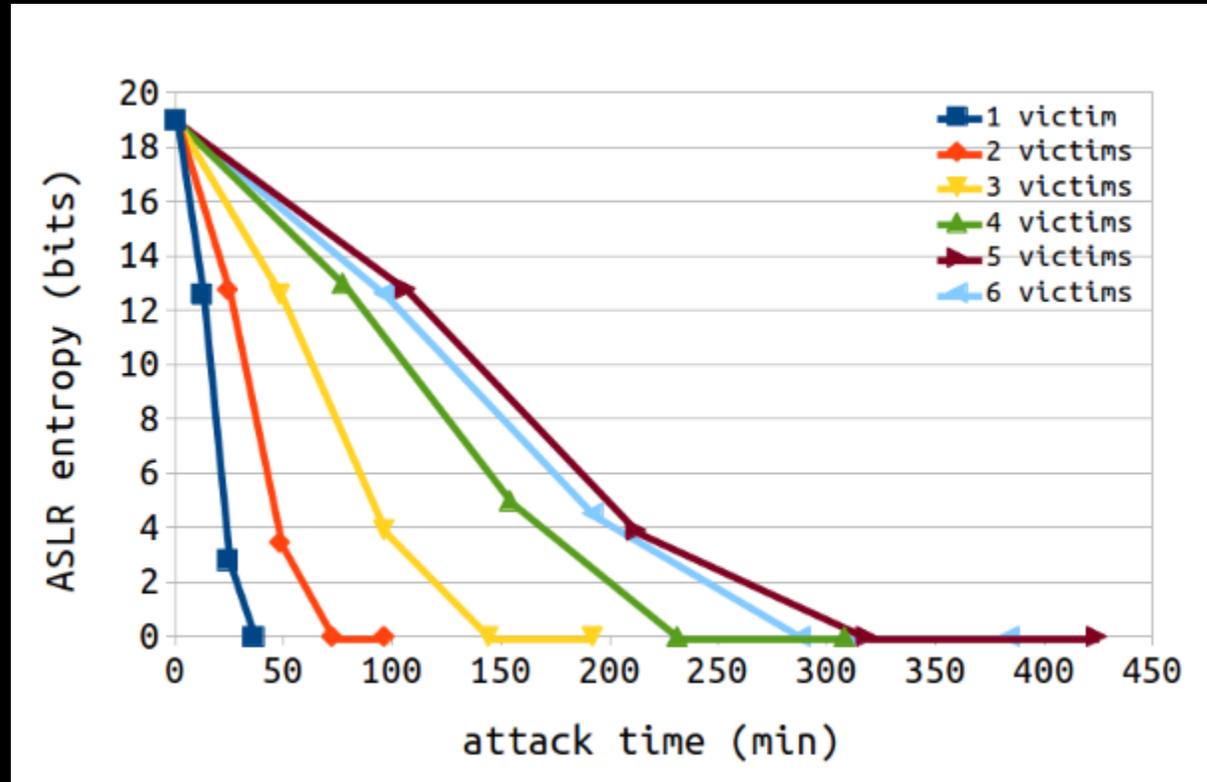


System-wide at boot-time for certain images

Attacking a single Windows VM



Attacking multiple Windows VM



sleep_millisecs = 20

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root@vmm:~# uname -a
Linux vmm 3.13.0-62-generic #102-Ubuntu SMP Tue Aug 11 14:29:36 UTC 2015 x86_64
6_64 GNU/Linux
root@vmm:~# cat /sys/kernel/mm/ksm/run
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Ubuntu_14_04 Virtual Machine
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user@user-virtual-machine: ~/svn/vmap
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* [ATTACK - CREATE PAGES] mapped 1st page to memory (0x7f791c979000)
* [ATTACK - CREATE PAGES] mapped page buffer (0x7f791b6c9000)
* [ATTACK - RUN - FILTERING] filtering rounds are completed, remaining can
* [ATTACK - RUN - FILTERING] total attack time so far 720 s / 12 min
* [ATTACK - RUN - VERIFICATION] recreating 3527 attack pages

* [ATTACK - CREATE PAGES] win64_server_2012.create_attack_pages()
* [ATTACK - CREATE PAGES] unmap previous buffer
* [ATTACK - CREATE PAGES] 1st page file dump opened (bin/win2012/win2012_n
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* [ATTACK - RUN - VERIFICATION] wait for pages to be merged (approx. 12 mi
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* [ATTACK - RUN - VERIFICATION] *** candidate: 000007FBE59F0000,
* [ATTACK - RUN - VERIFICATION] *** candidate: 000007F9FFAA0000,

* [ATTACK - RUN - VERIFICATION] recreating 38 attack pages

* [ATTACK - CREATE PAGES] win64_server_2012.create_attack_pages()
* [ATTACK - CREATE PAGES] 1st page file dump opened (bin/win2012/win2012_n
* [ATTACK - CREATE PAGES] mapped 1st page to memory (0x7f791c979000)
* [ATTACK - CREATE PAGES] mapped page buffer (0x7f791c919000)
* [ATTACK - RUN - VERIFICATION] verification rounds are completed

* [ATTACK - RUN - RESULTS] *** HIT: 000007FBE59F0000, rating: 2/2 (address

* [ATTACK SUMMARY]
> ATTACK TIME 1440 s / 24 min
> HITS 1
> FILTERING ROUNDS 1
> VERIFICATION ROUNDS 1
> TOTAL ROUNDS 2

* [done]
```

```
user@user-virtual-machine:~/svn/vmap$
```

Windows_2012_x64 Virtual Machine

Pid 1692 - WinDbg:6.3.9600.17298 AMD64

File Edit View Debug Window Help

Command

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Microsoft (R) Windows Debugger Version 6.3.9600.17298 AMD64
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*** wait with pending attach
Symbol search path is: *** Invalid ***
*****
* Symbol loading may be unreliable without a symbol search path.
* Use .symfix to have the debugger choose a symbol path.
* After setting your symbol path, use .reload to refresh symbol locations.
*****
Executable search path is:
ModLoad: 000007f7`0a7a0000 000007f7`0a9e3000 C:\Windows\Explorer.EXE
ModLoad: 000007fb`e59f0000 000007fb`e5bae000 C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll
ModLoad: 000007fb`e3330000 000007fb`e3466000 C:\Windows\system32\KERNEL32.DLL
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Ln 0, Col 0 Sys 0:<Local> Proc 000:69c Thrd 030:6e8 ASM OVR CAPS NUM

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root@vmm:~# uname -a
Linux vmm 3.13.0-62-generic #102-Ubuntu SMP Tue Aug 11 14:29:36 UTC 2015 x86_64
6_64 GNU/Linux
root@vmm:~# cat /sys/kernel/mm/ksm/run
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* [ATTACK - RUN - FILTERING] total attack time so far 720 s / 12 m
* [ATTACK - RUN - VERIFICATION] recreating 3527 attack pages

* [ATTACK - CREATE PAGES] win64_server_2012.create_attack_pages()
* [ATTACK - CREATE PAGES] unmap previous buffer
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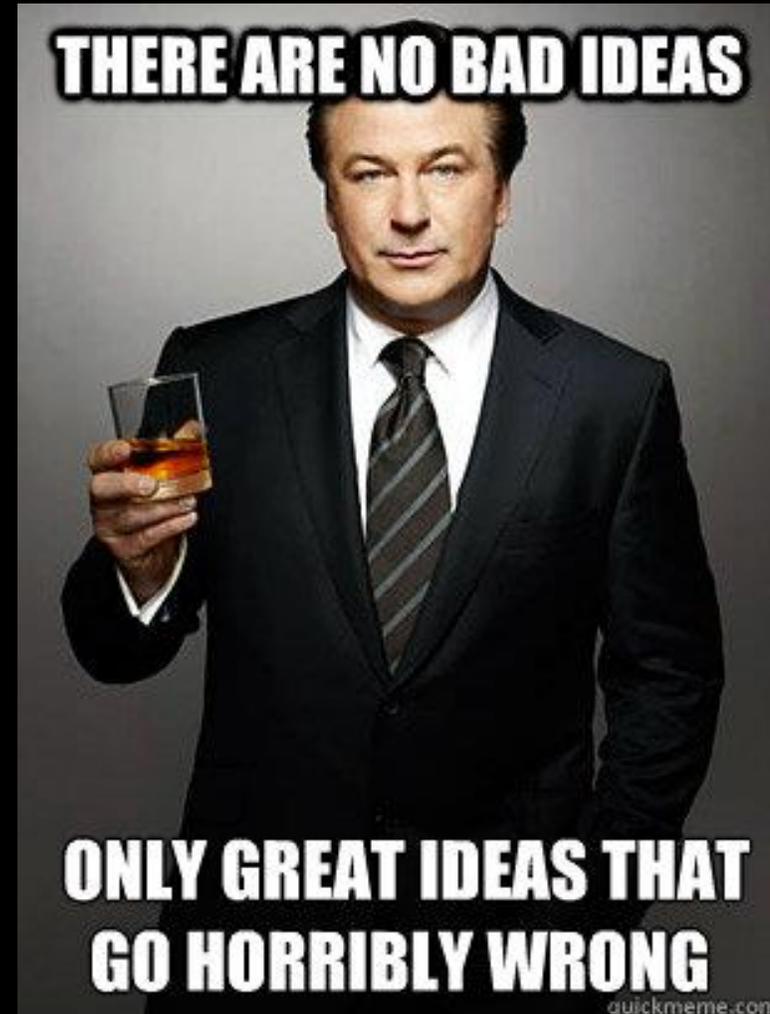
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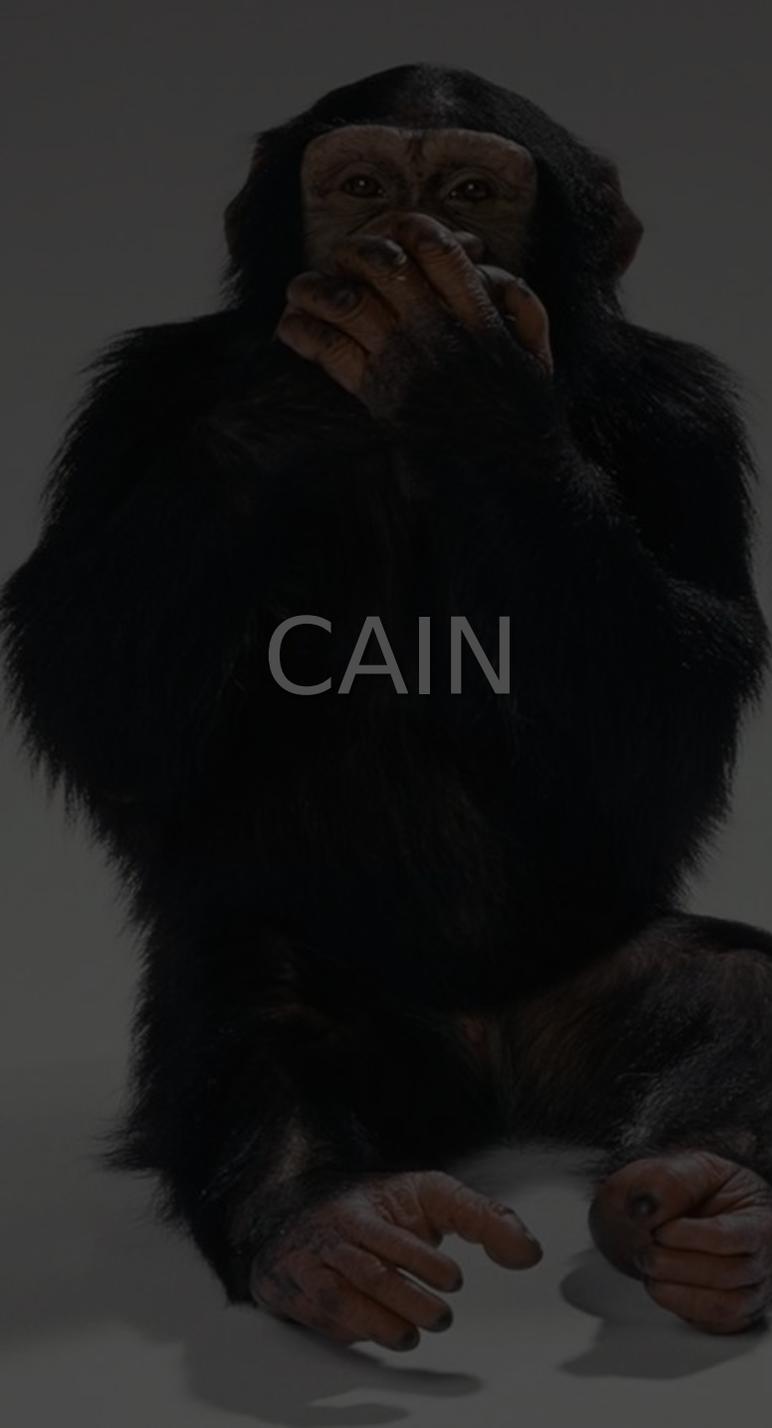
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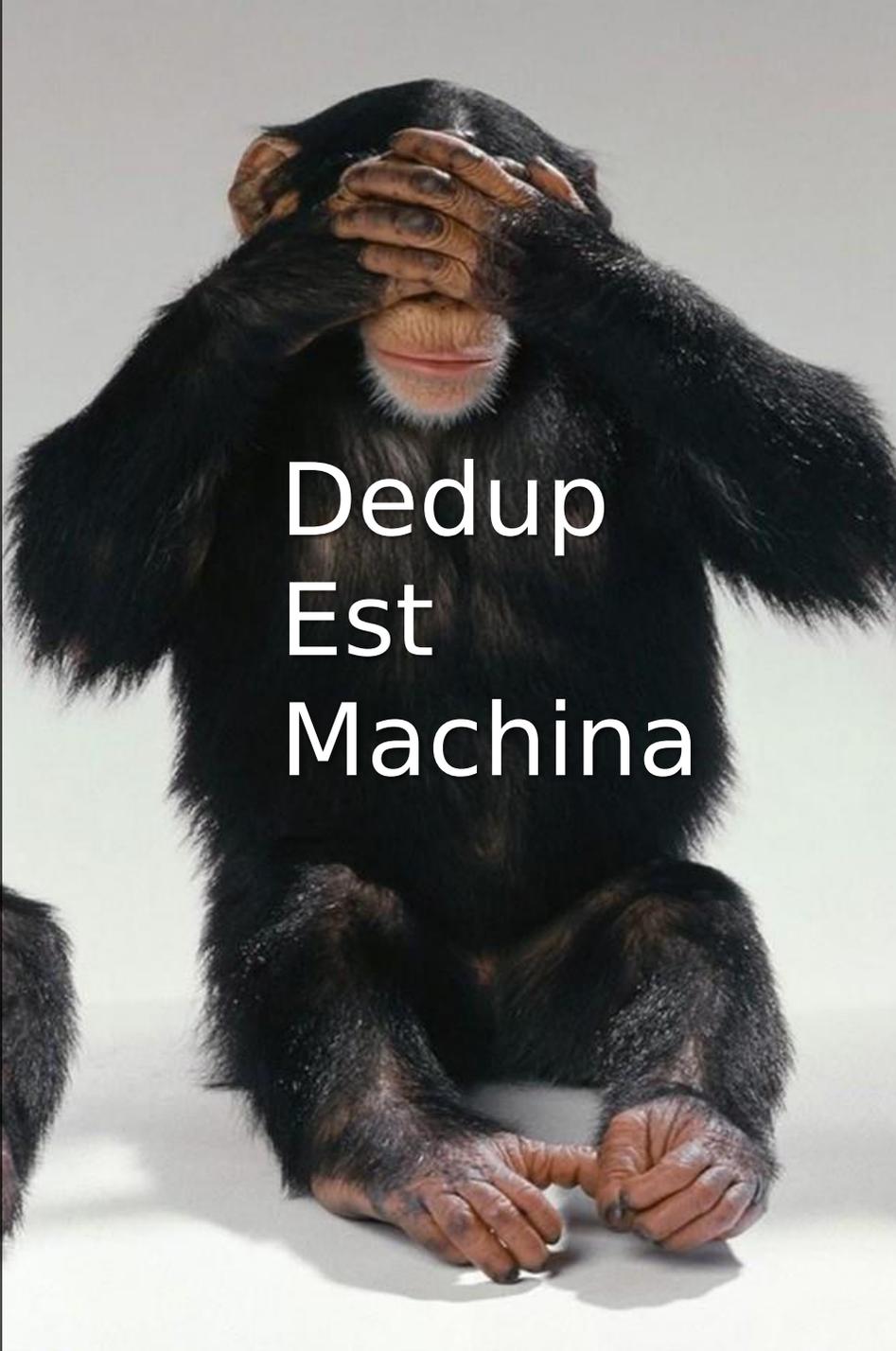
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**Exploit MS Edge without software bugs
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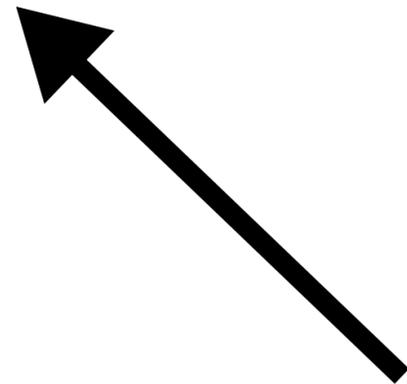
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JavaScript Array

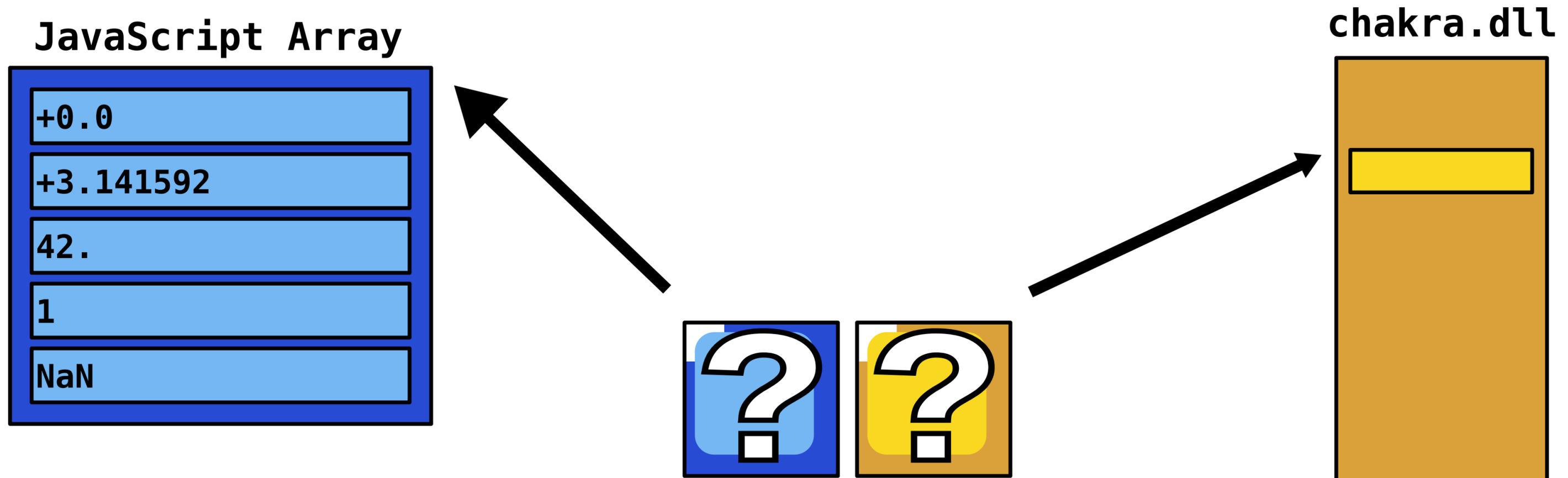
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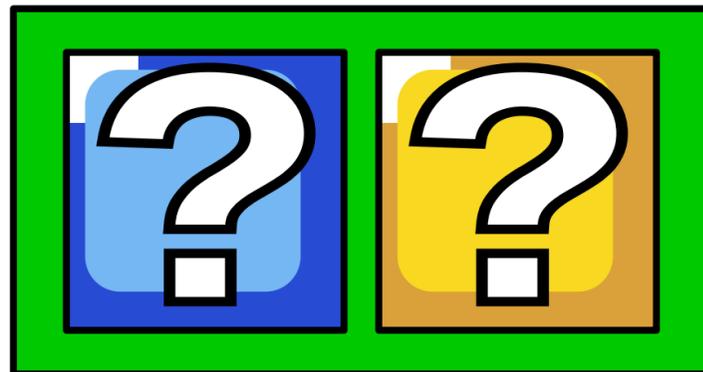
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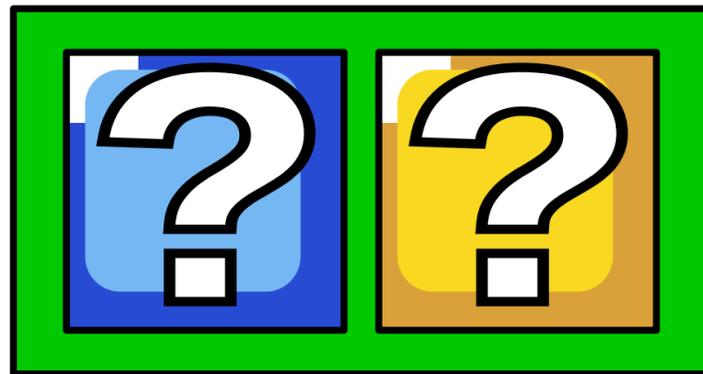
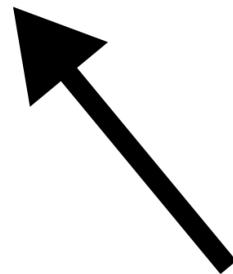
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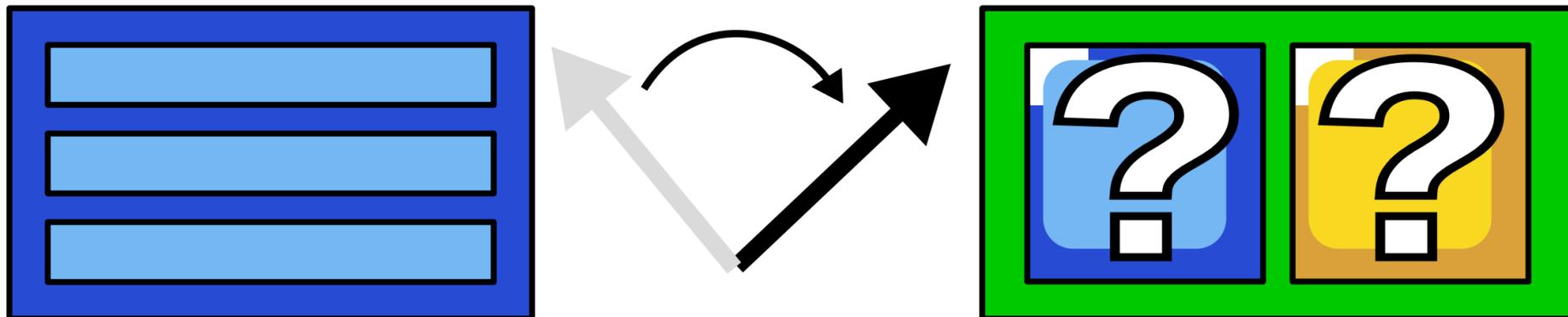
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Leaking existing pages is slow and the gained information is limited.

What if we can manipulate the contents of the victim's memory to leak secrets hand-picked by the attacker.

Challenge 1:

The secret we want to leak does not span an entire page.

Turning a secret into a page



secret

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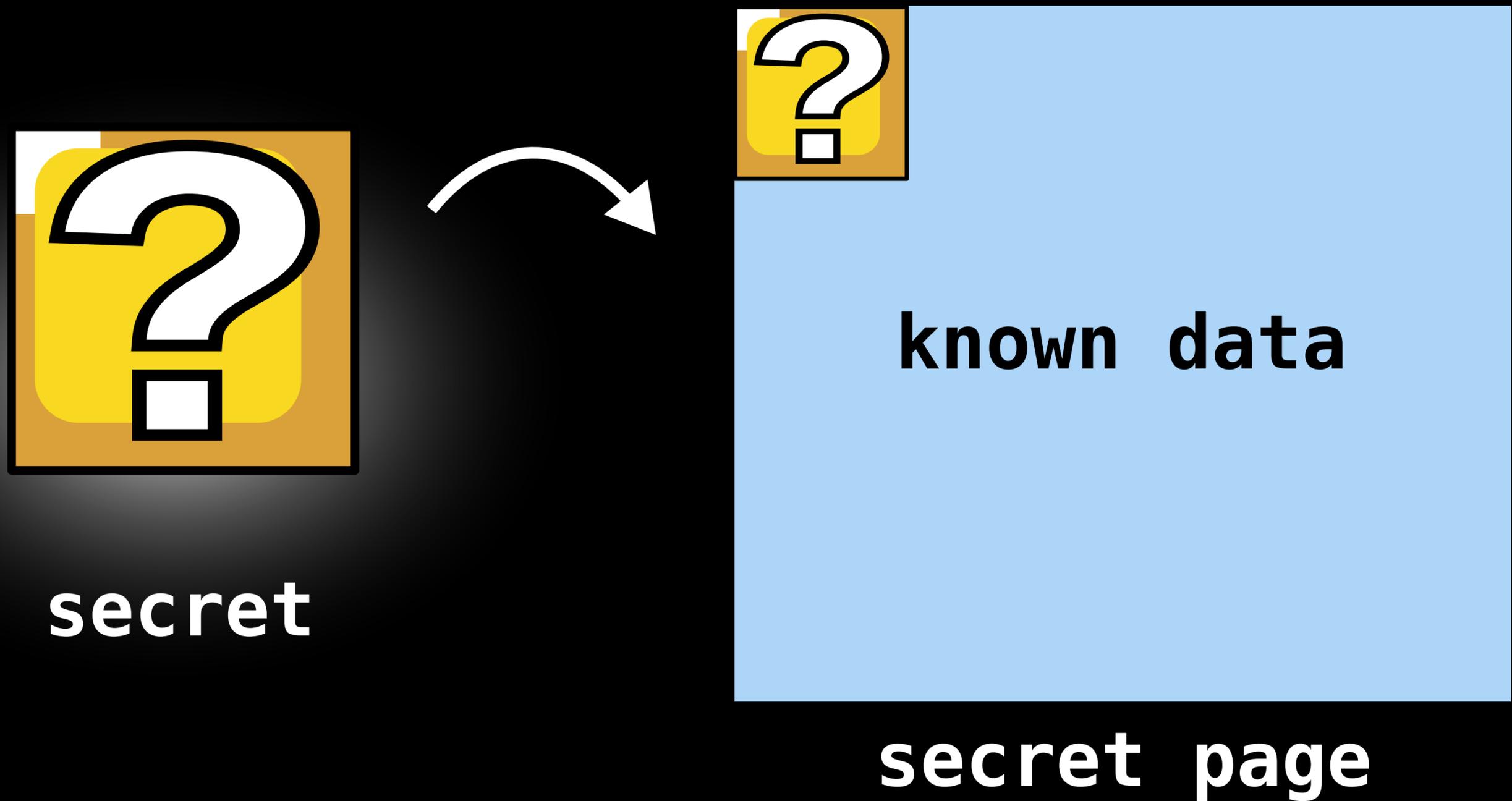
known data

secret page

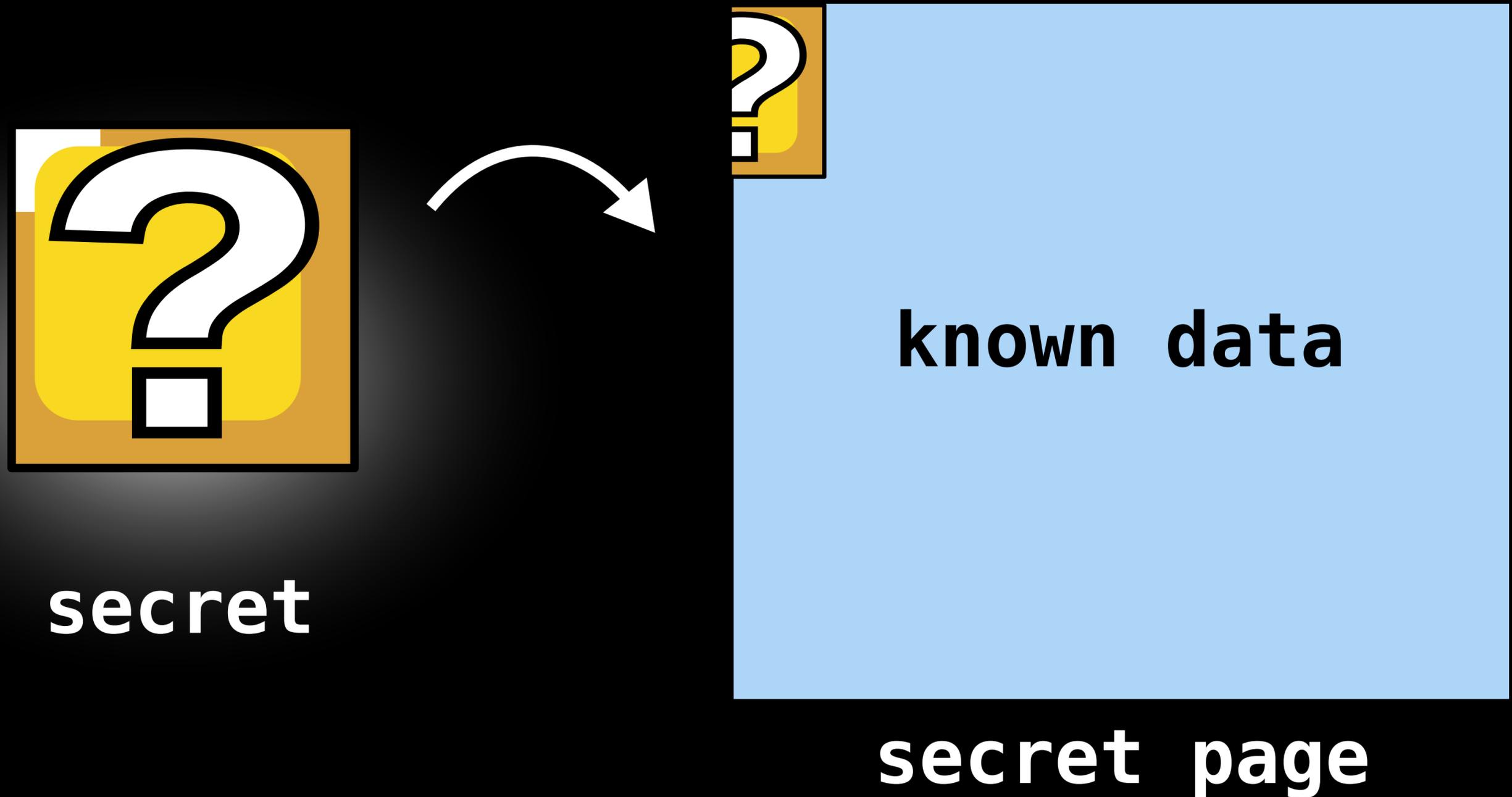
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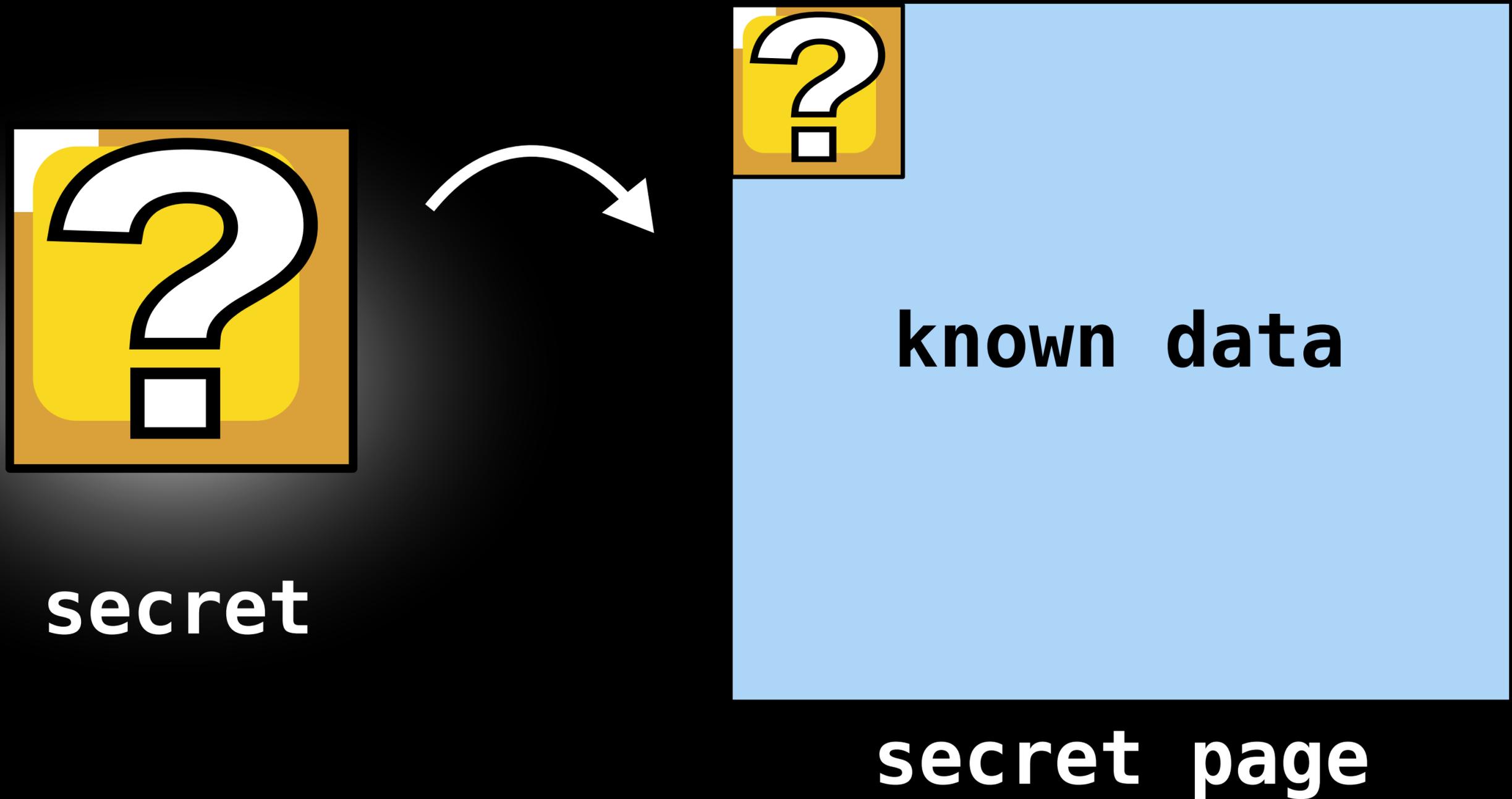
Primitive #1: alignment probing



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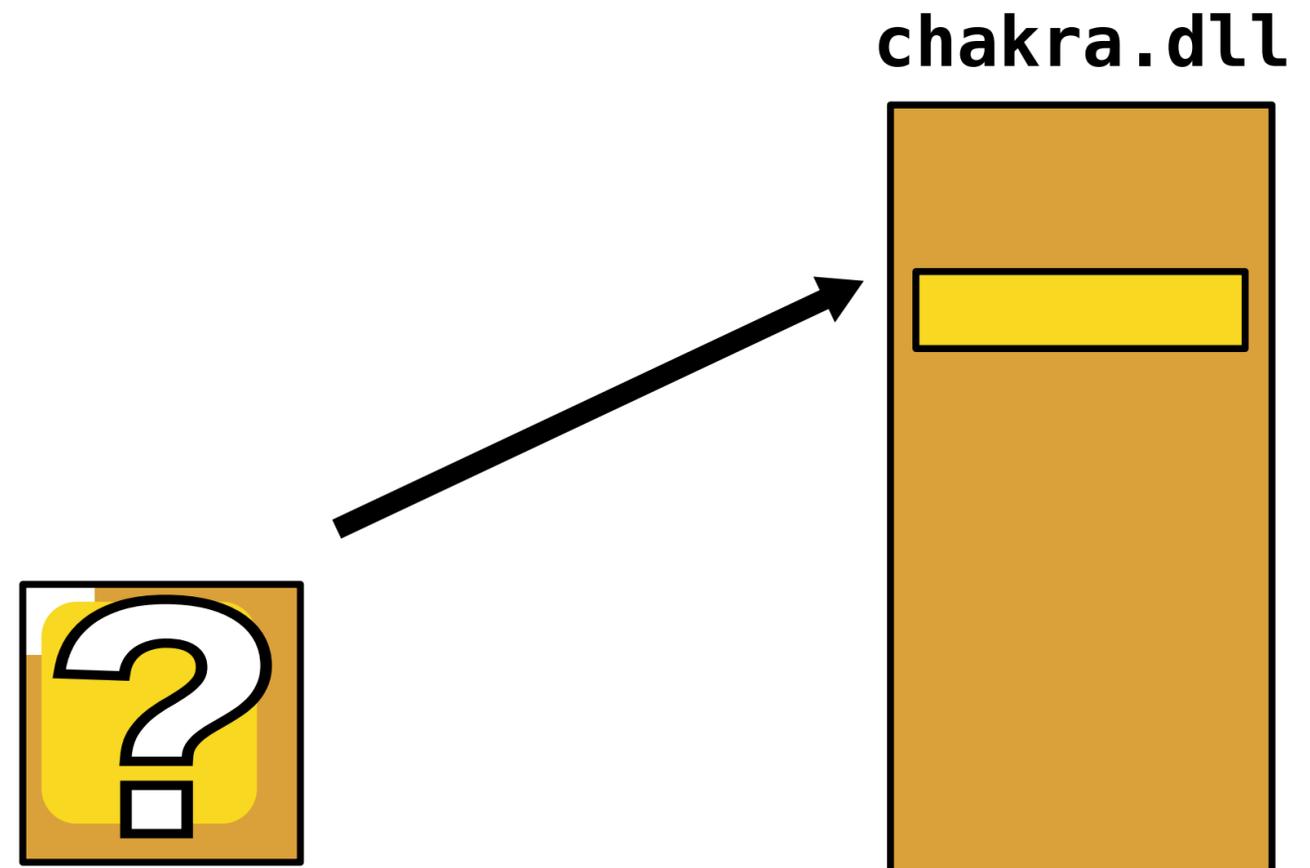
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JIT function epilogue (MS Edge)

secret

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jmp RAX

trap

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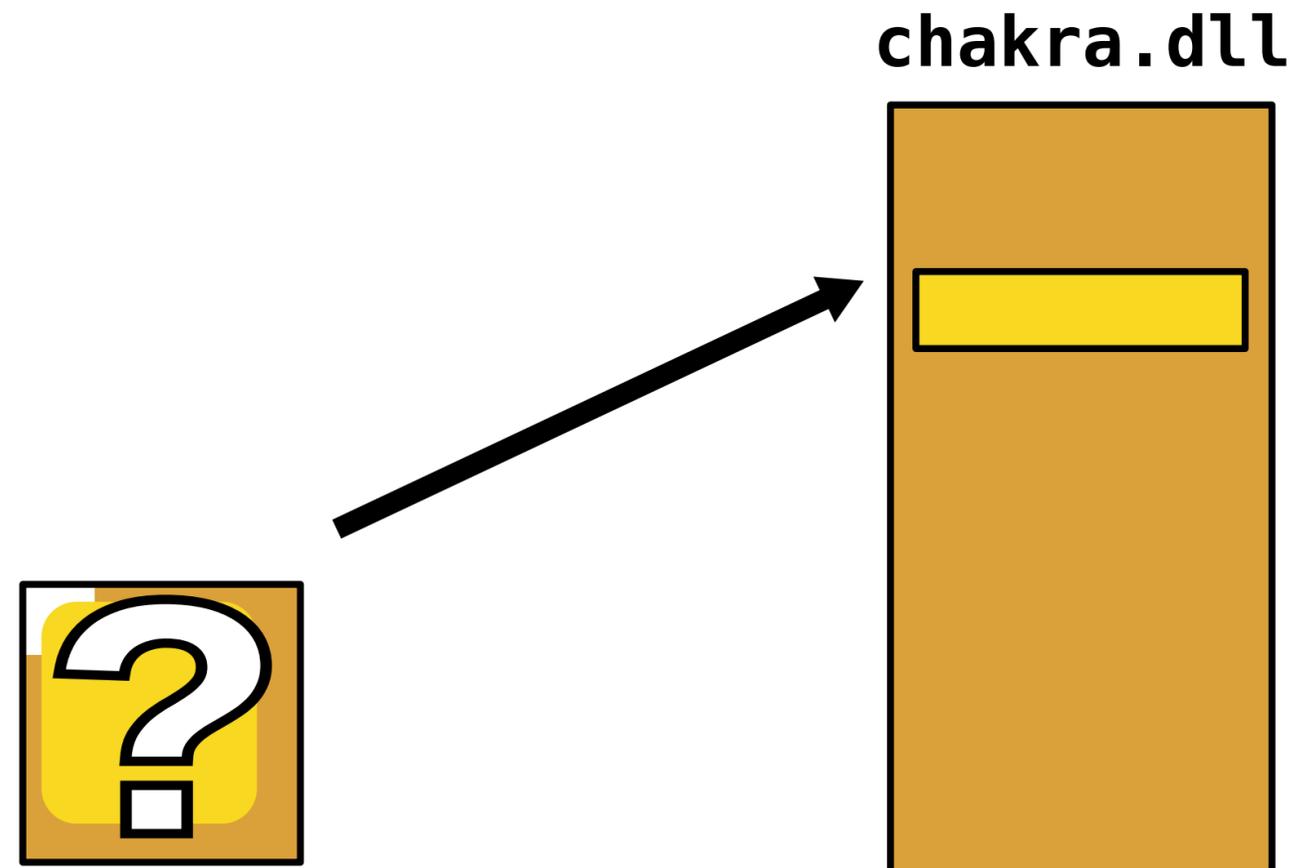
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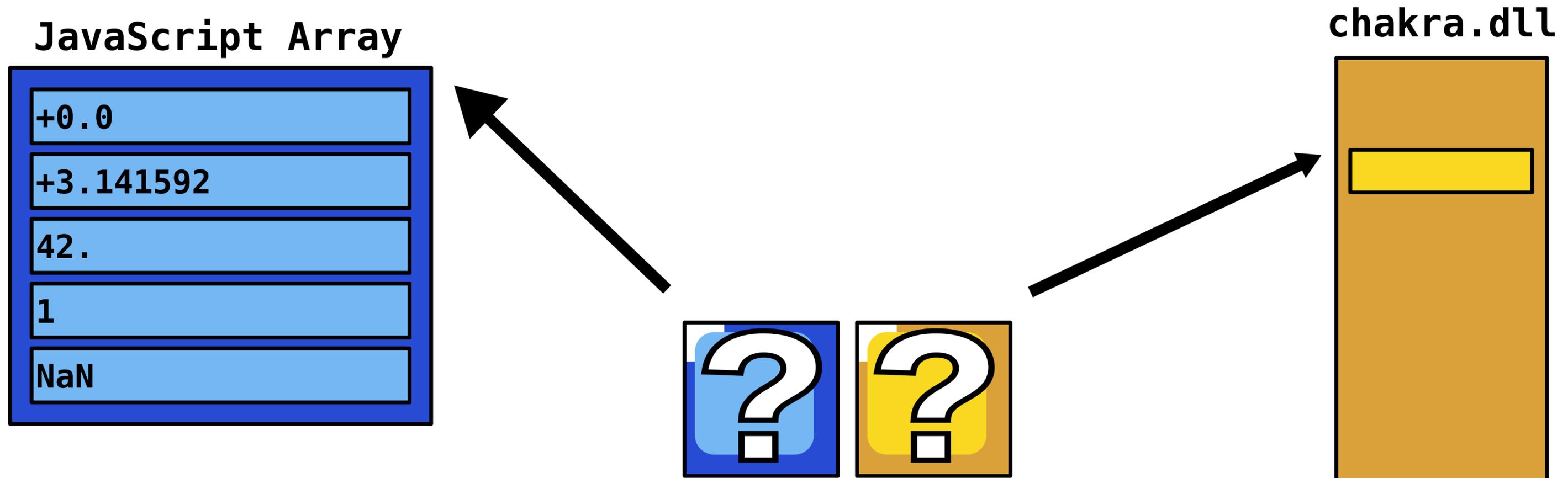
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What if leaking a heap pointer in stages is not possible...

We need to guess a page containing the complete pointer.

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0x5F48143540

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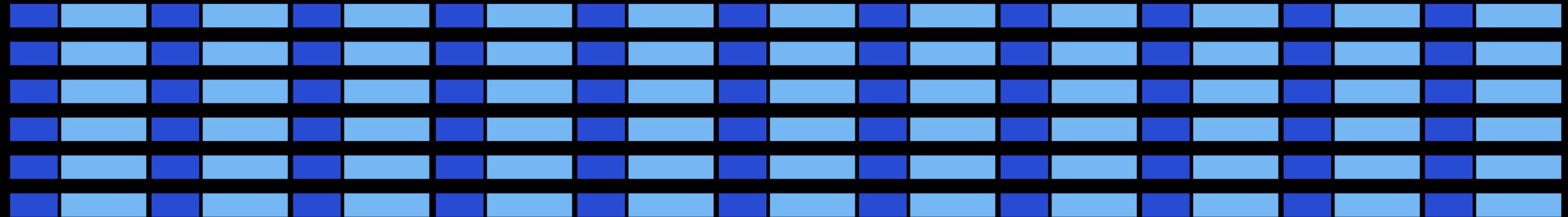
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**array
object**

**array
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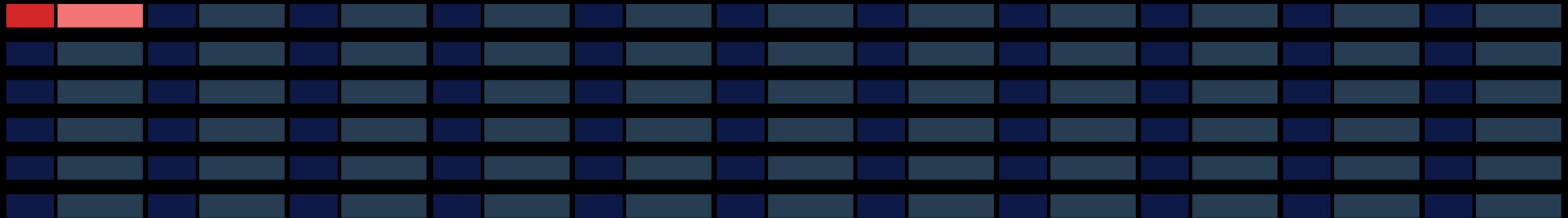
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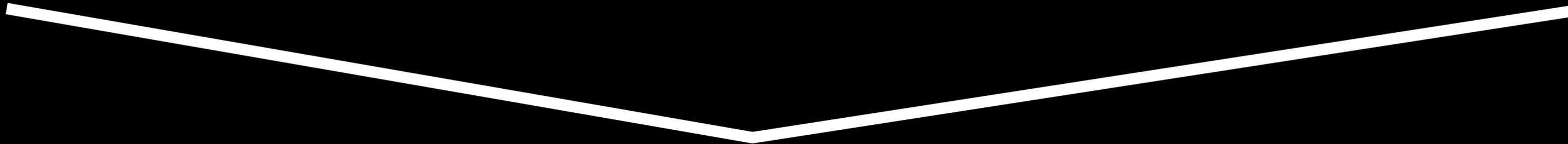
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Timing side-channel :-D

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entropy after 1MB alignment **4G** * redundancy
(20 bit)

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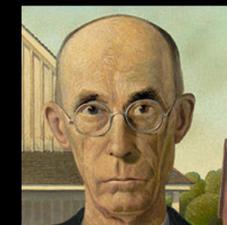
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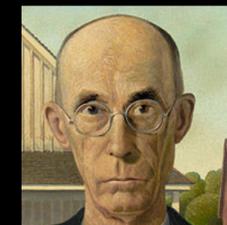
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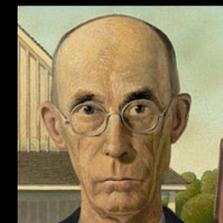
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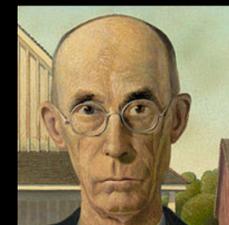
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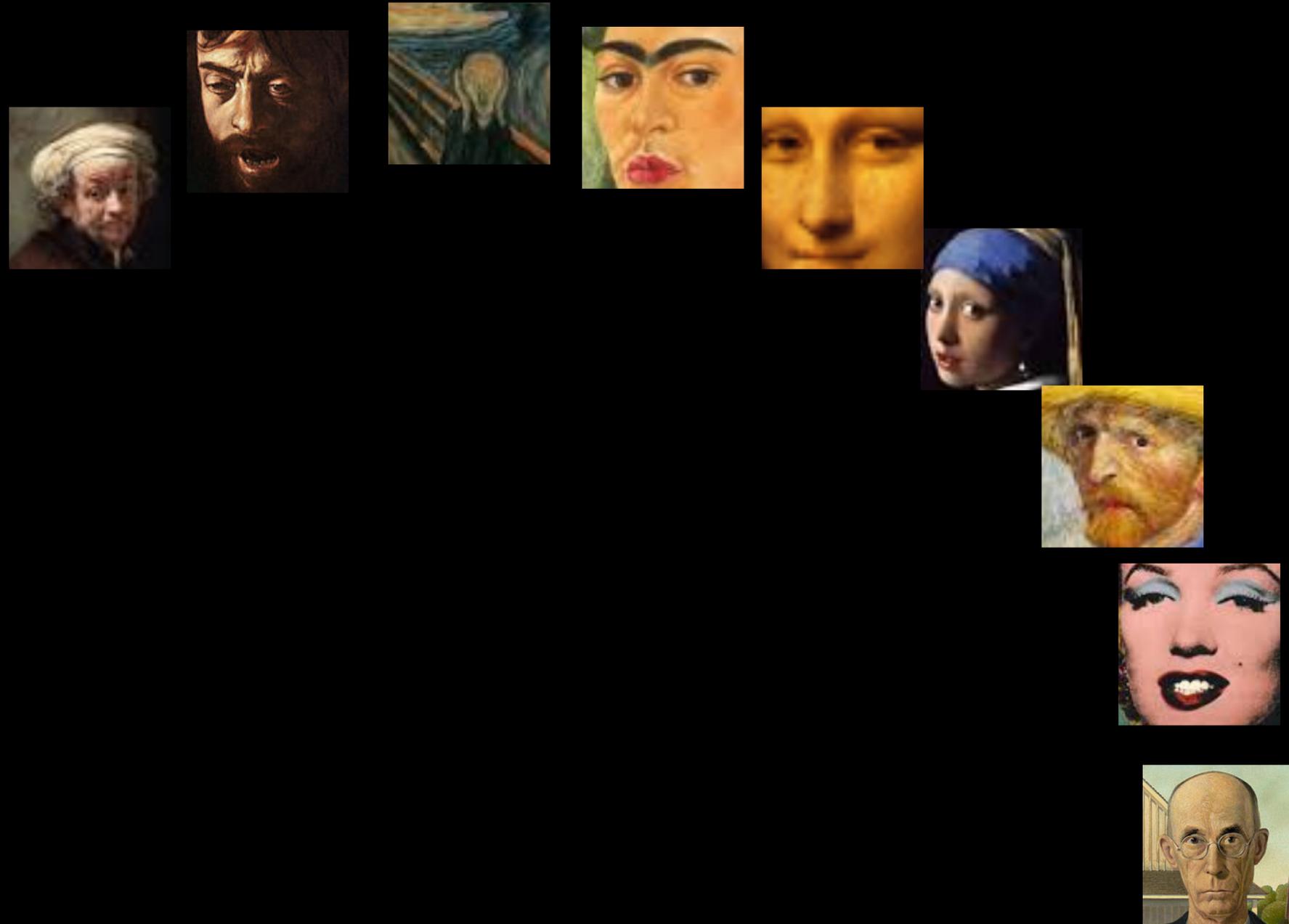
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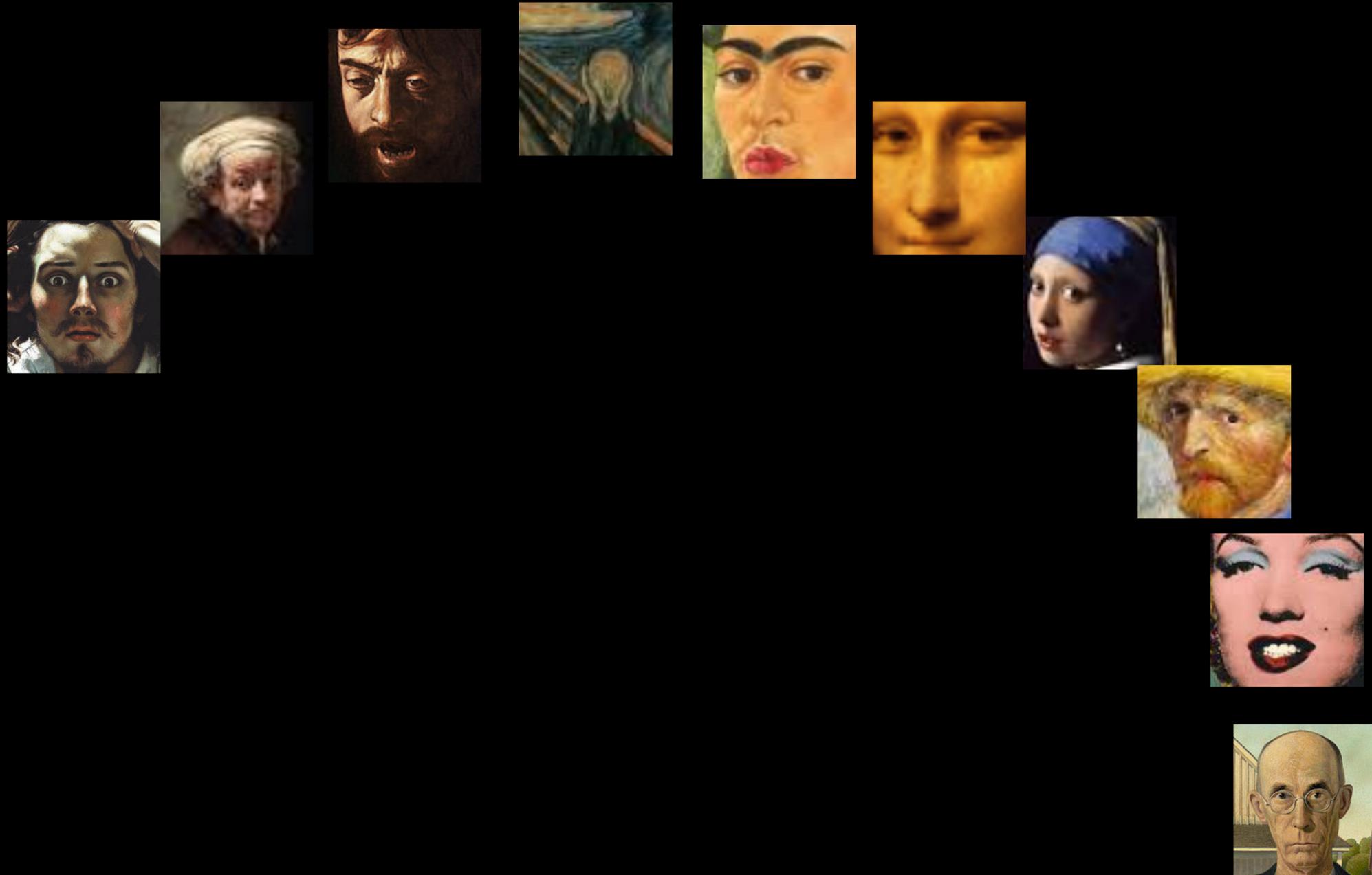
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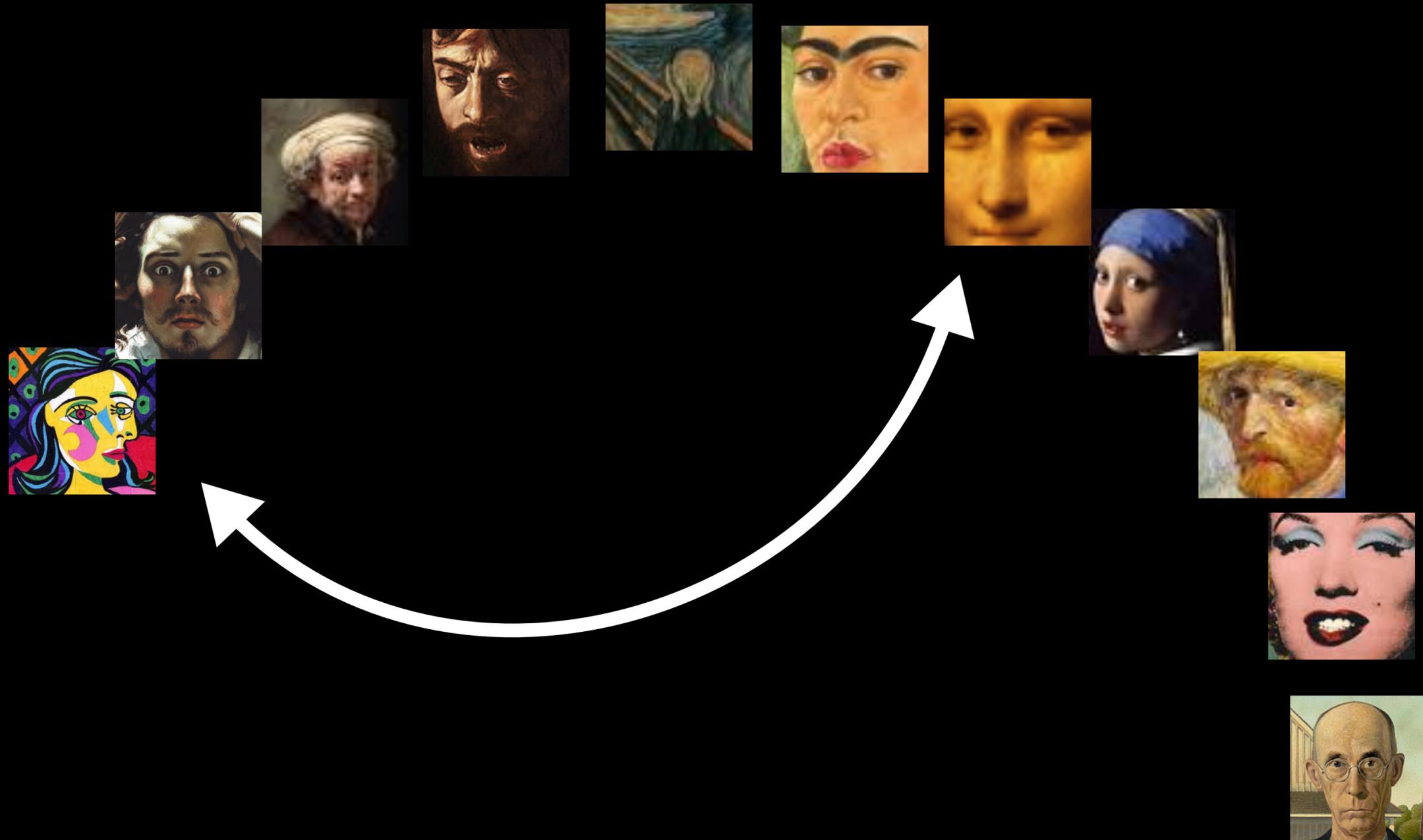
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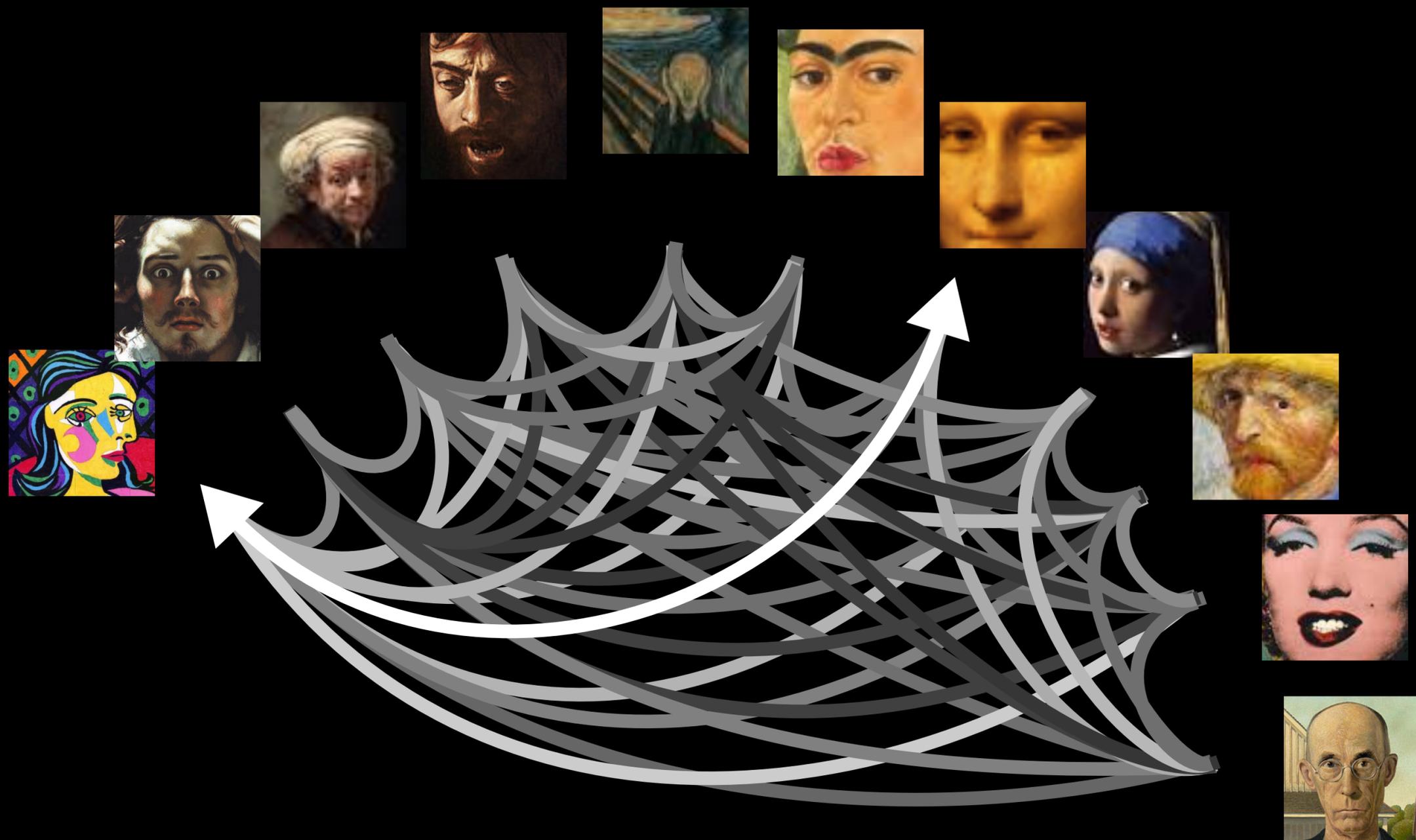
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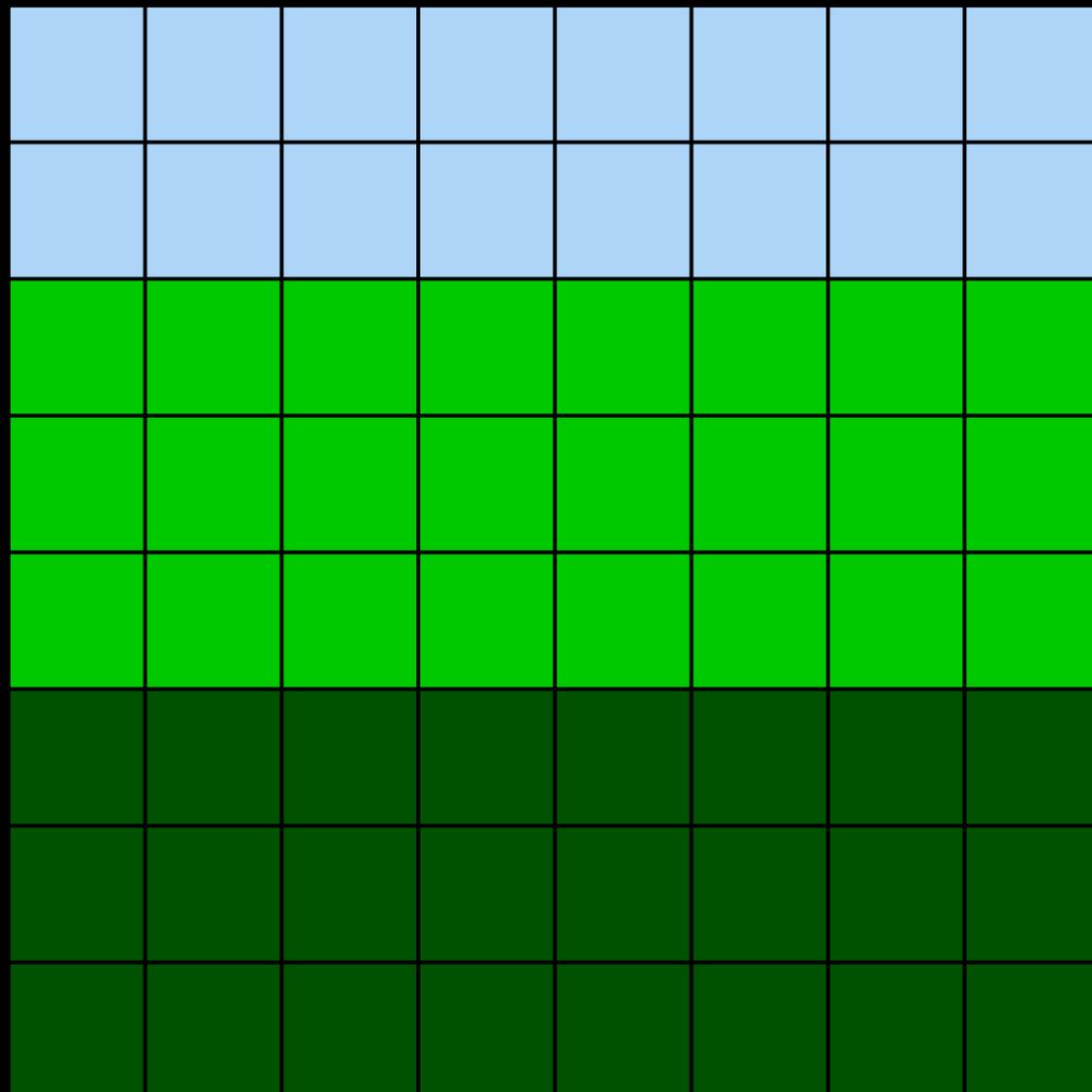


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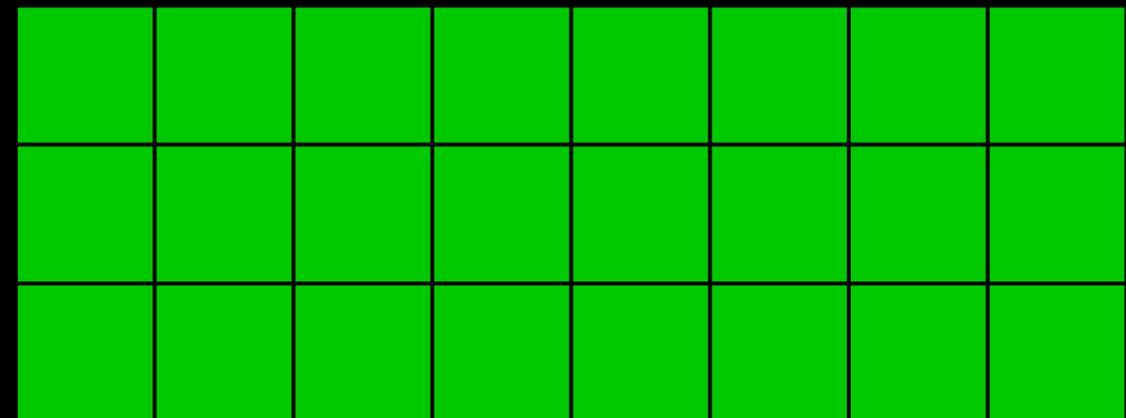


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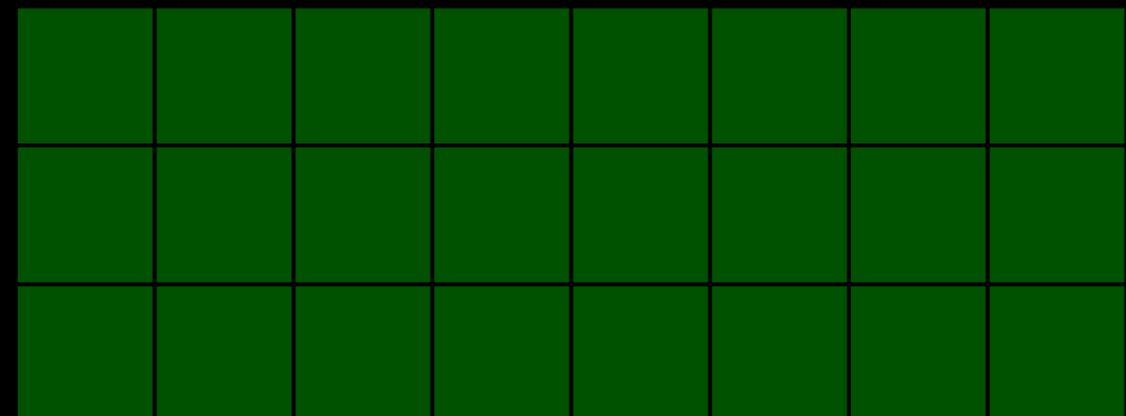
physical memory



attacker memory

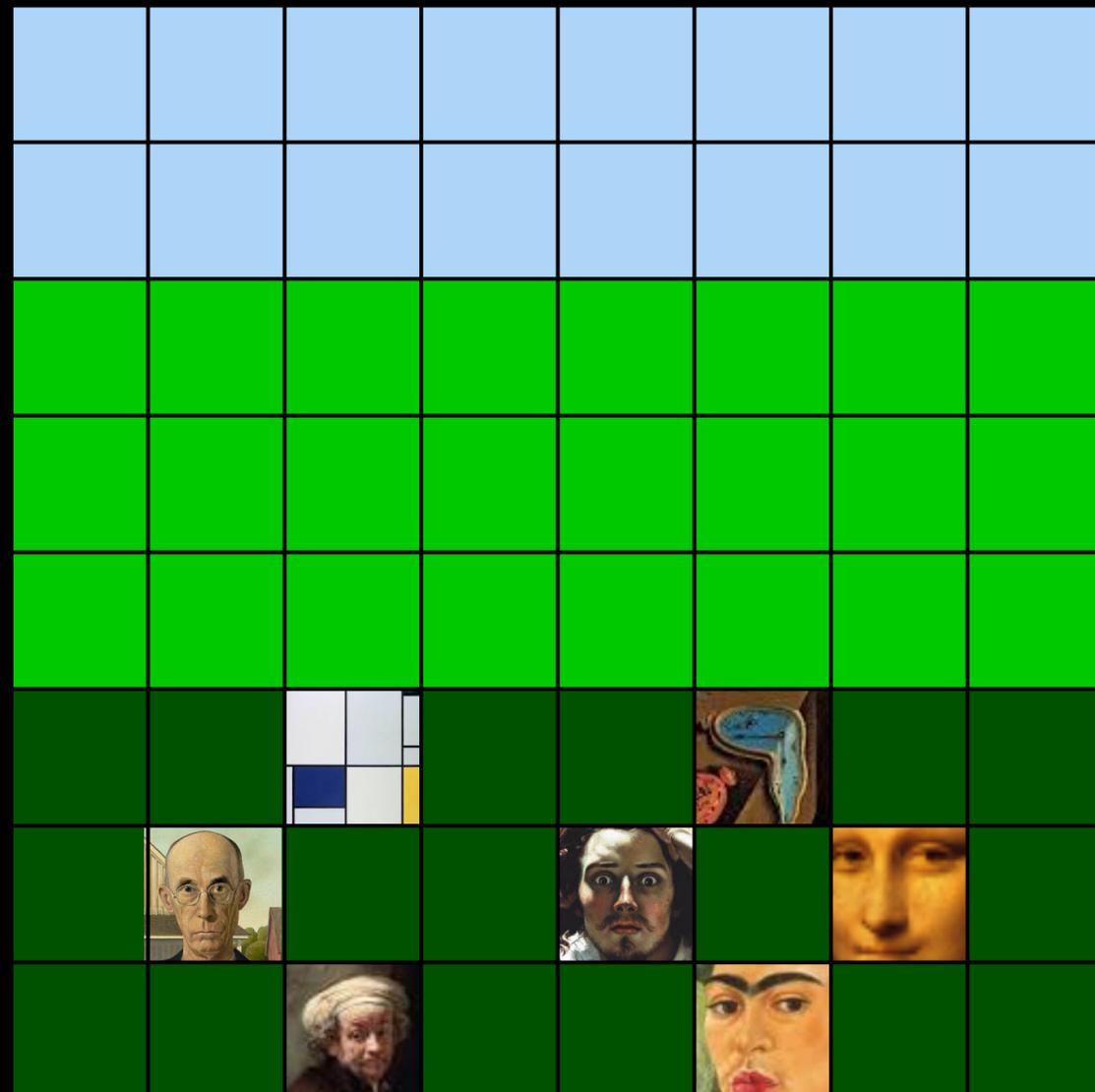


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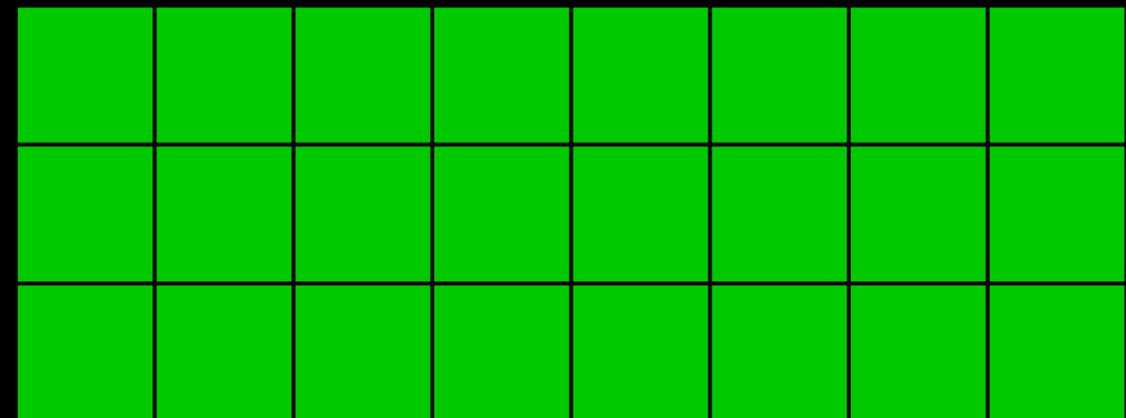


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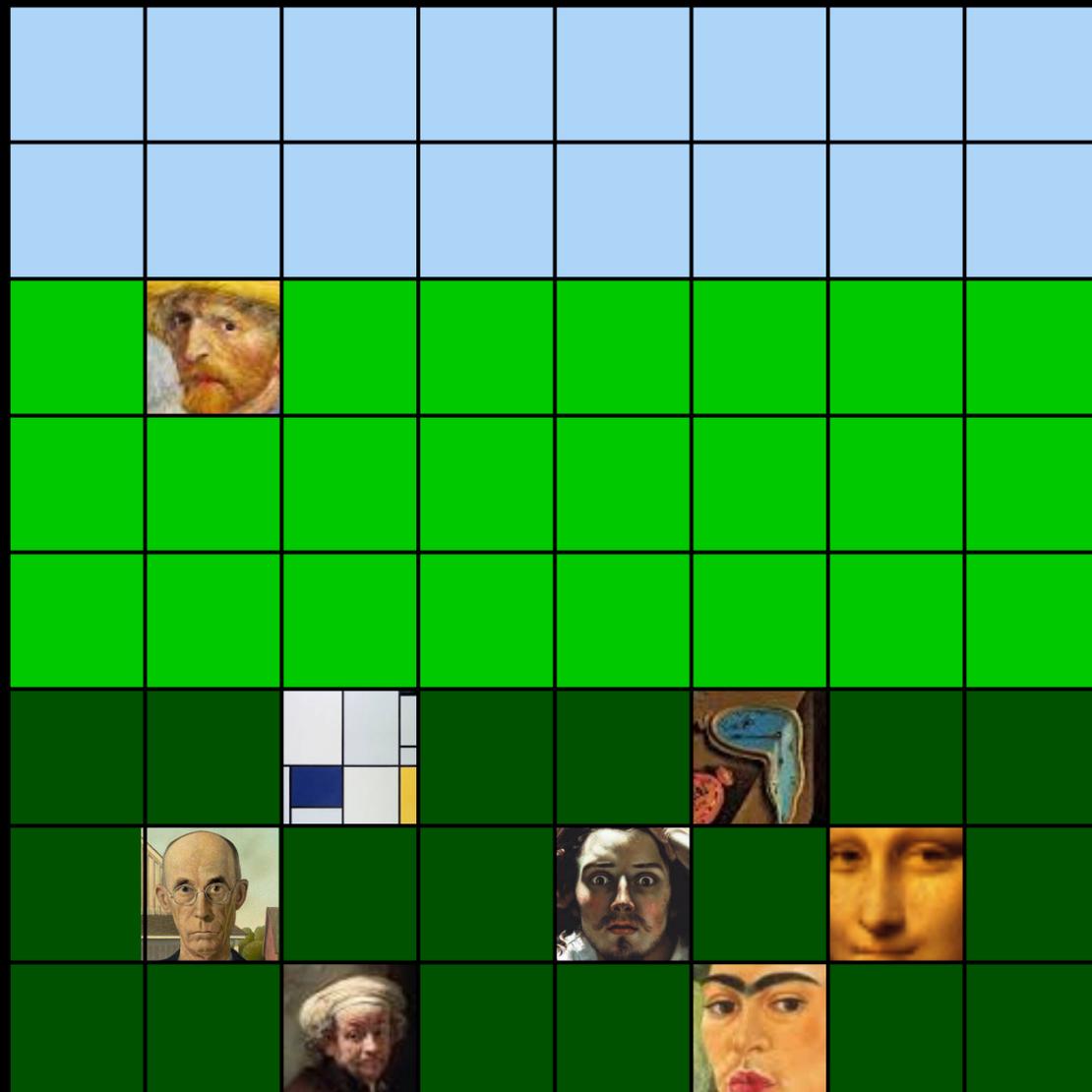


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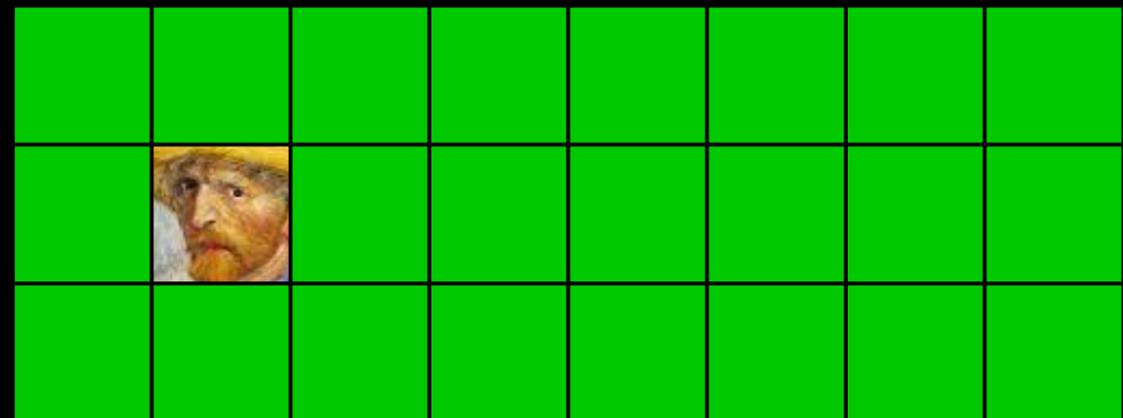


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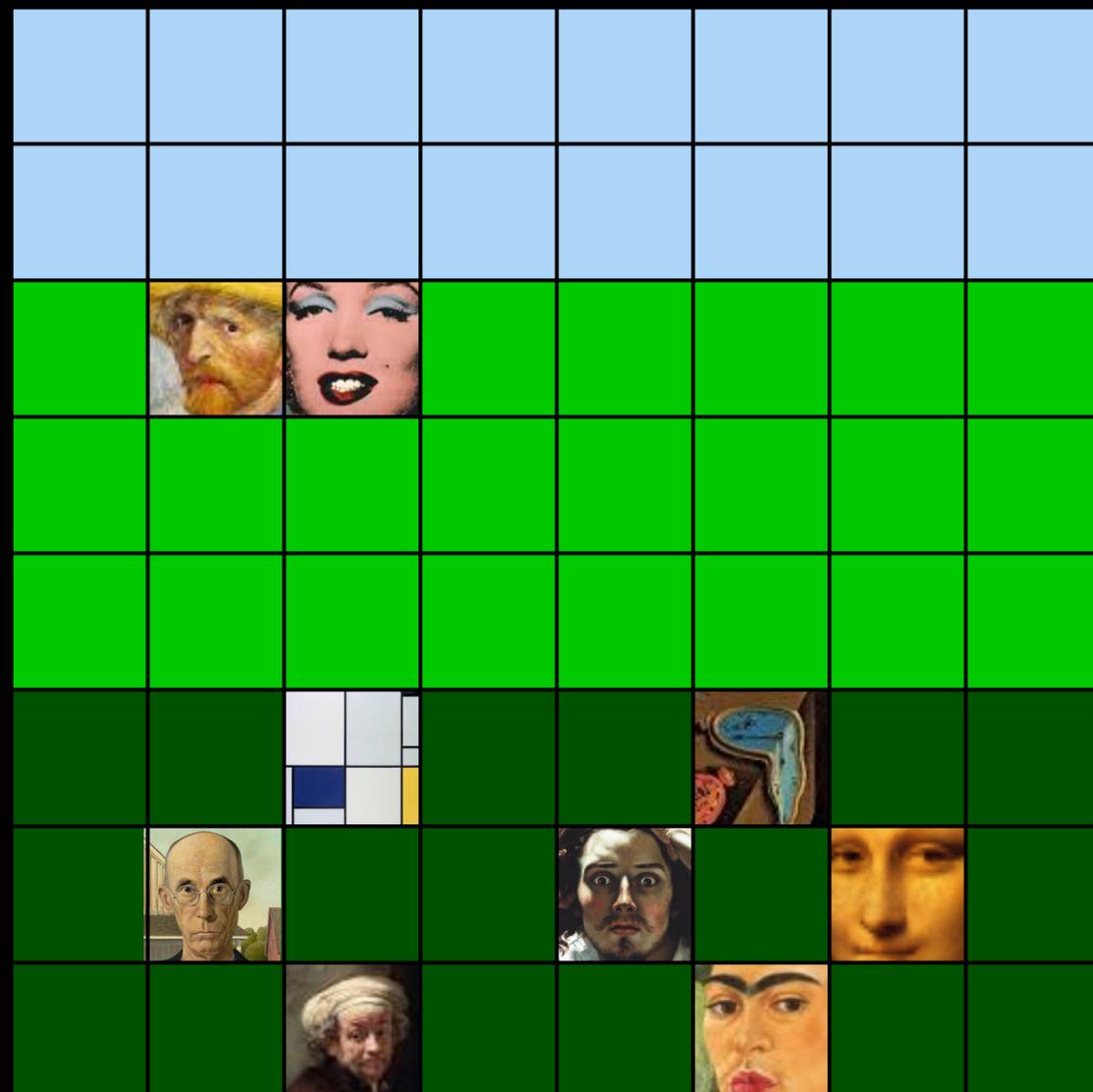


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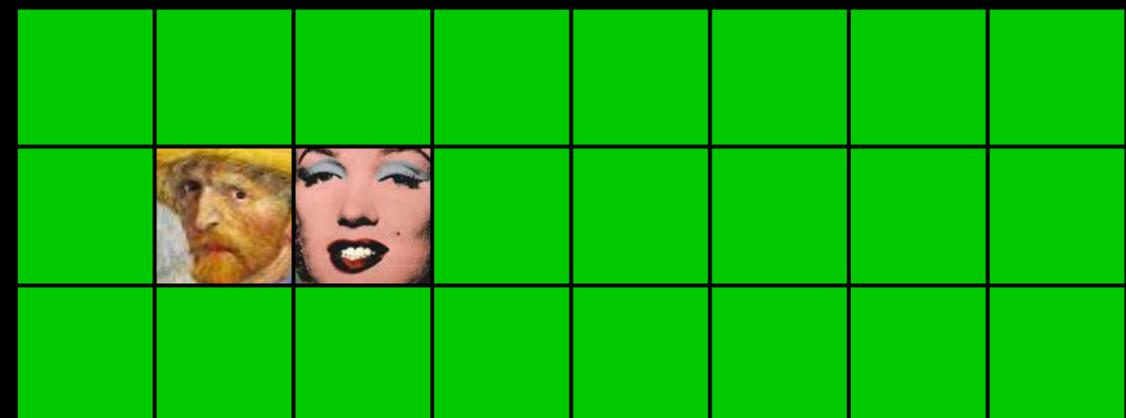


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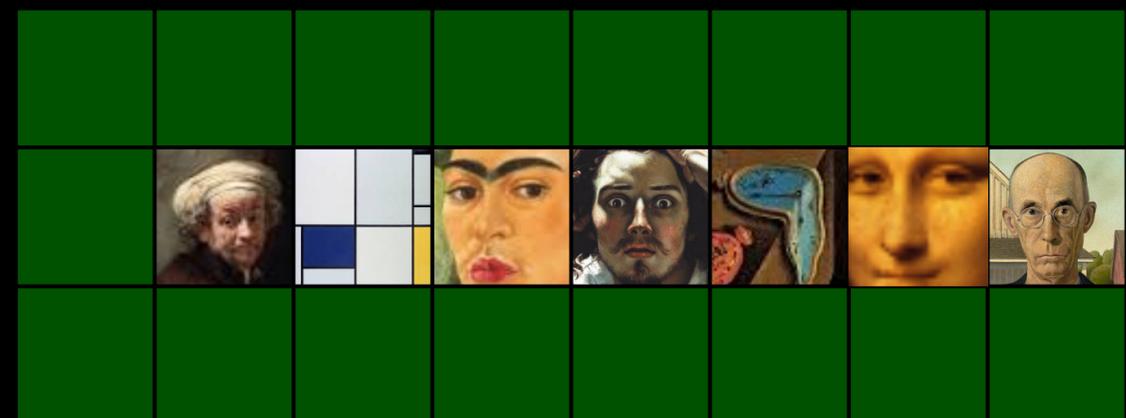
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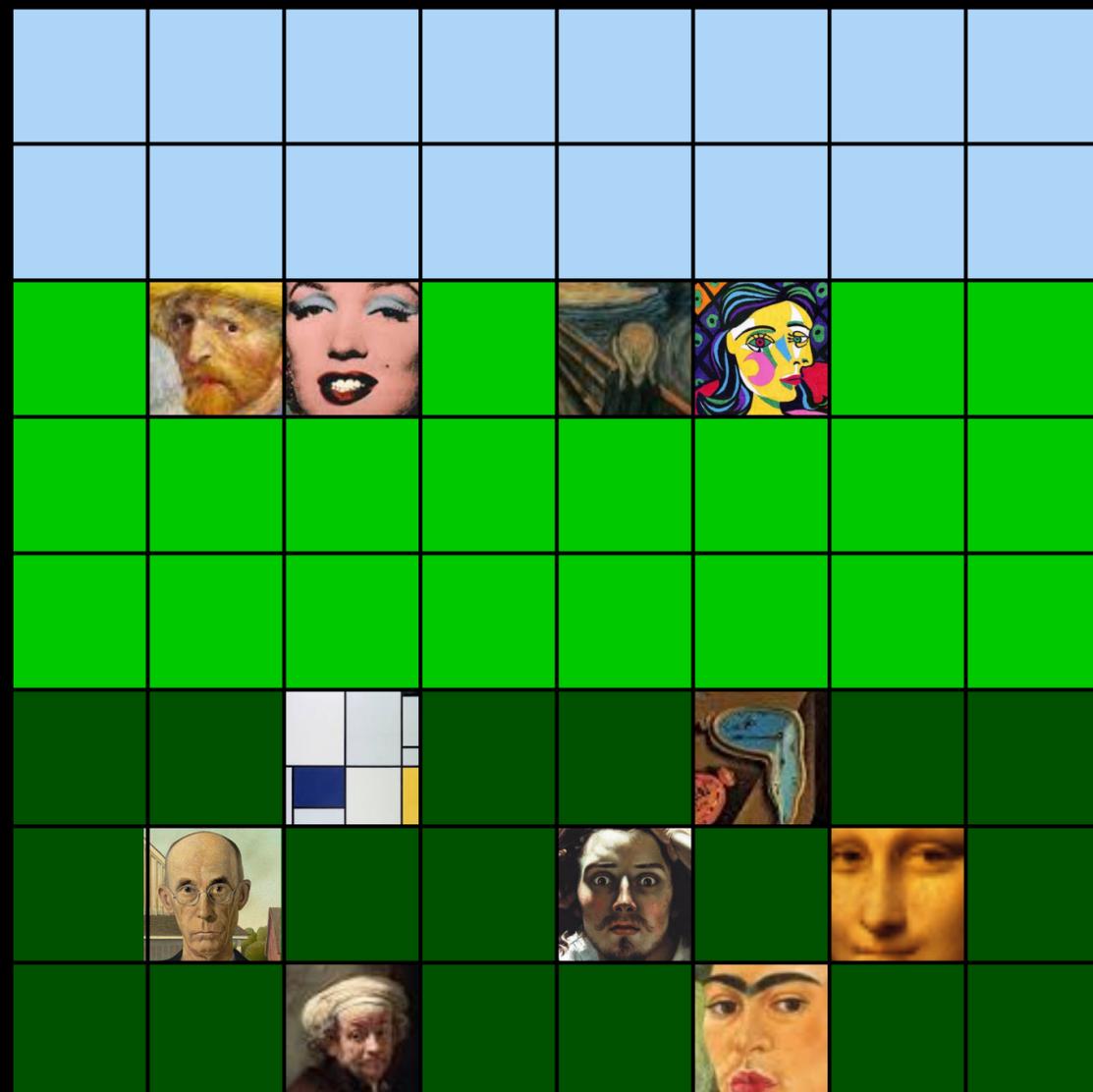


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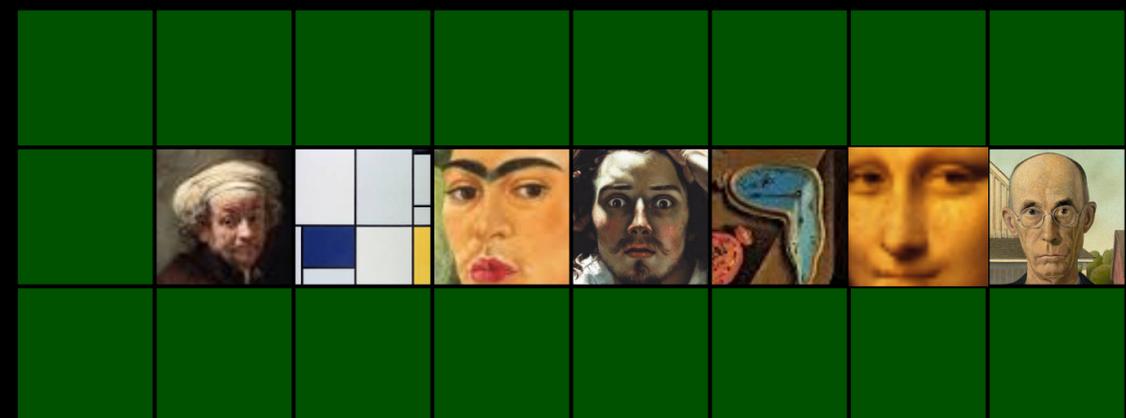
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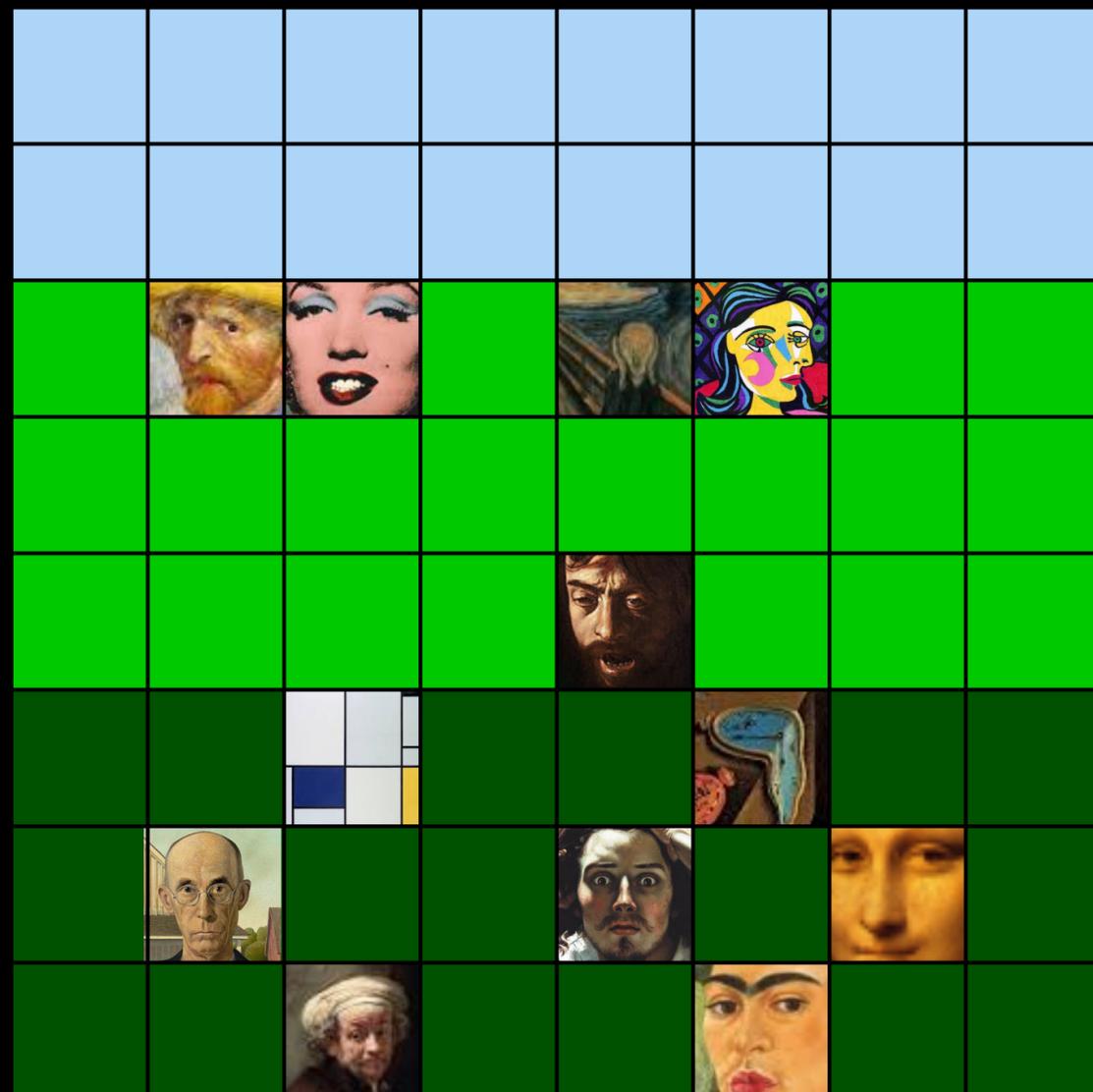


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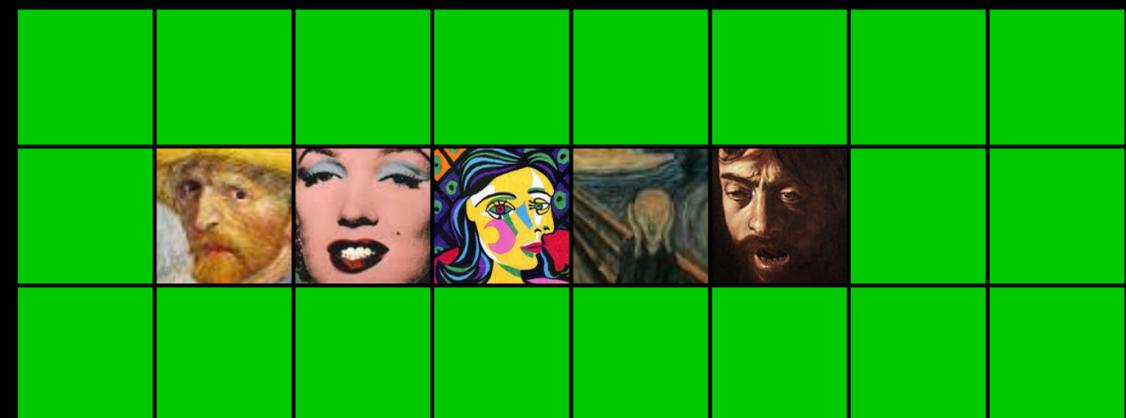


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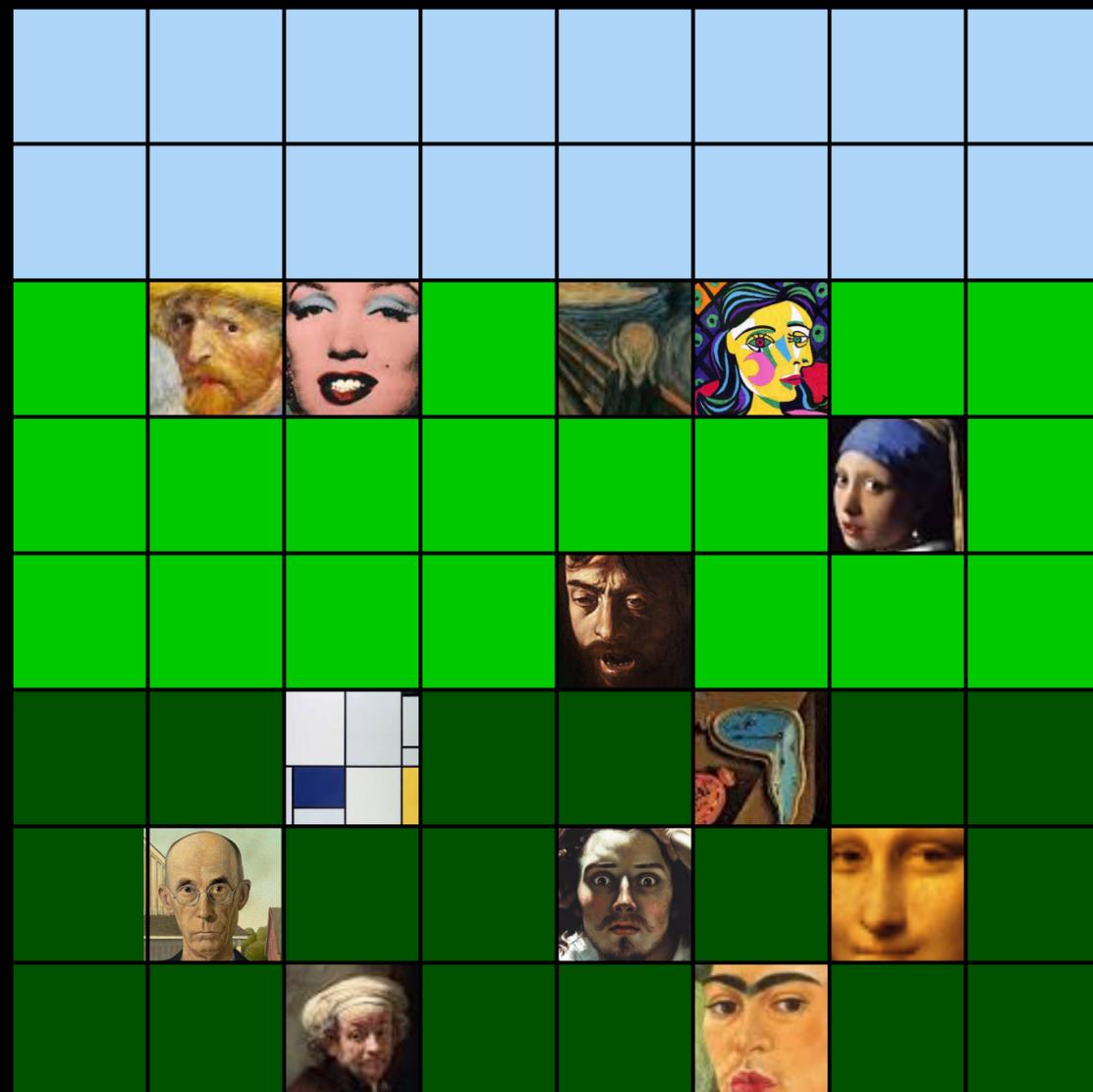


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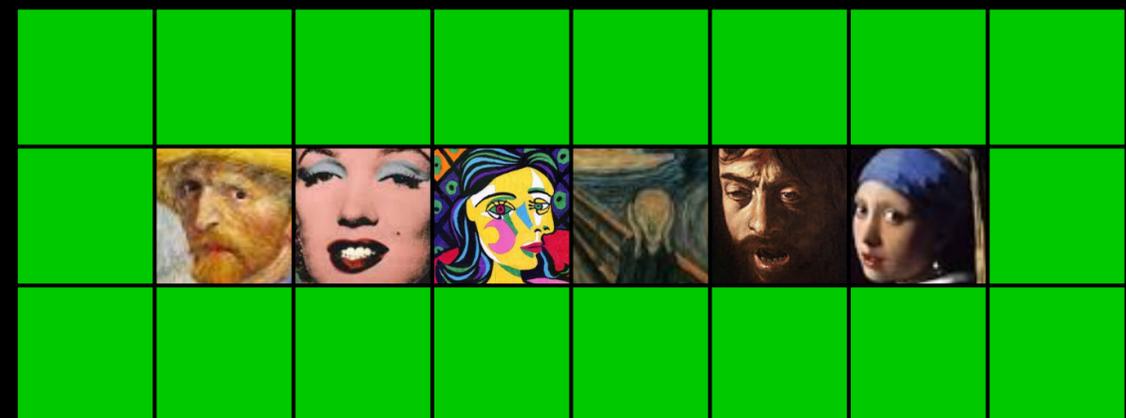


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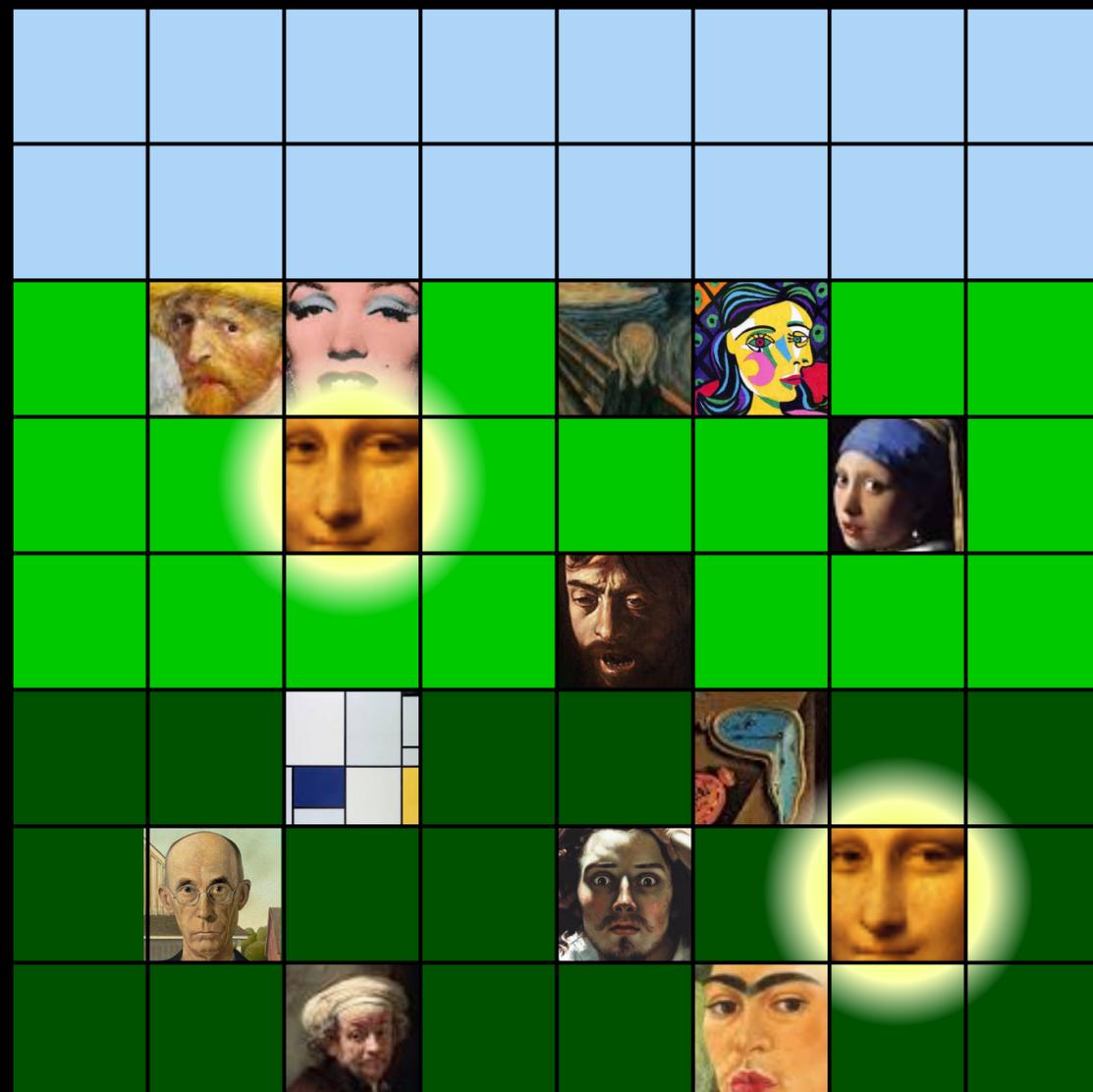


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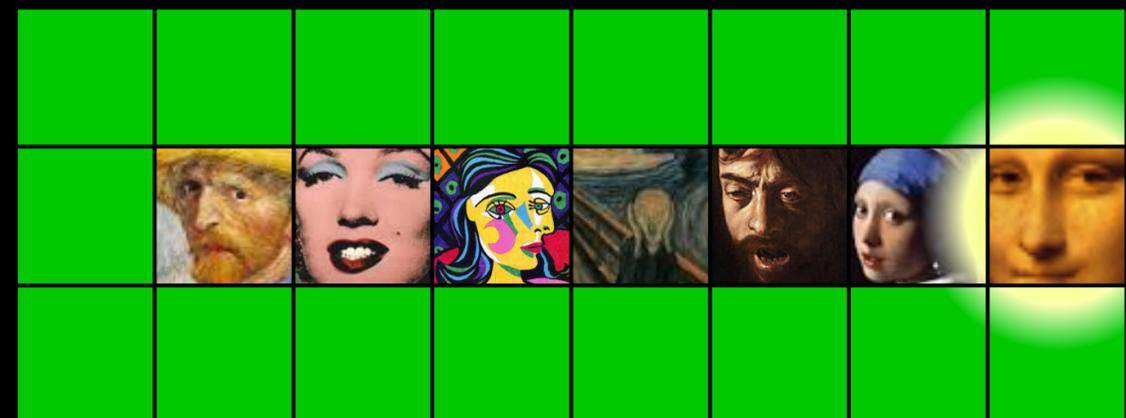


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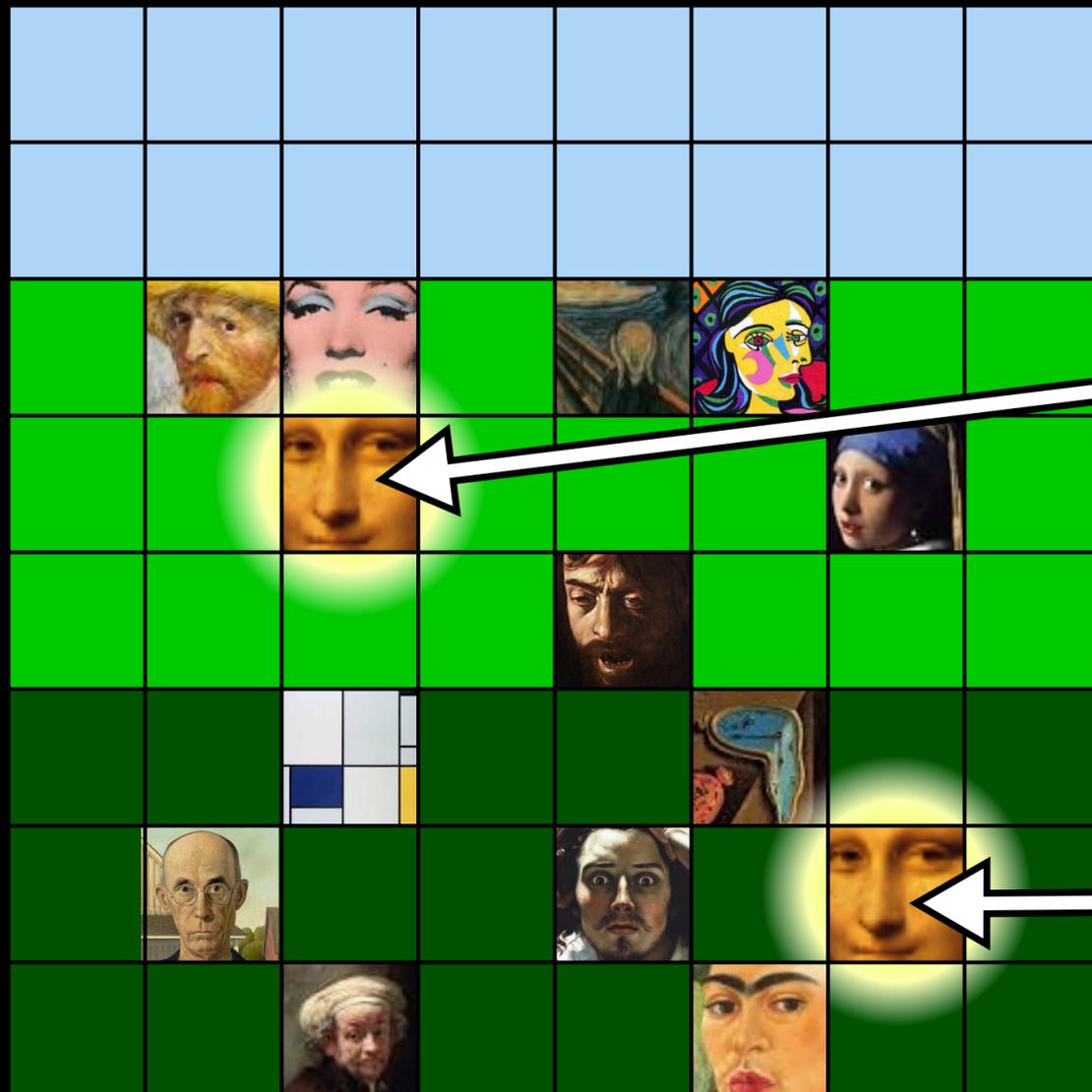
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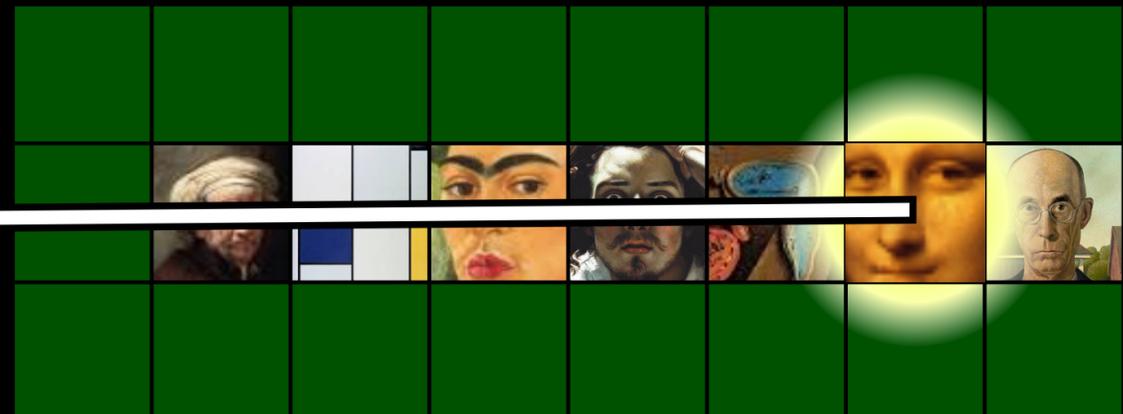
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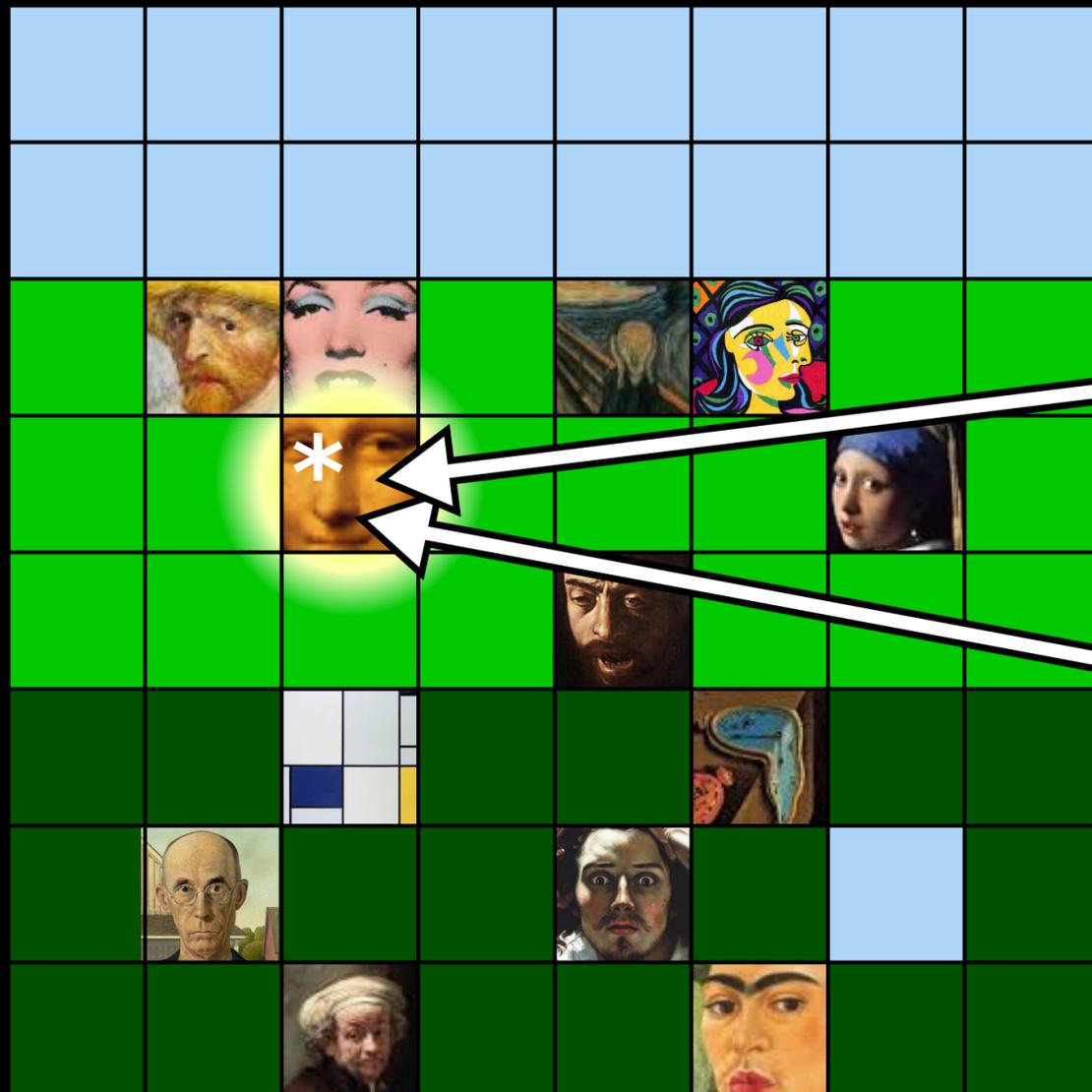
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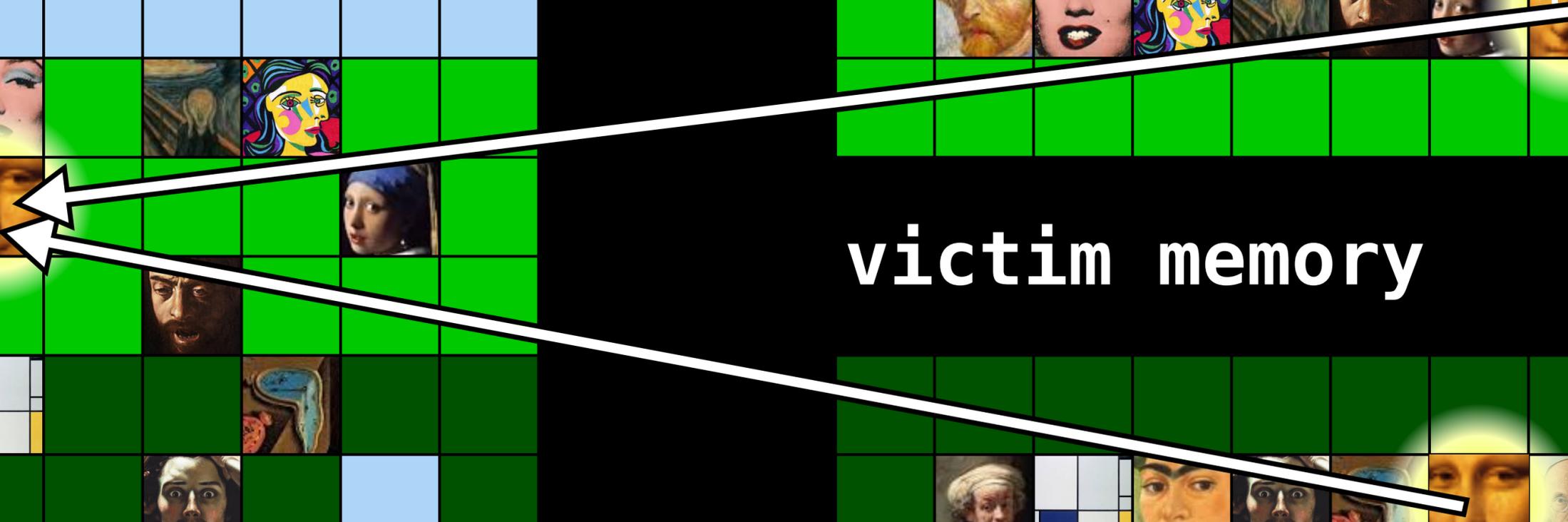
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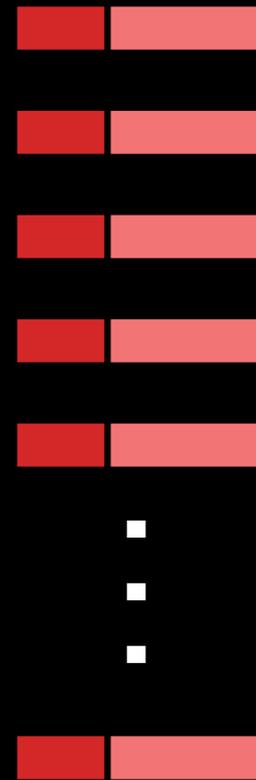
attacker memory



victim memory

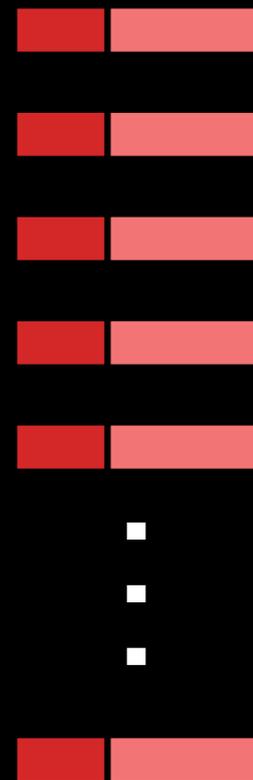
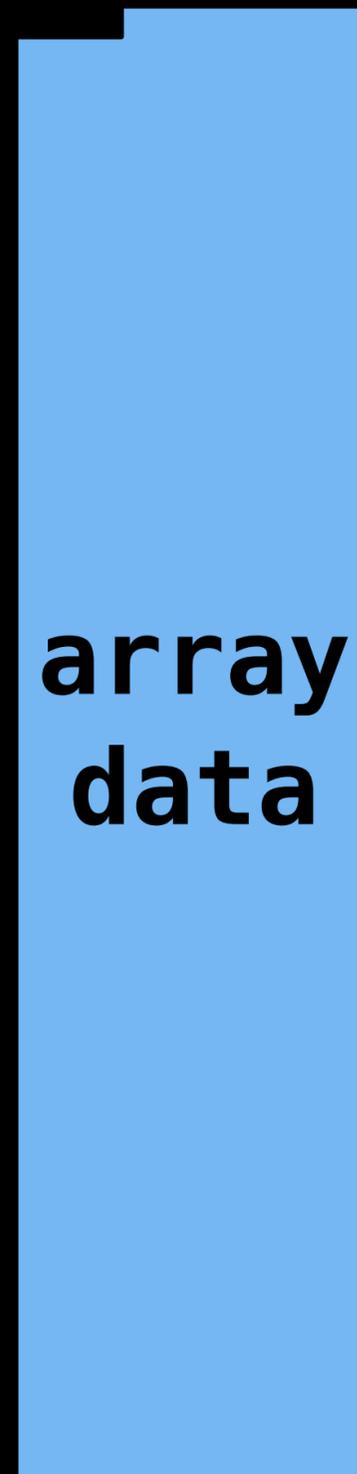


Creating Secret Pages



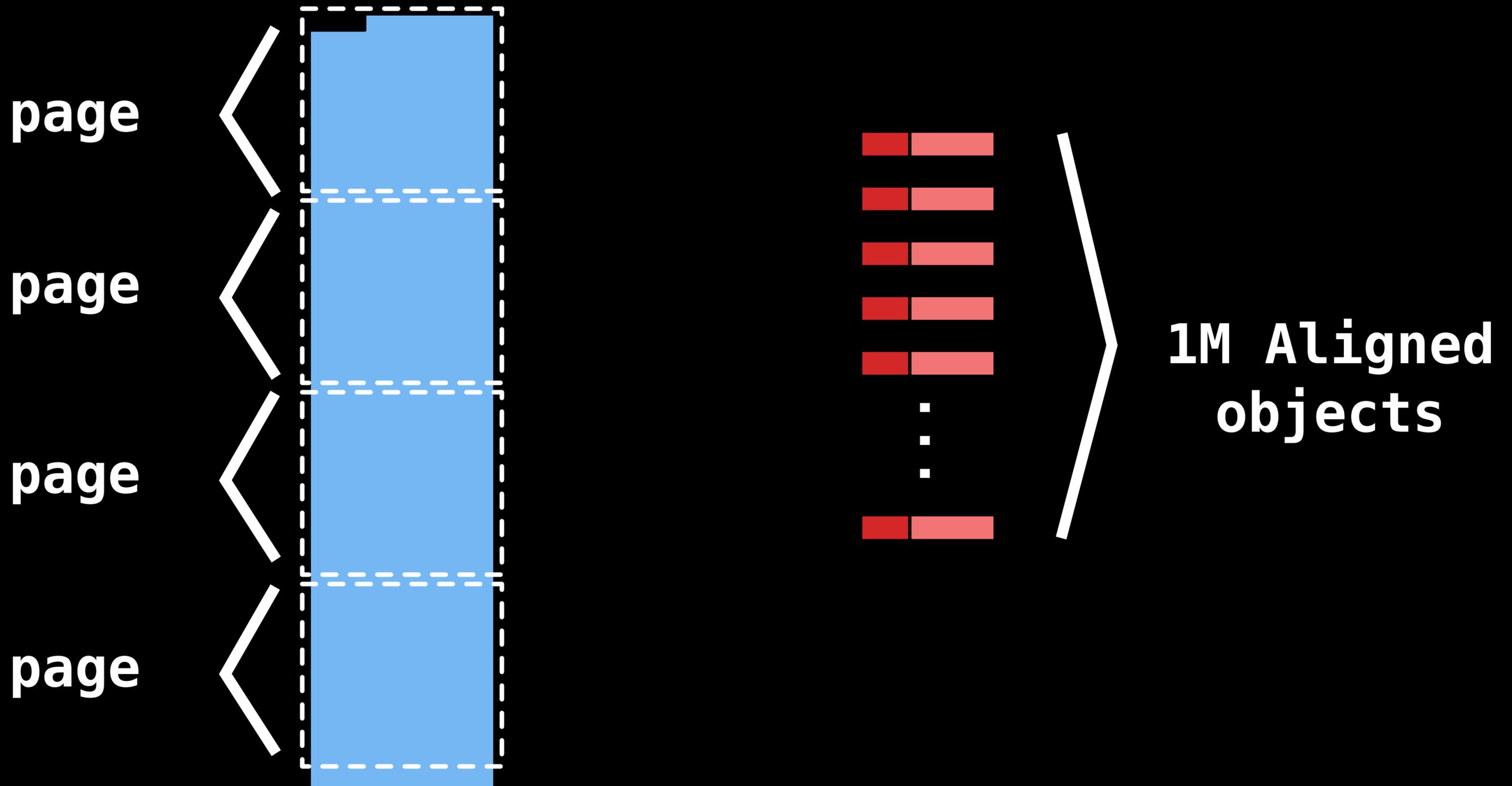
**1M Aligned
objects**

Creating Secret Pages

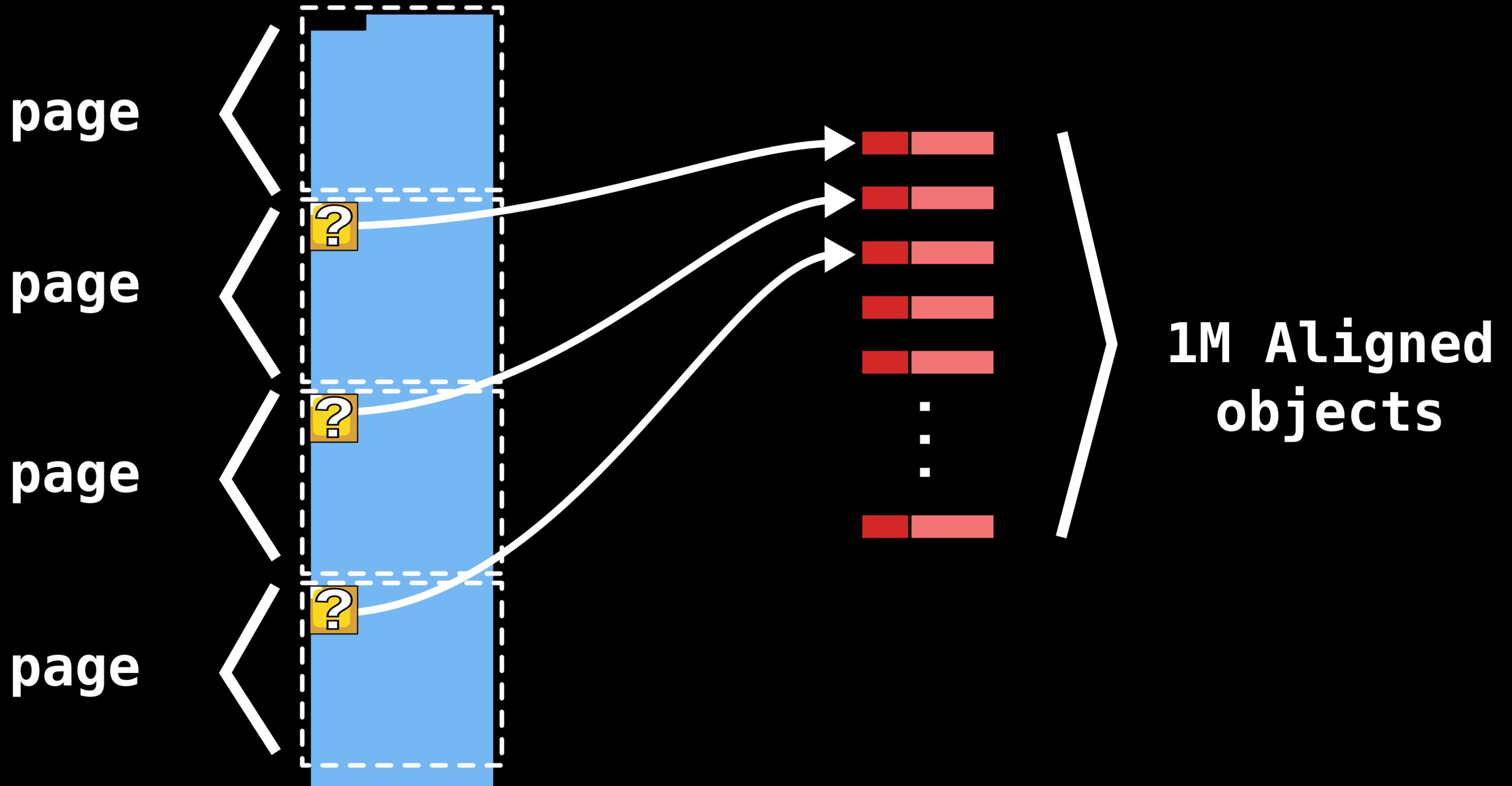


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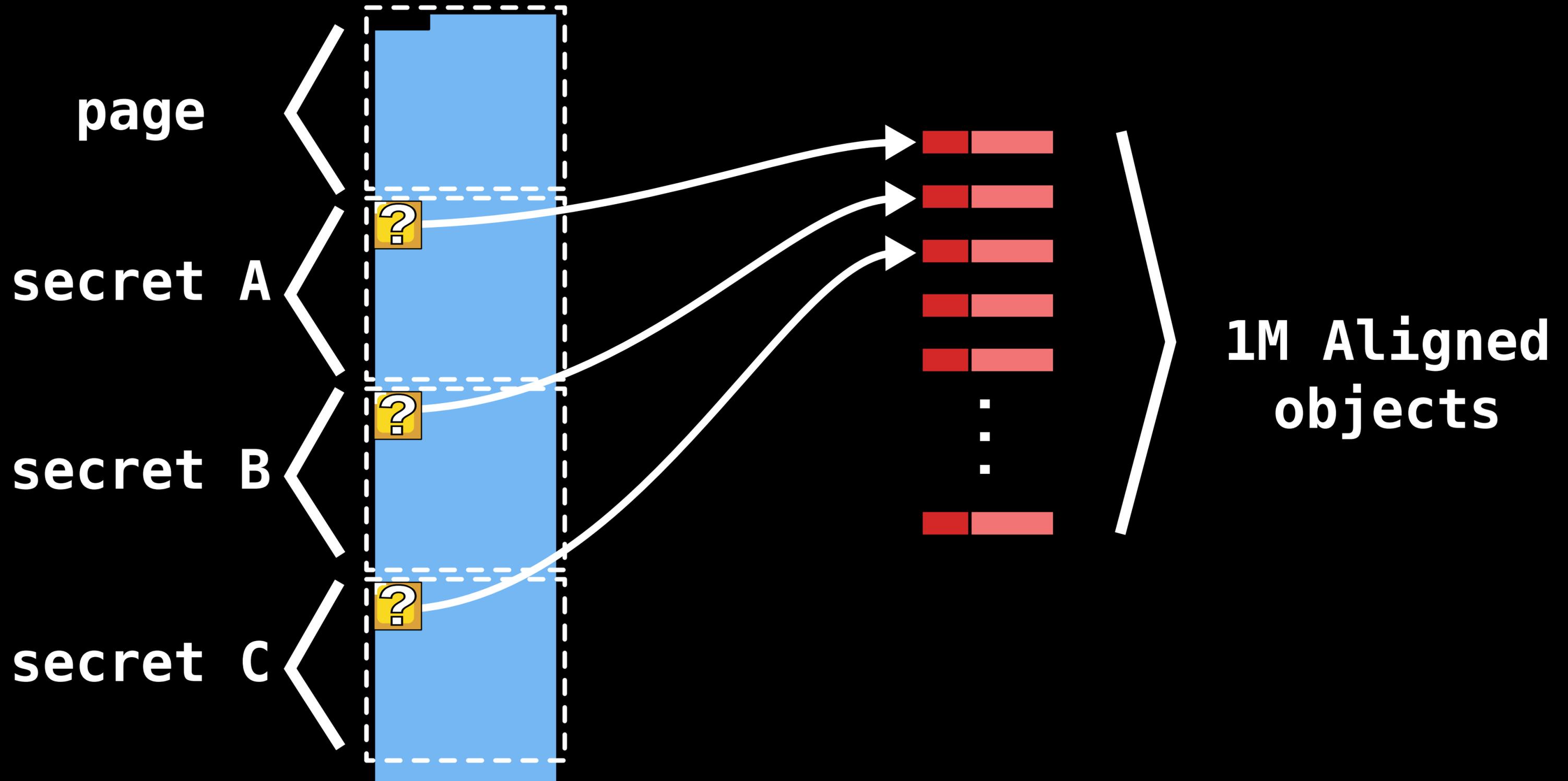
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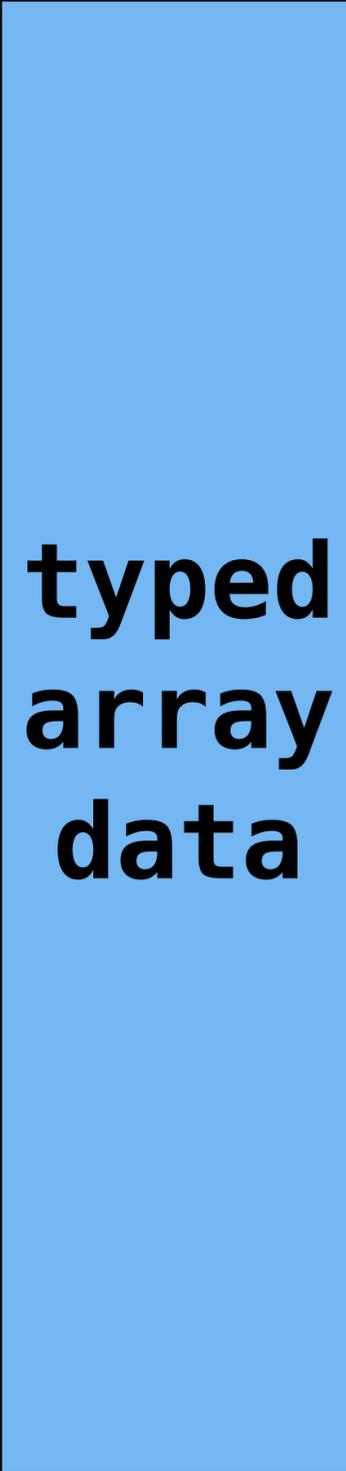
Creating Secret Pages



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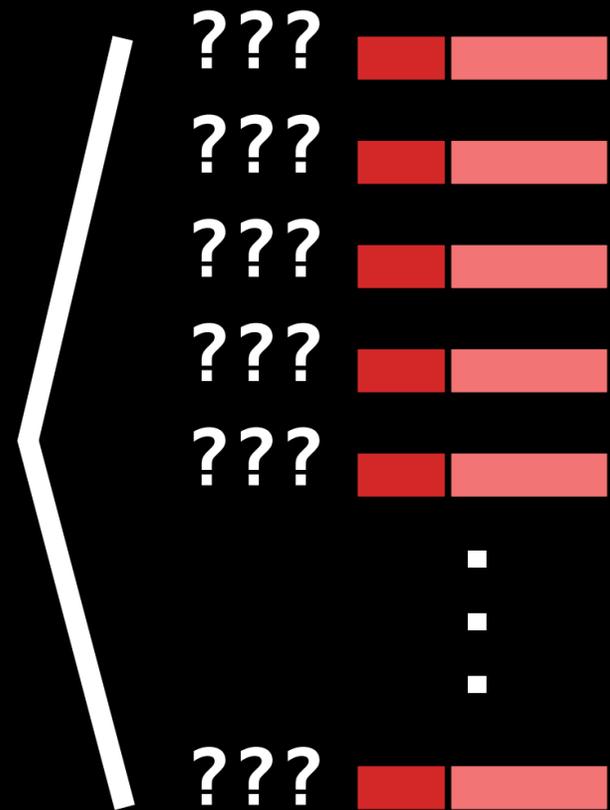
Creating Guess Pages



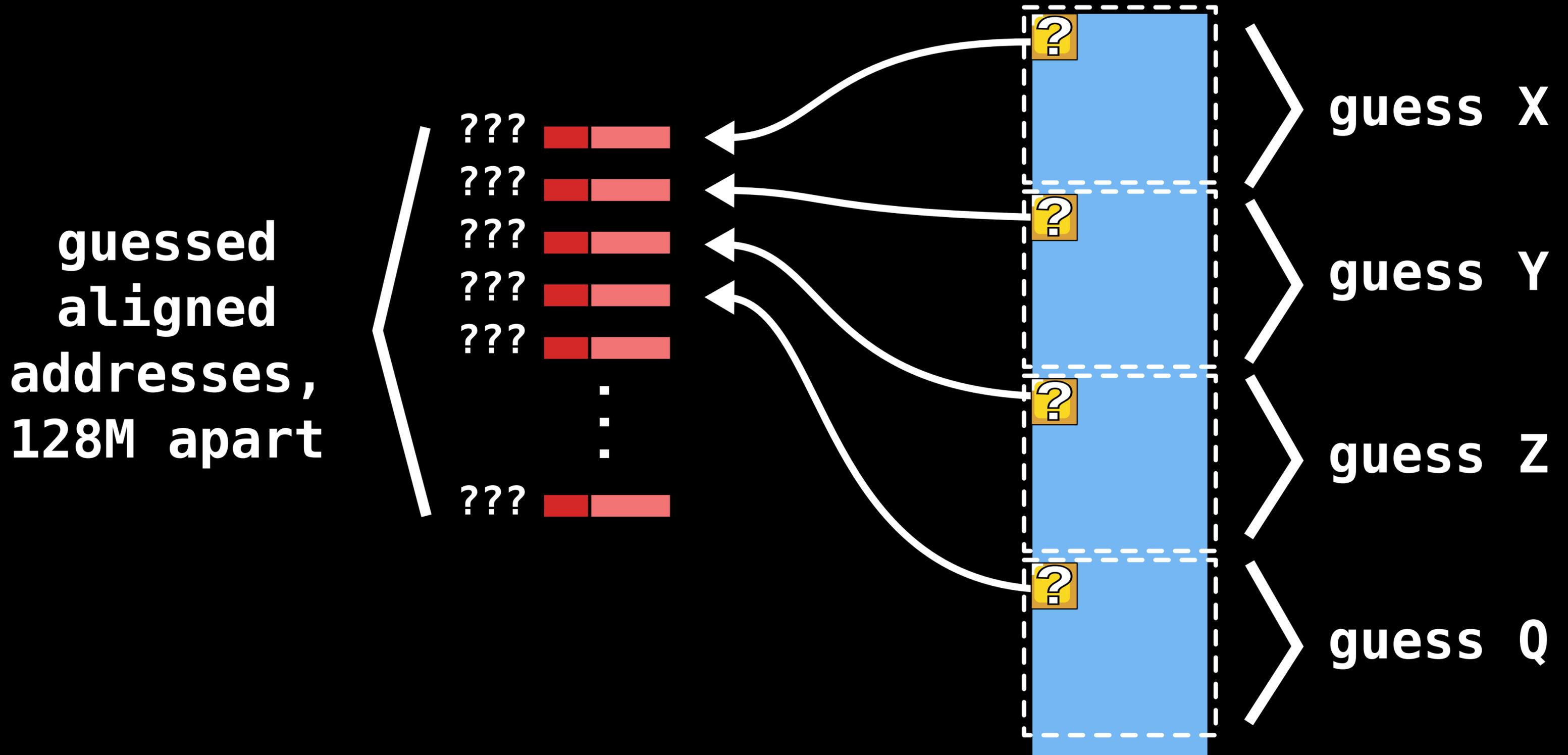
**typed
array
data**

Creating Guess Pages

guessed
aligned
addresses,
128M apart

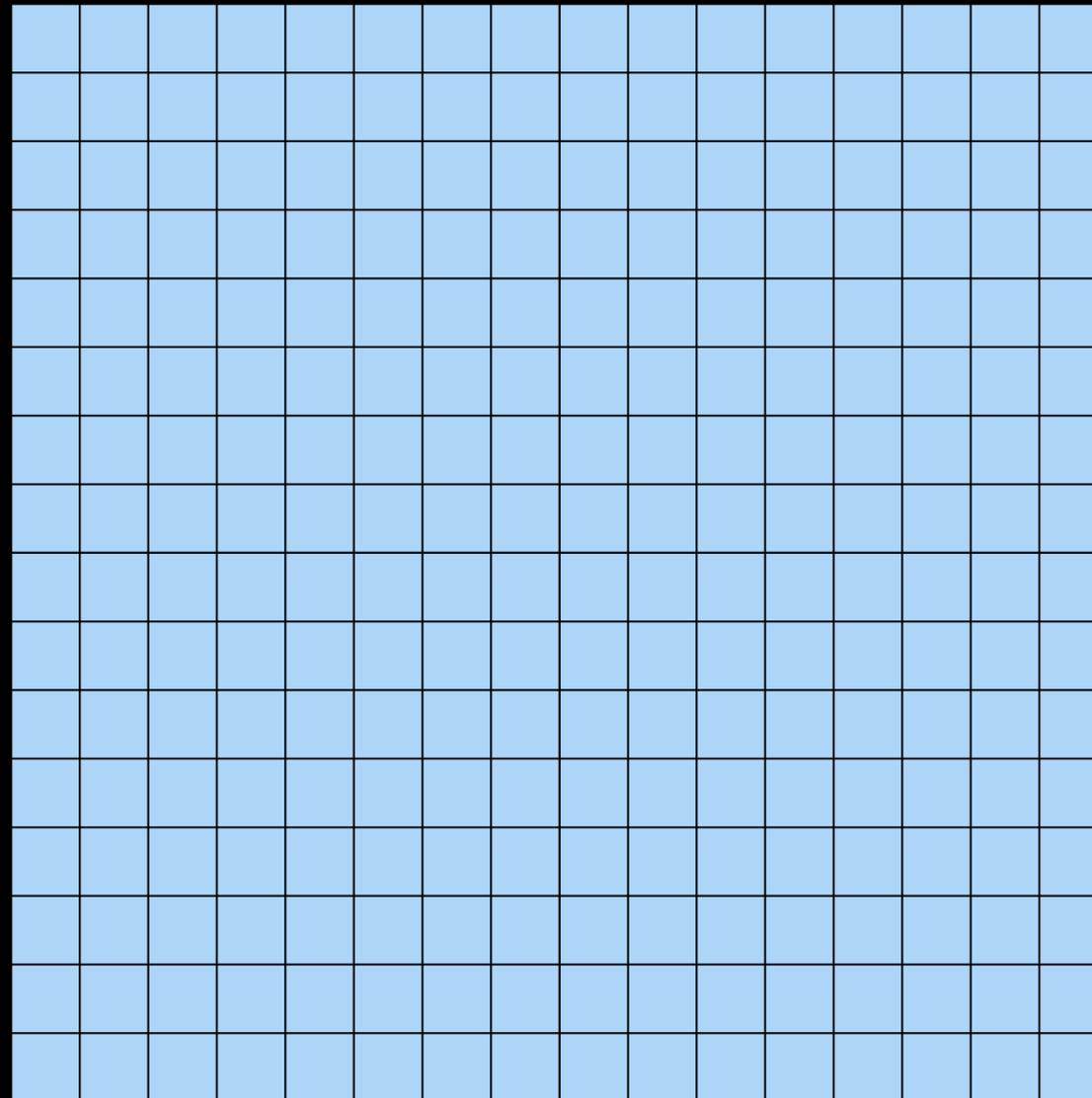


Creating Guess Pages



Birthday heap spray

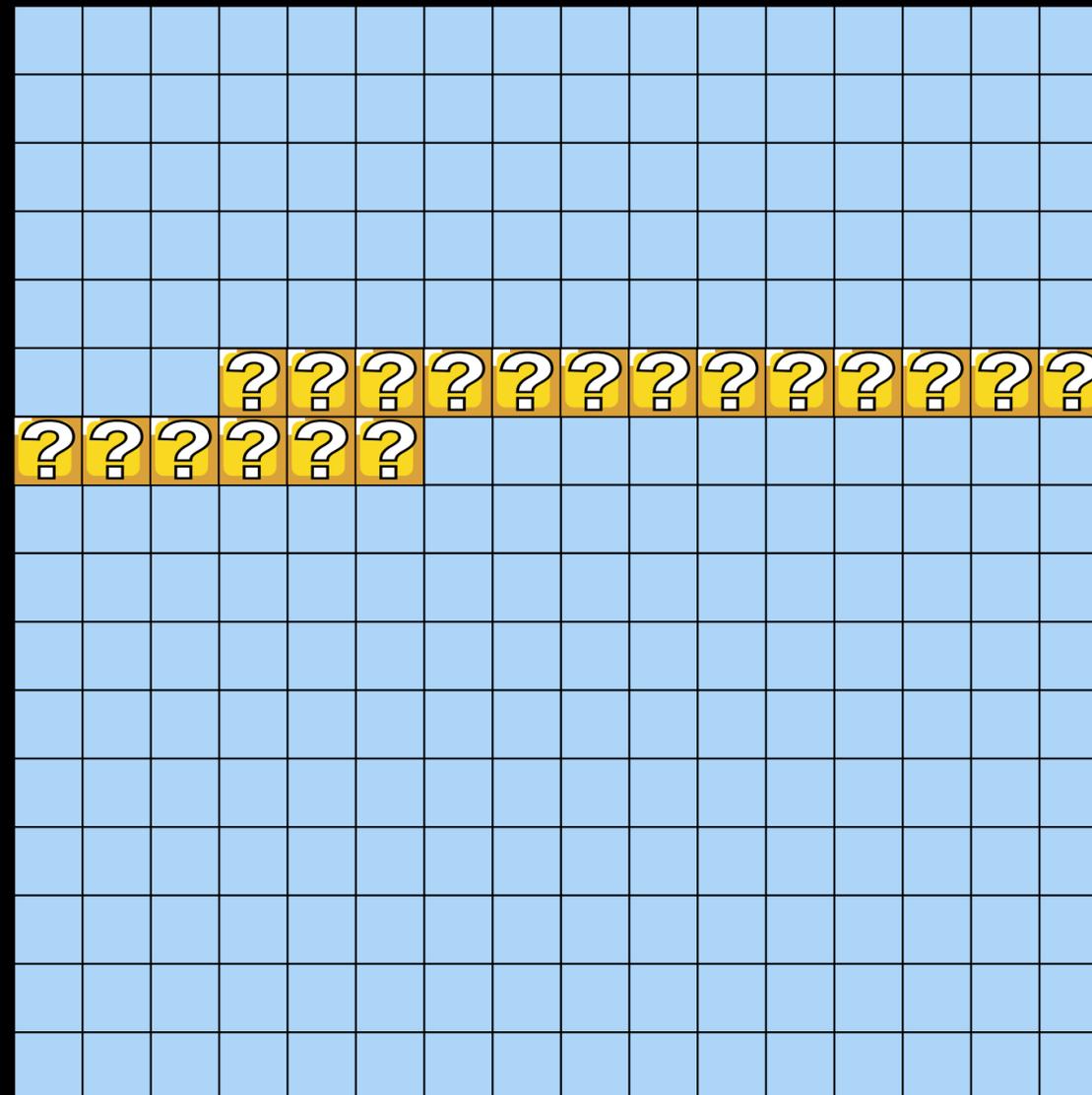
+1M, +1M, +1M, ...



+128M,
+128M,
+128M,
...

Birthday heap spray

+1M, +1M, +1M, ...



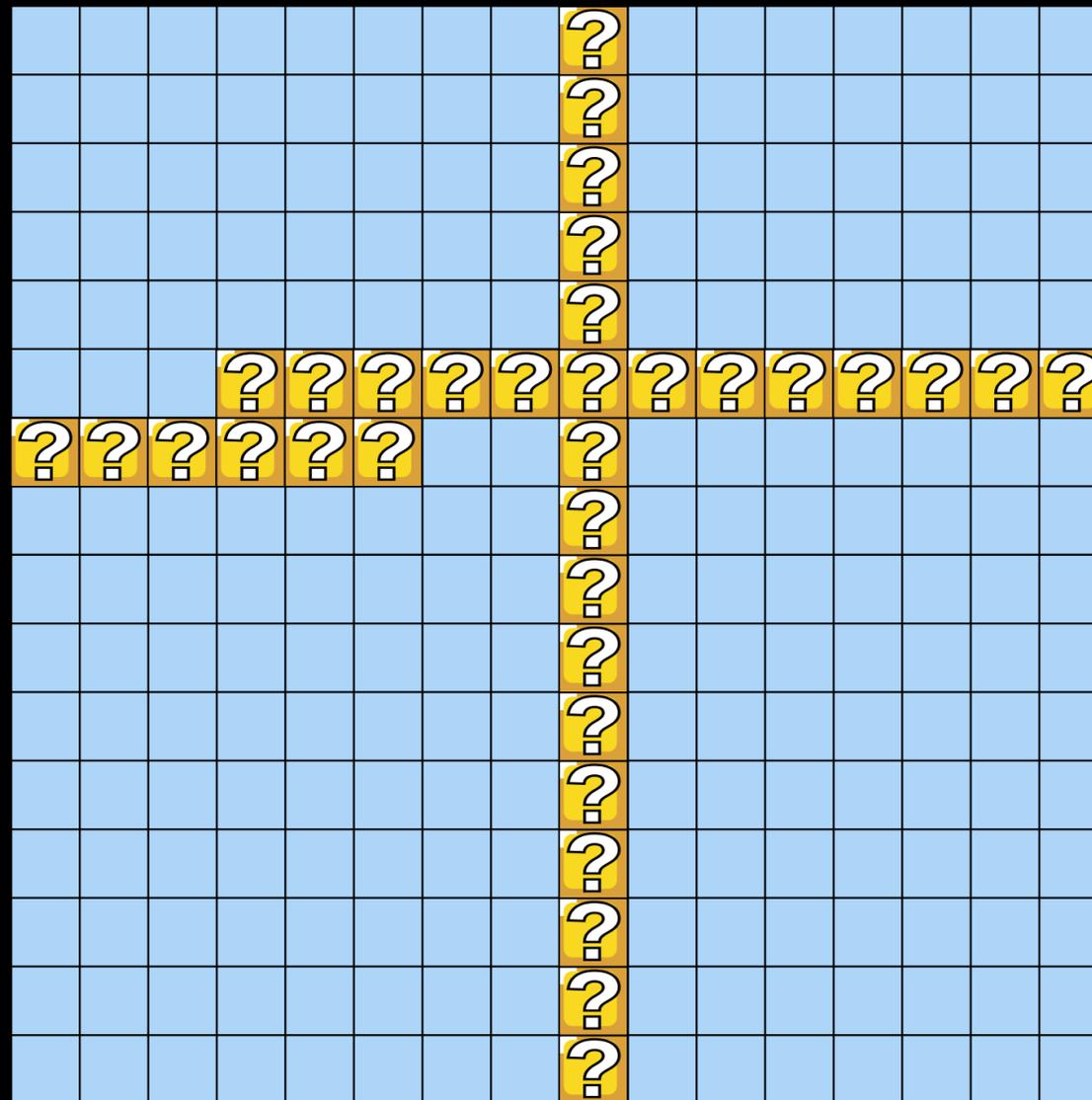
+128M,
+128M,
+128M,
...

secret pages
(allocated
addresses)



Birthday heap spray

+1M, +1M, +1M, ...



+128M,
+128M,
+128M,
...

secret pages
(allocated
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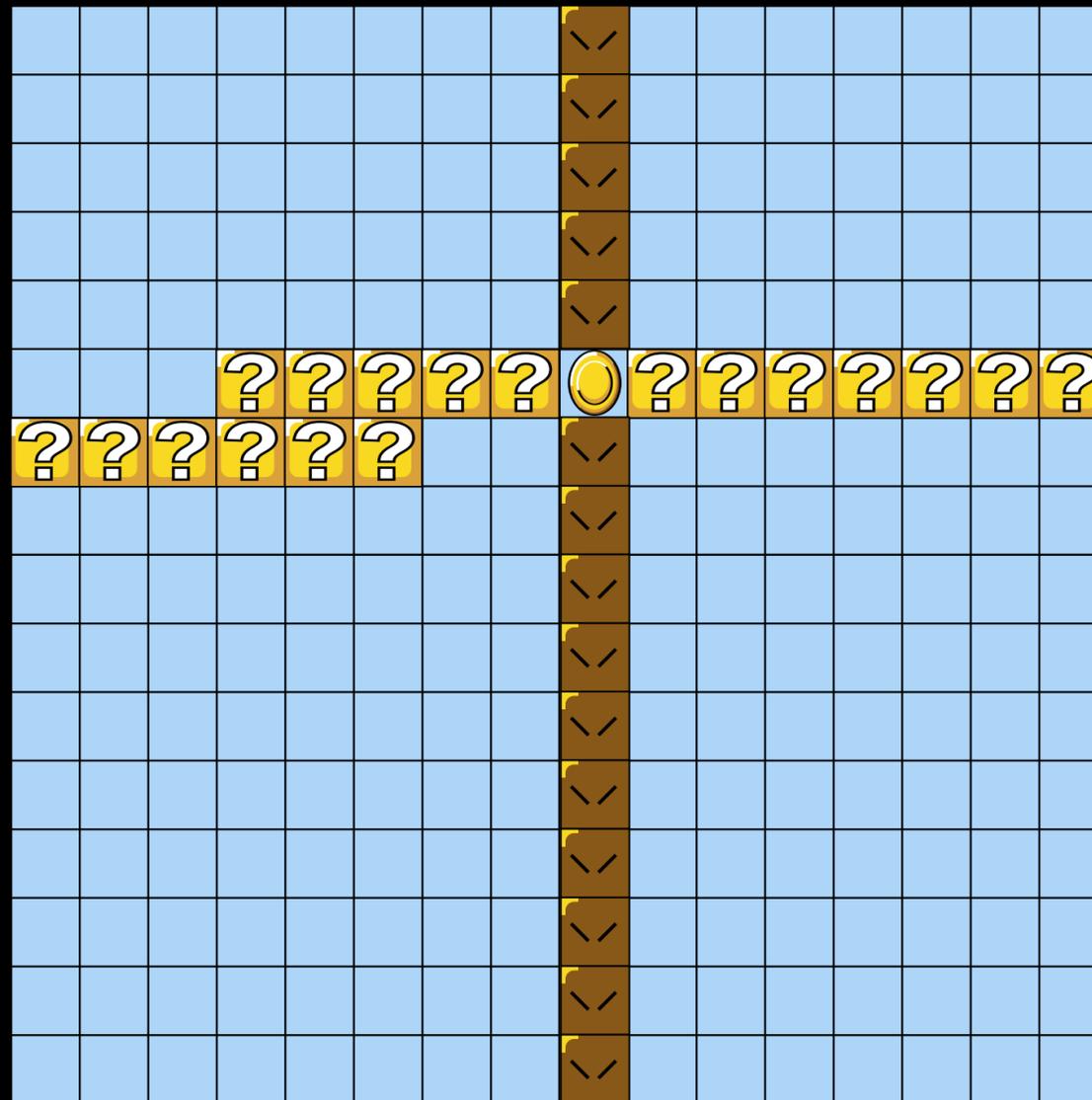


guess pages (containing guessed addresses)



Birthday heap spray

+1M, +1M, +1M, ...



+128M,
+128M,
+128M,
...

secret pages
(allocated
addresses)



guess pages (containing guessed addresses)

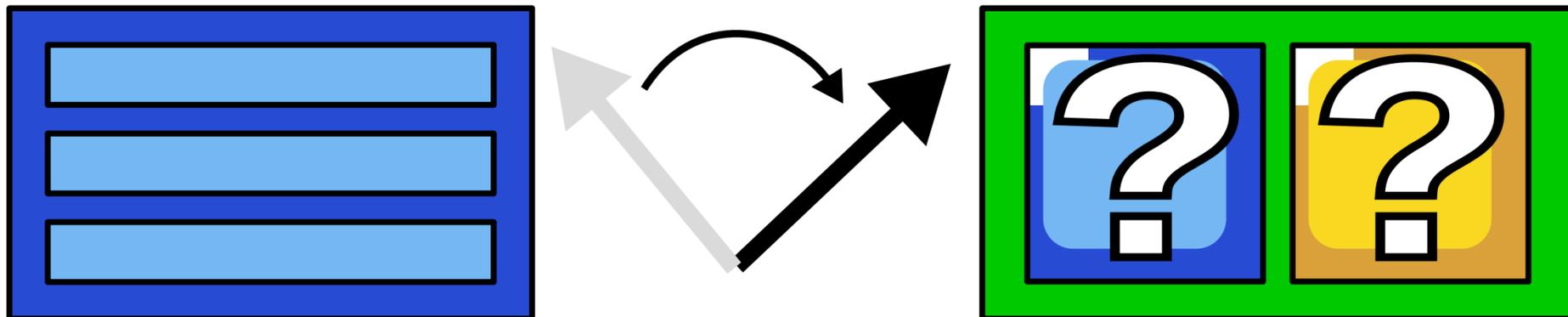
Outline:

Deduplication

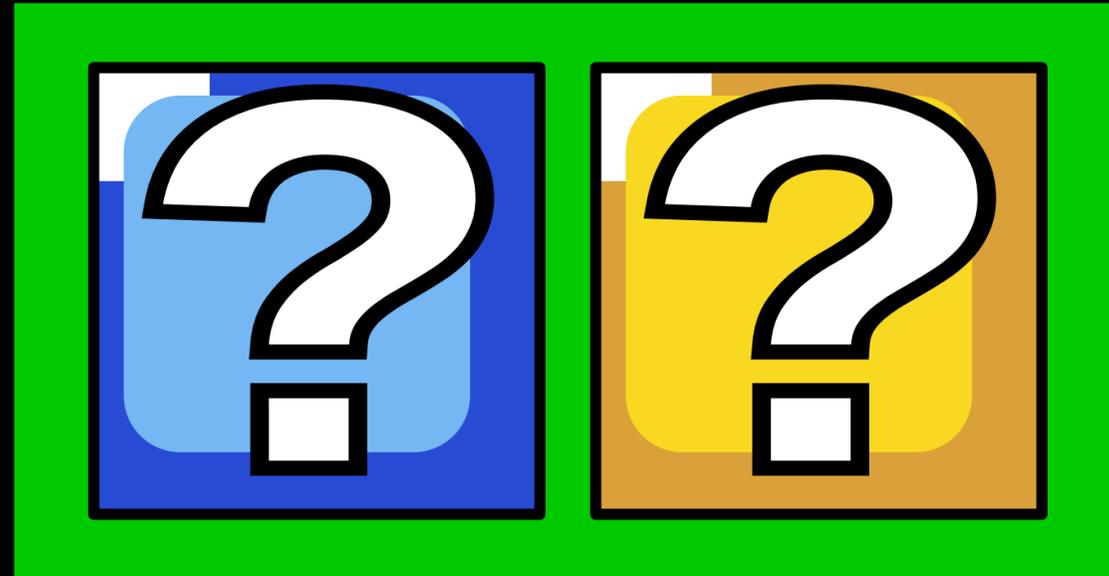
- leak heap & code addresses
- create a fake object

Rowhammer

- create reference to our fake object



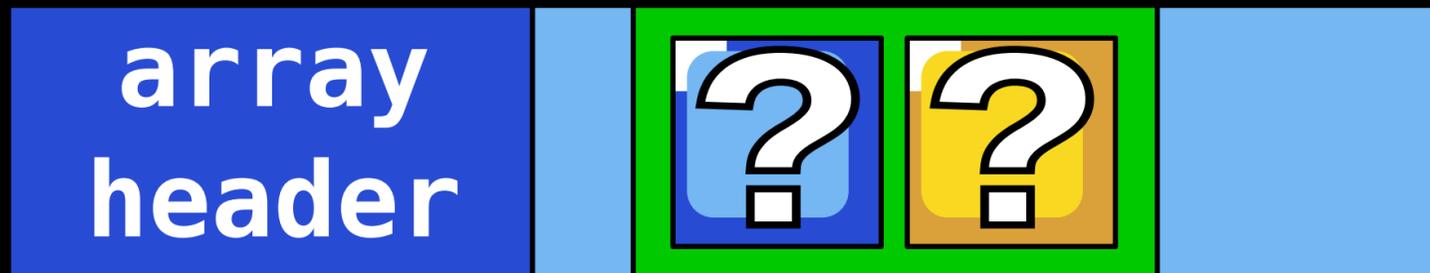
Fake Uint8Array object



Pointer pivoting

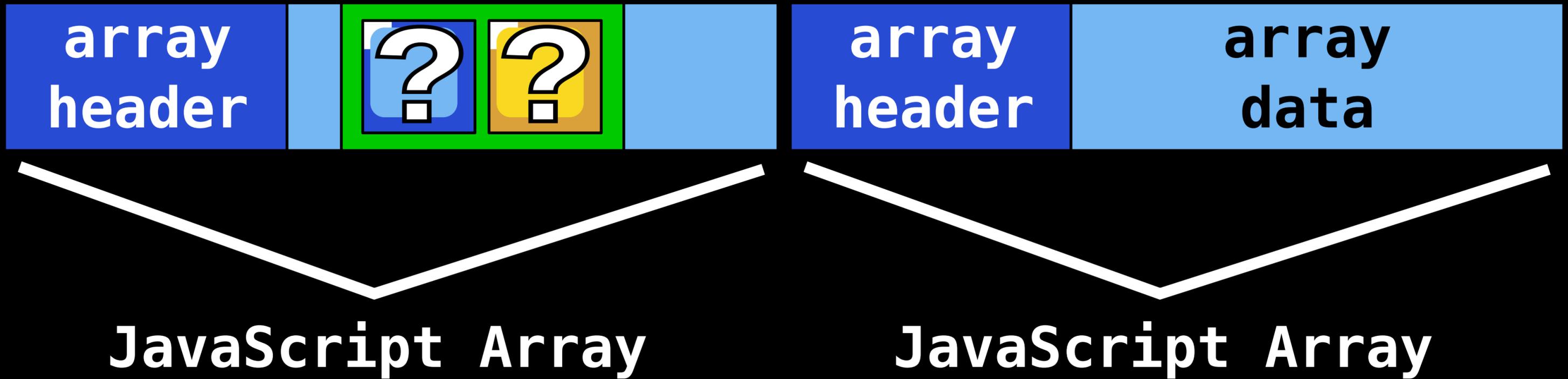


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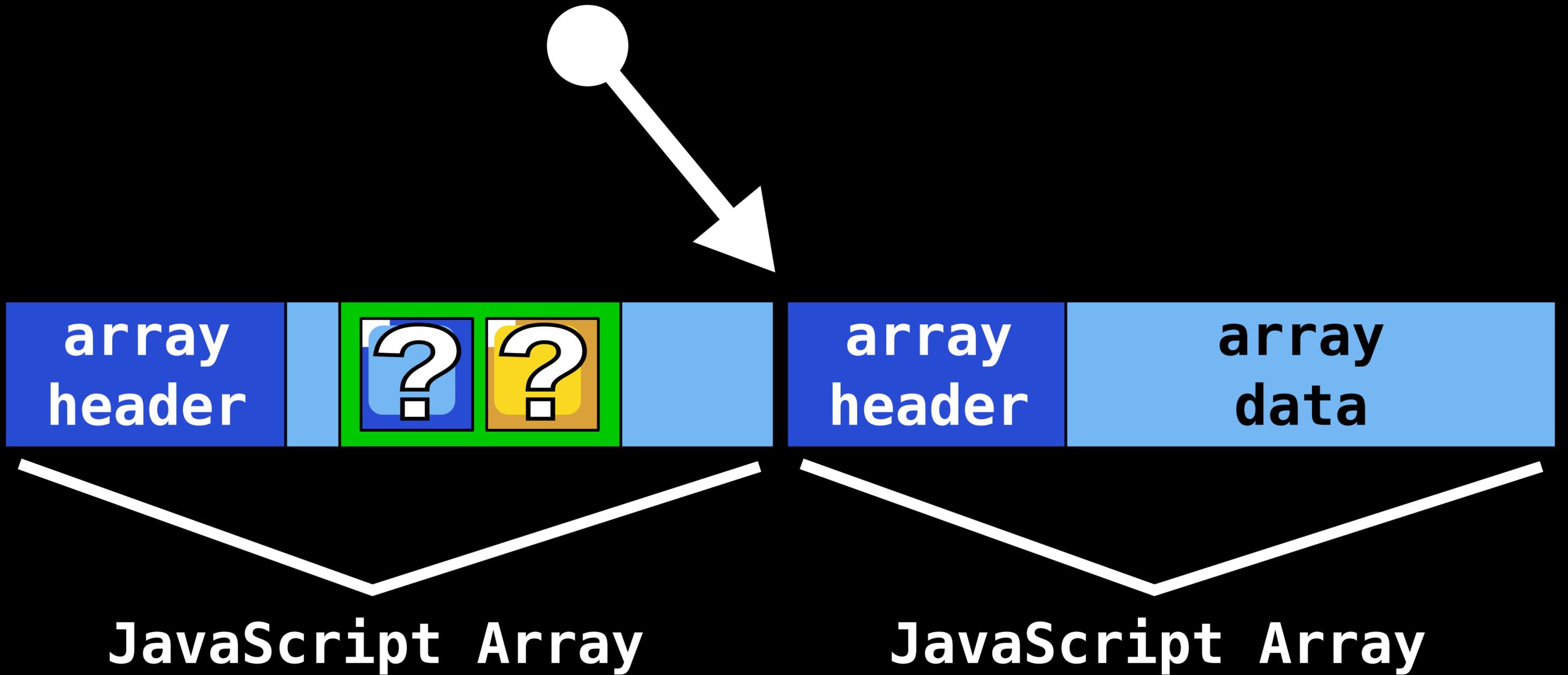


JavaScript Array

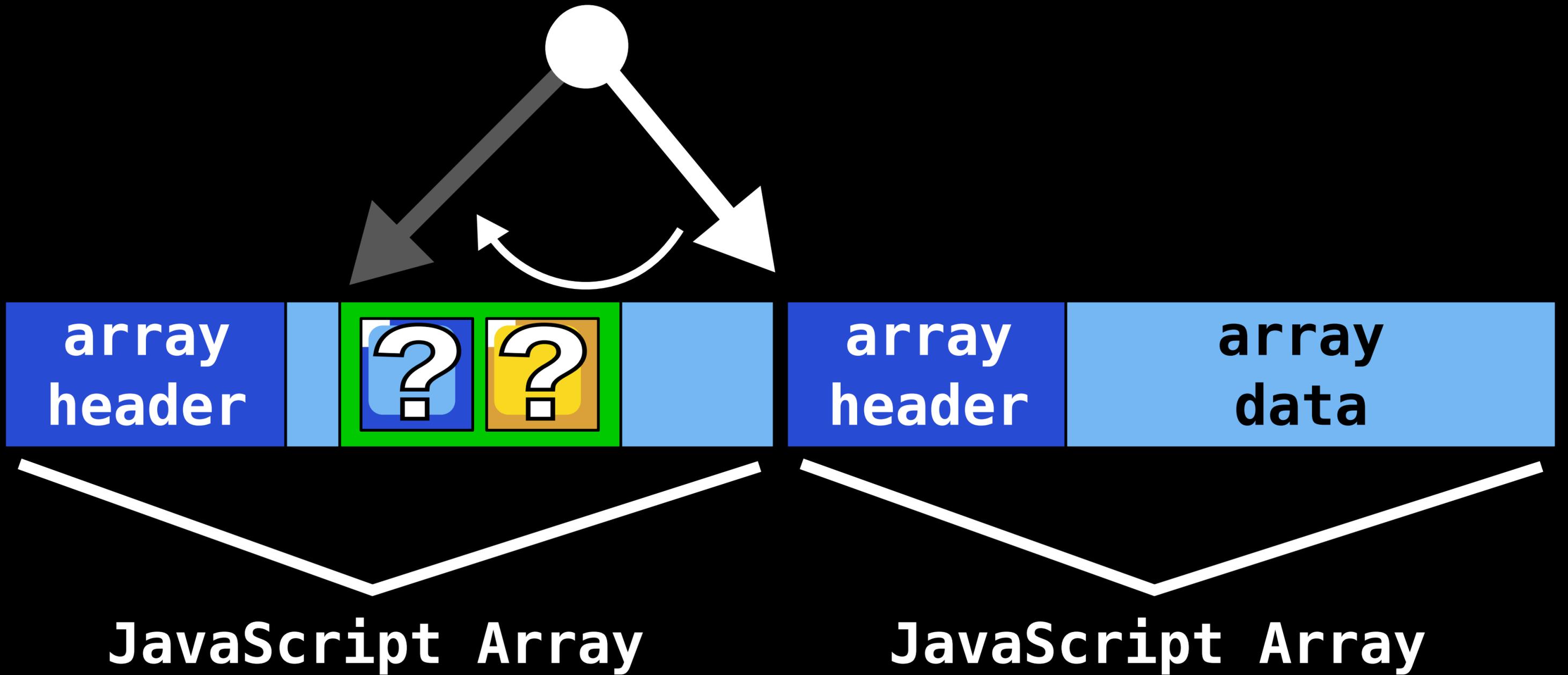
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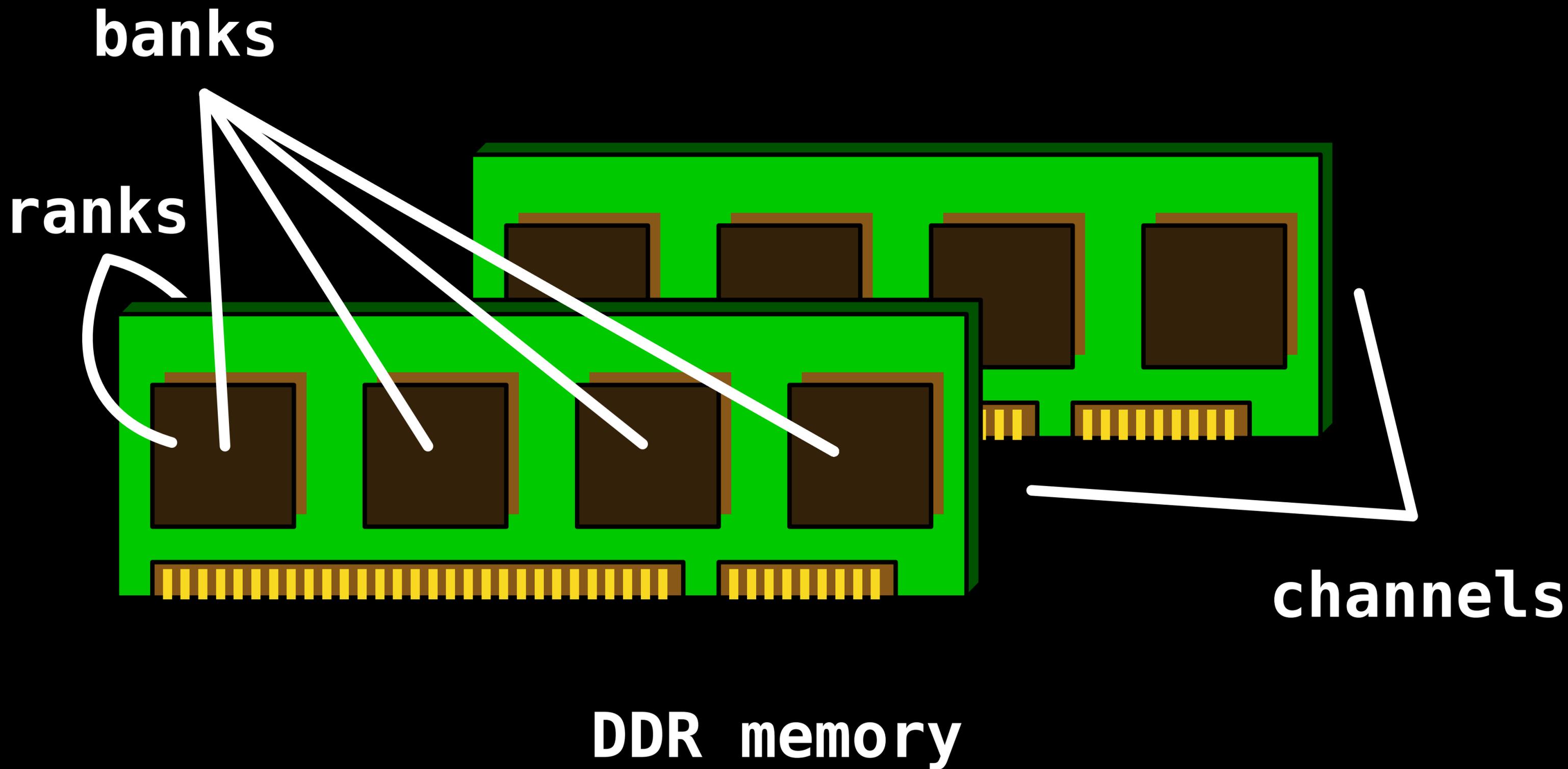
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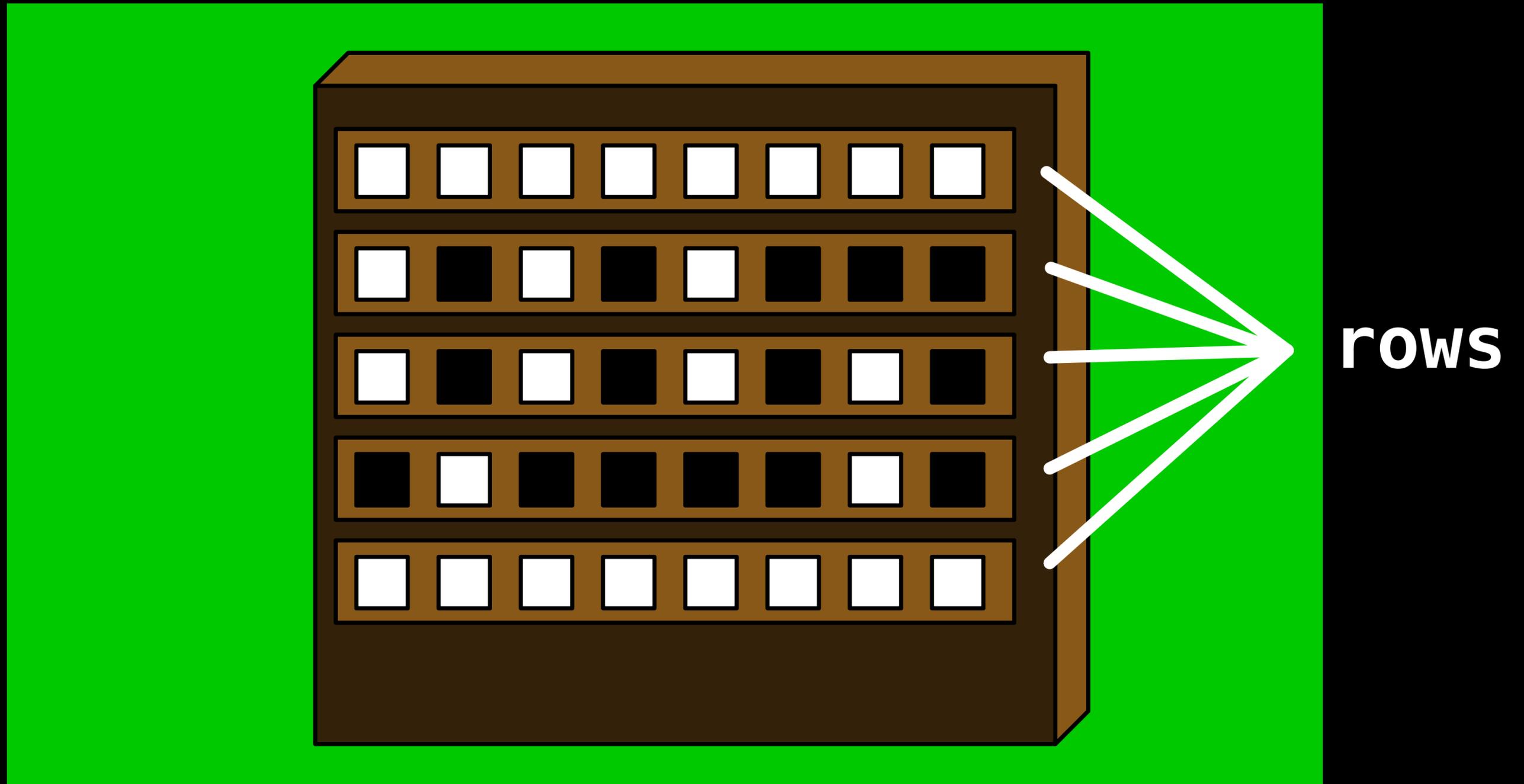
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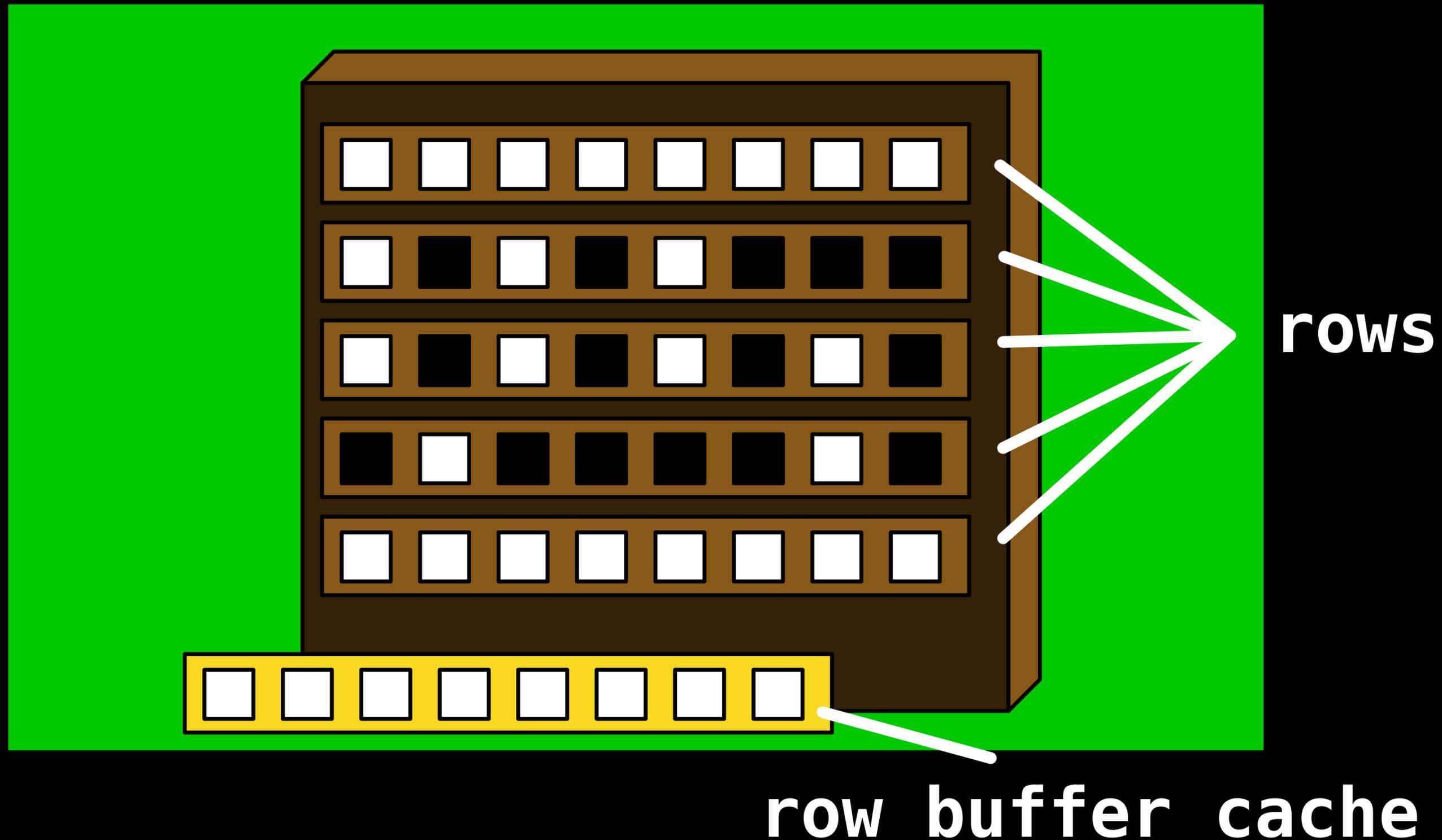
Rowhammer attack



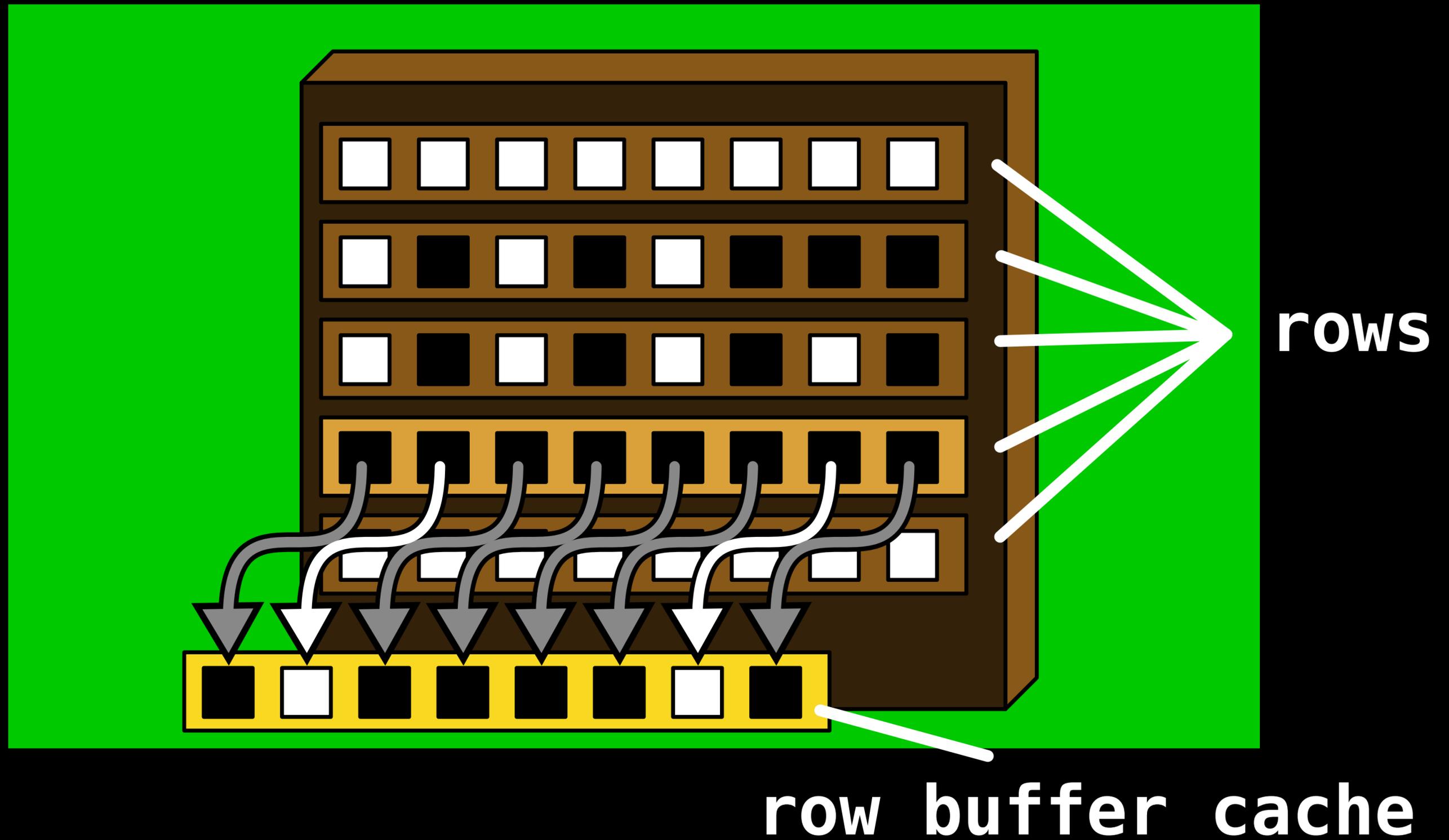
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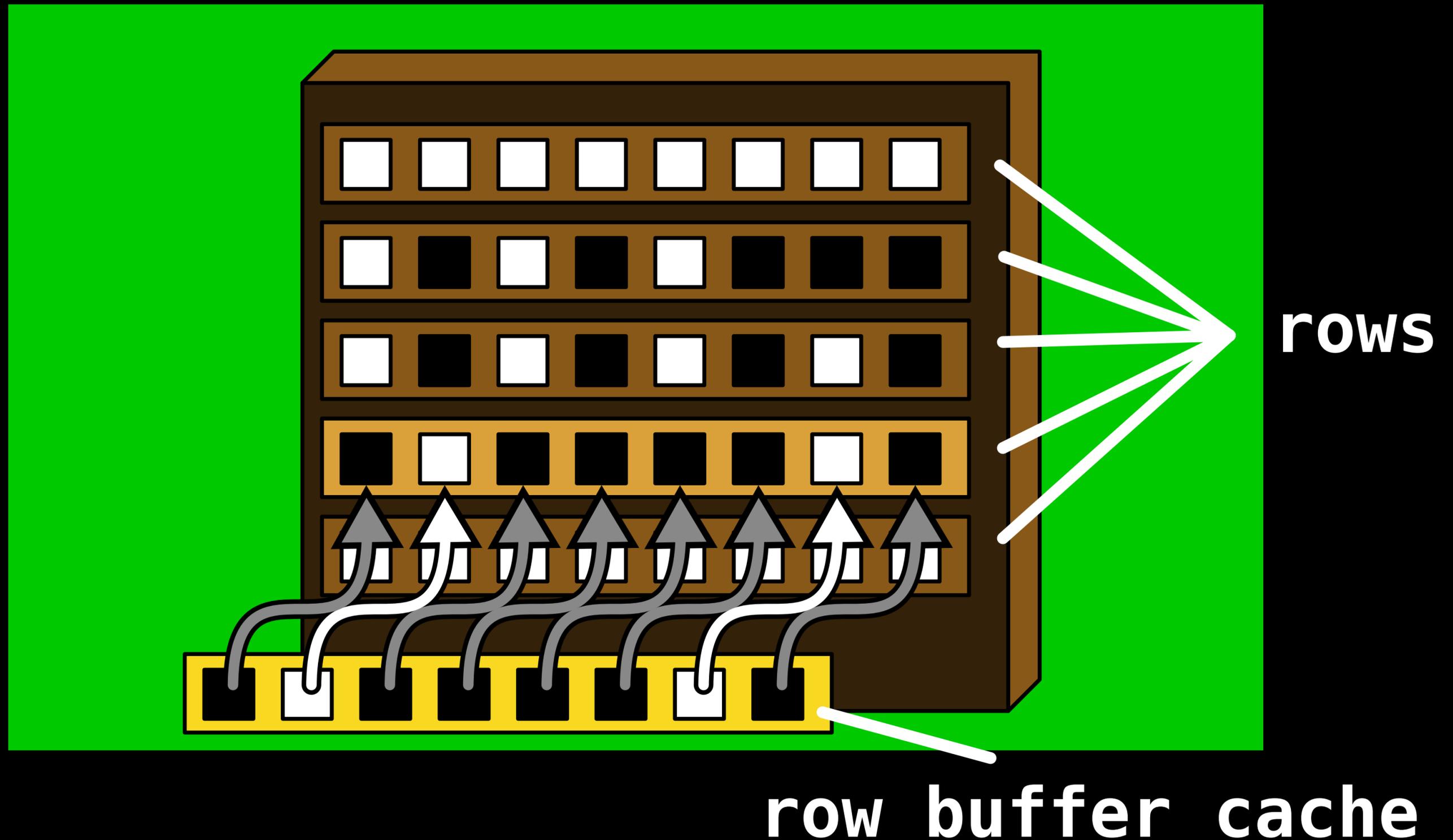
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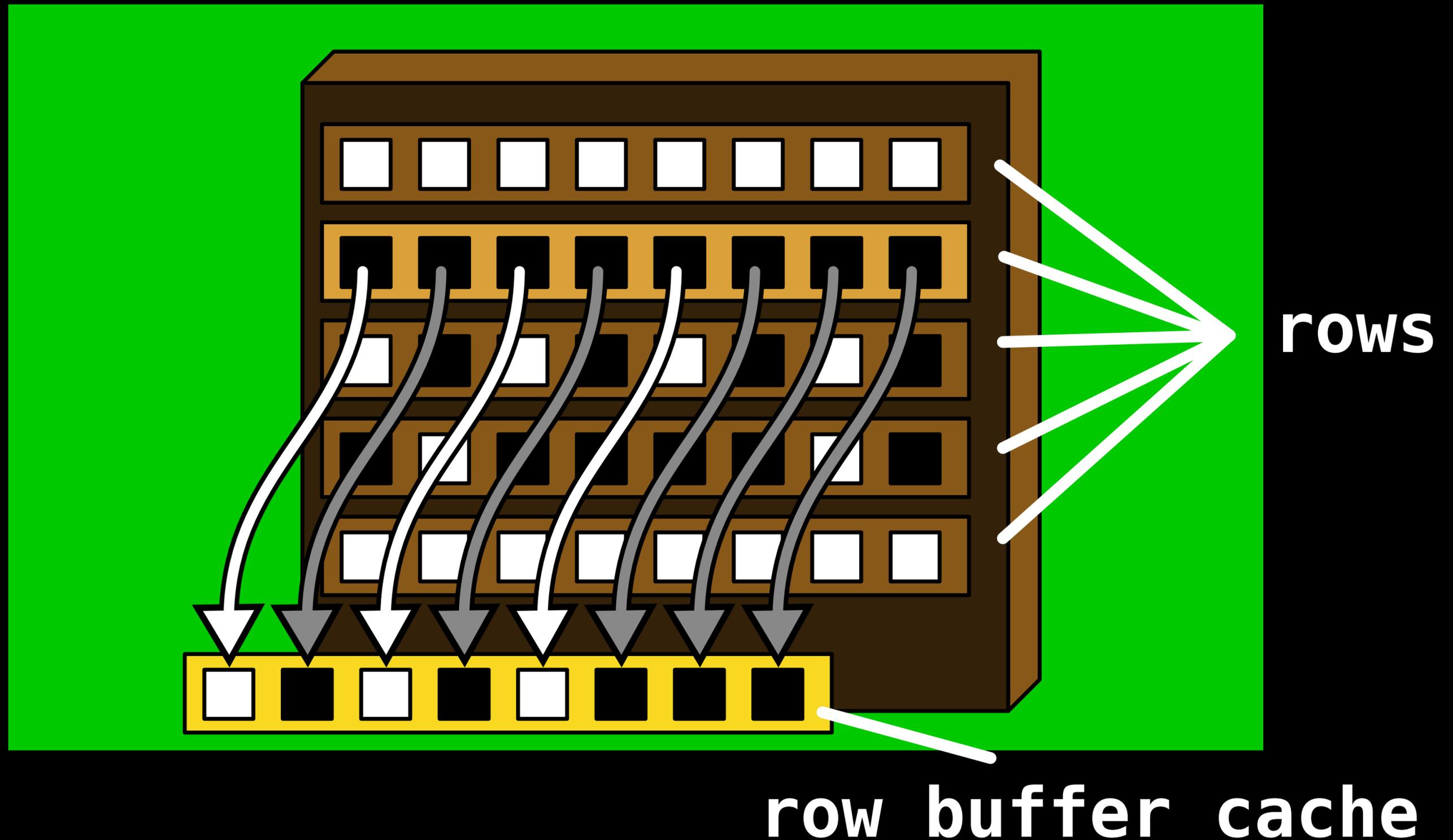
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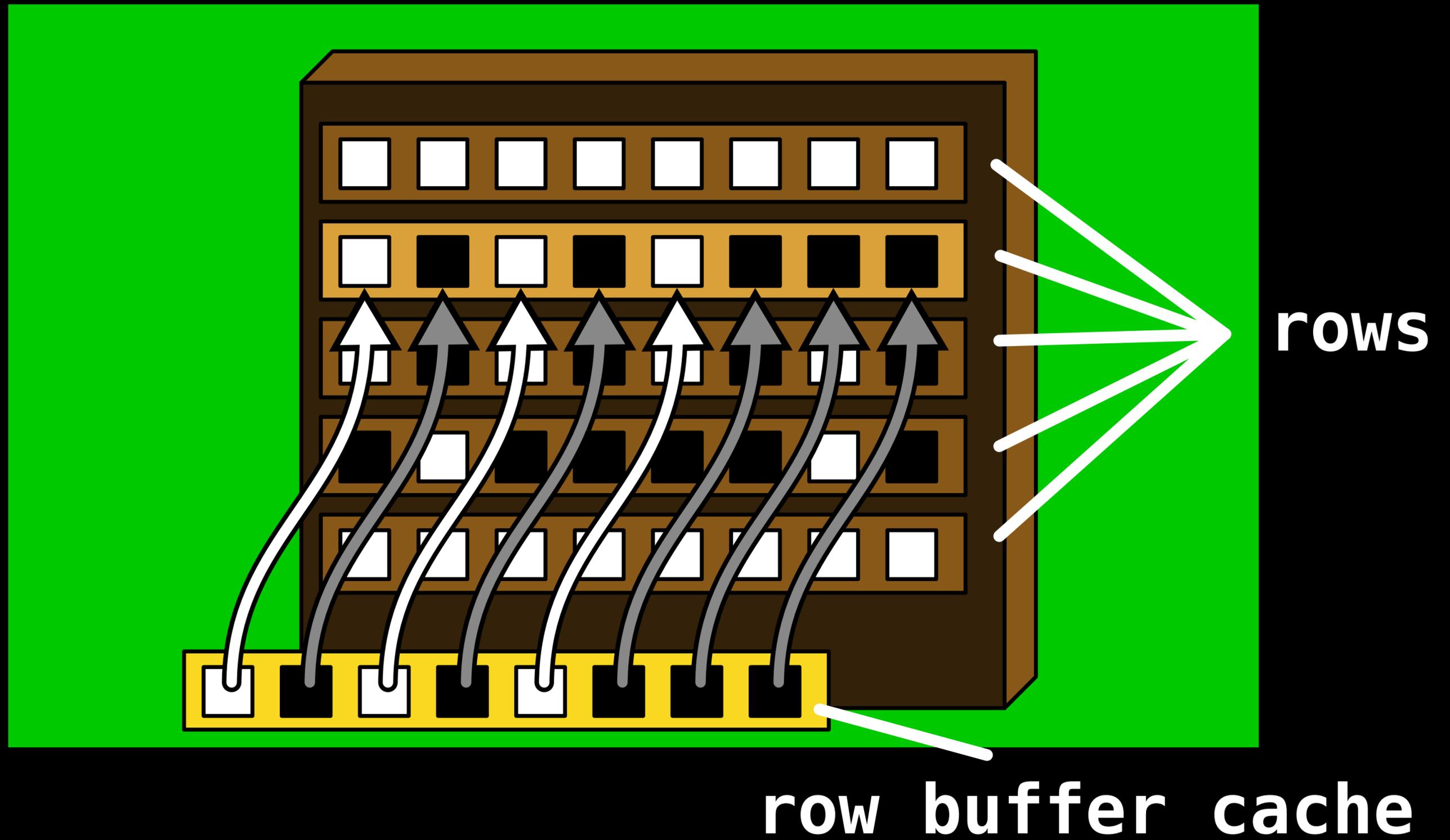
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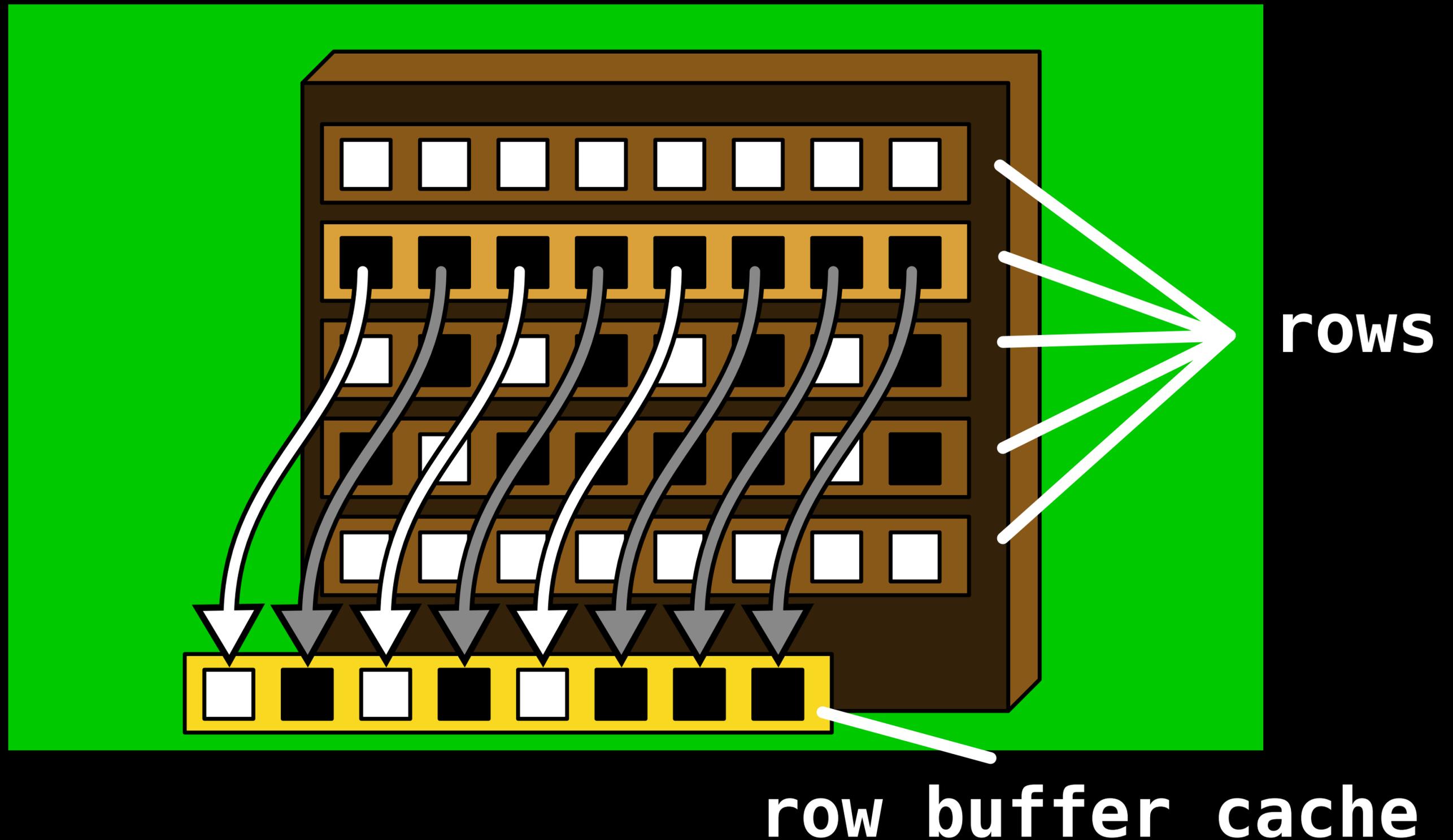
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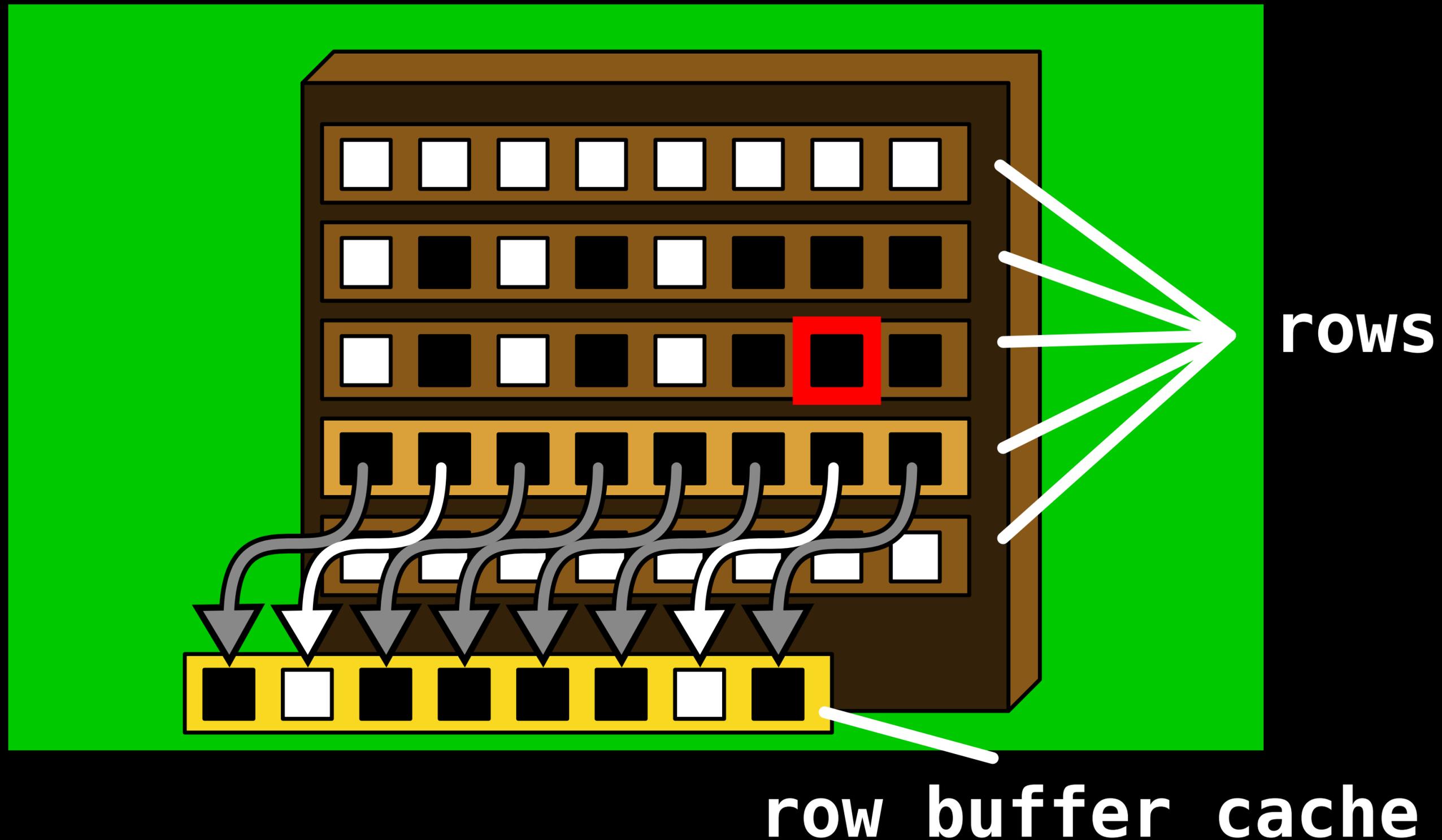
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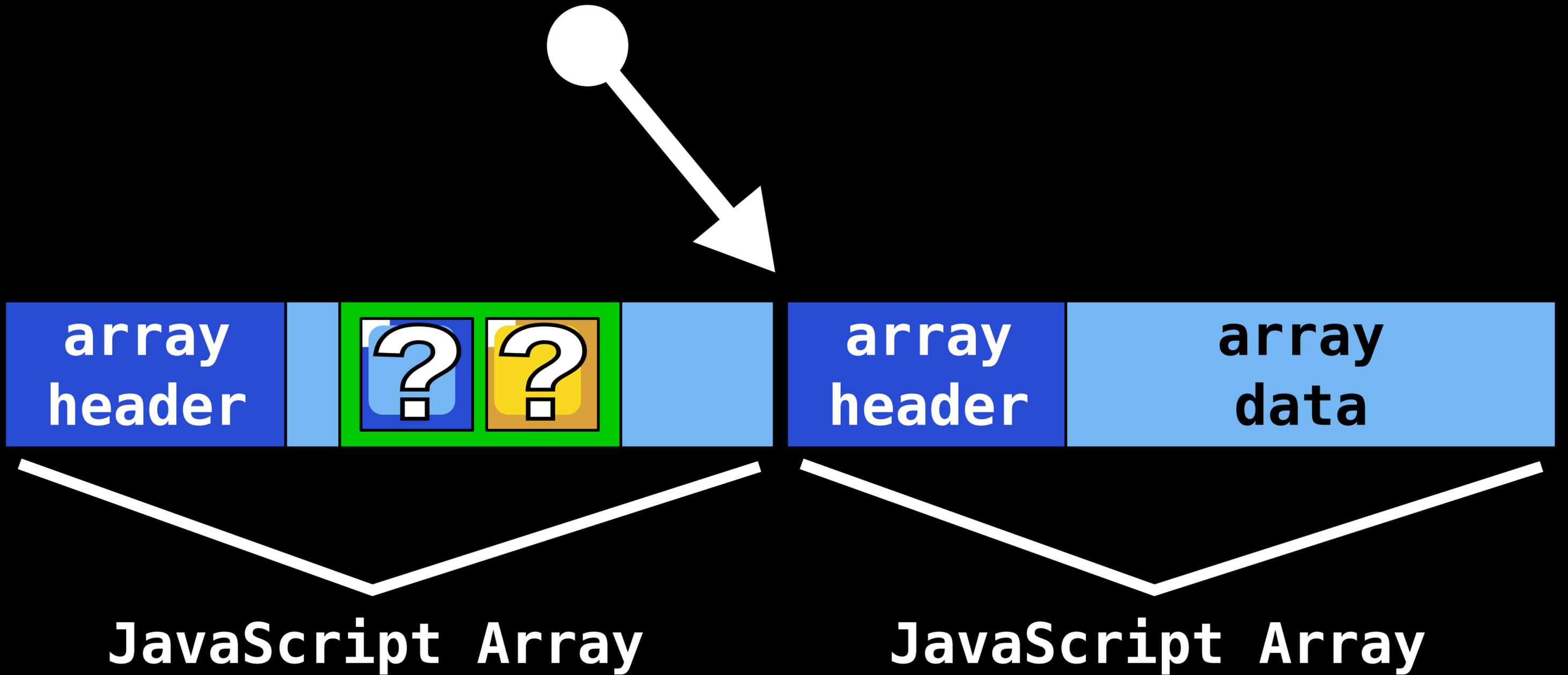
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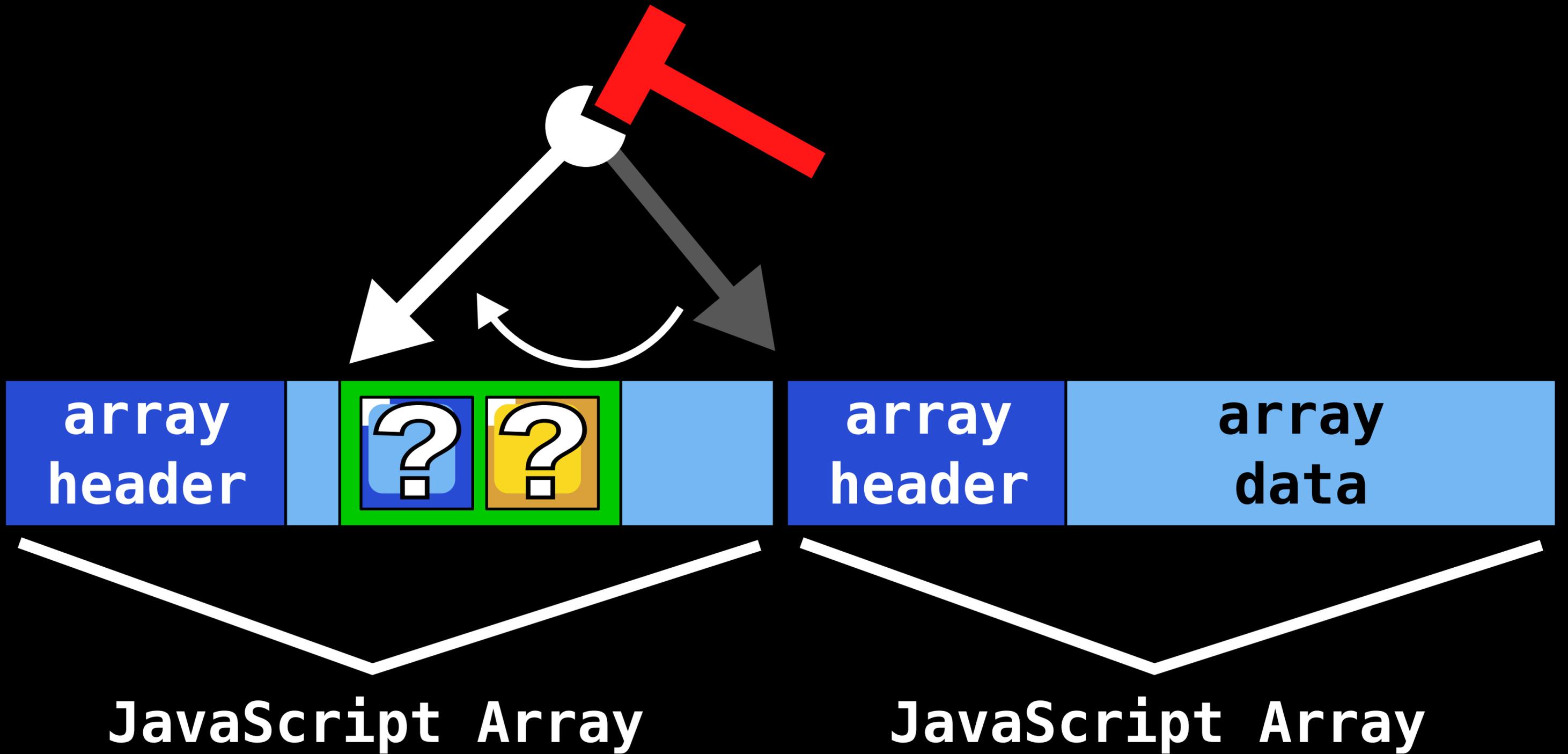
Rowhammer attack



Pointer pivoting



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**Rowhammer
(hardware bug)**

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+

**Deduplication
(more than a software side-channel)**

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Cross-VM compromise

Rowhammer bit flips:

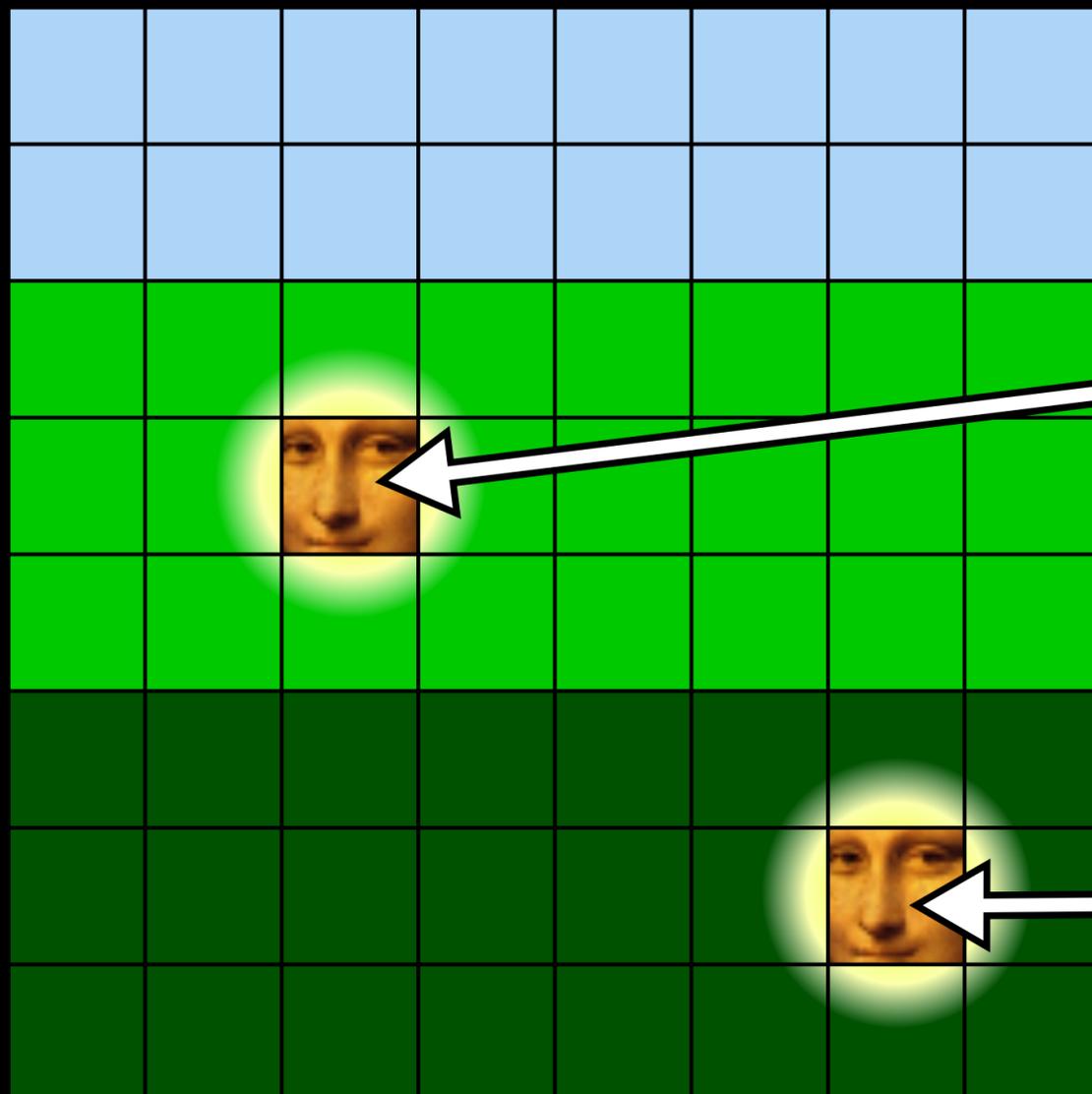
- 1) Unpredictable on which (virtual) page**
- 2) Unpredictable where in the page**
- 3) Repeatable once you've found a flip**

Flip Feng Shui goal:

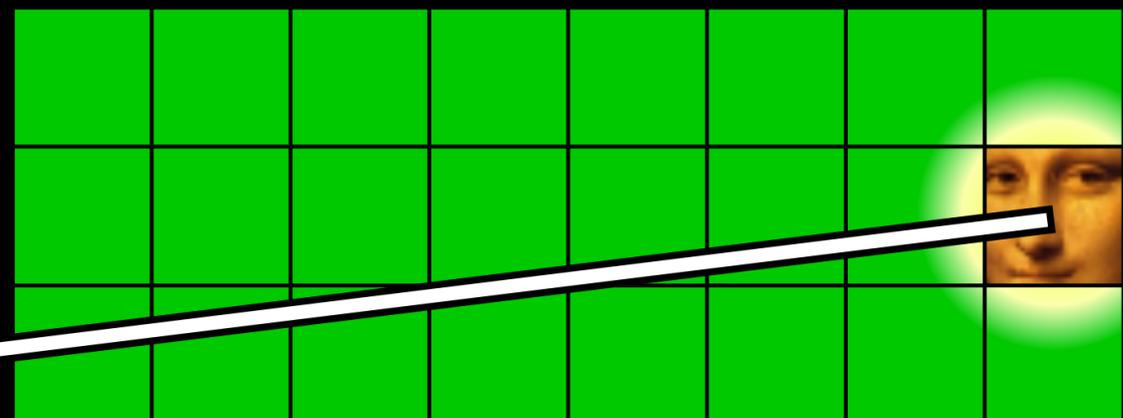
- > Find victim pages with known content which allow for exploitation when certain bits are flipped
- > Land this victim page in a physical memory location where this bit is flippable

Deduplication implementation: Windows 10

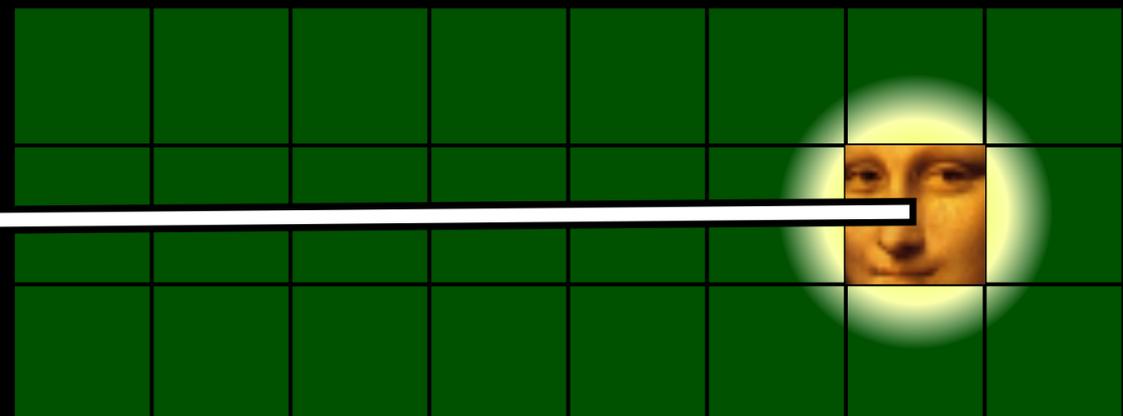
physical memory



attacker memory

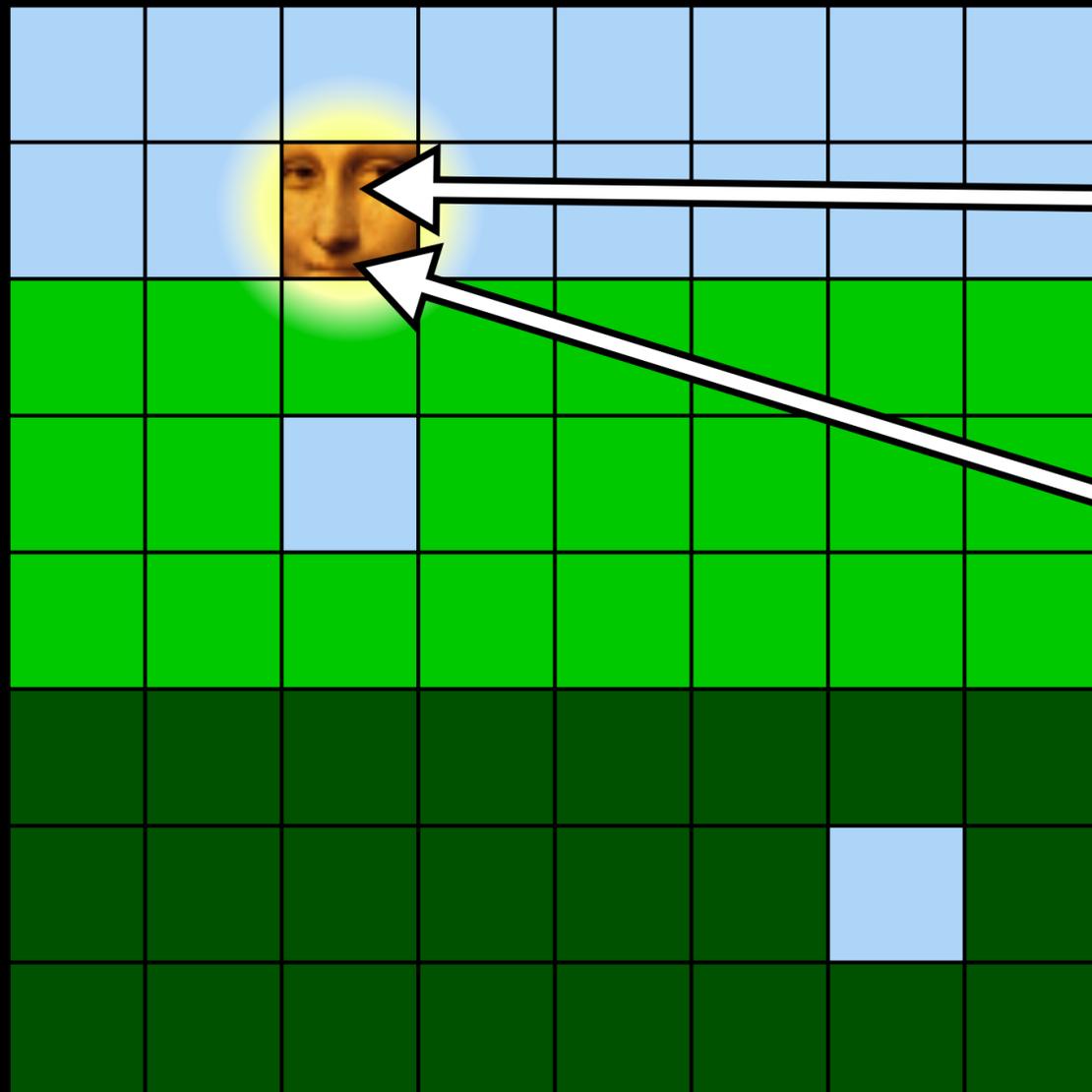


victim memory

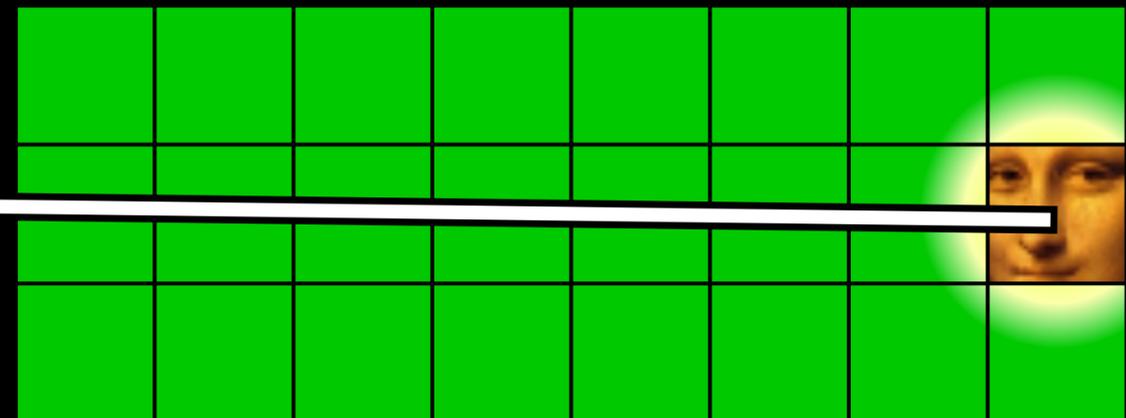


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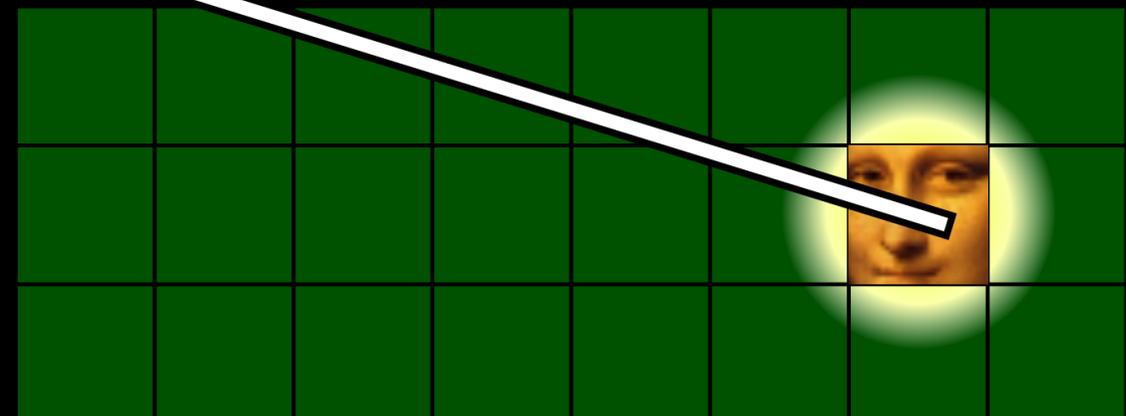
physical memory



attacker memory

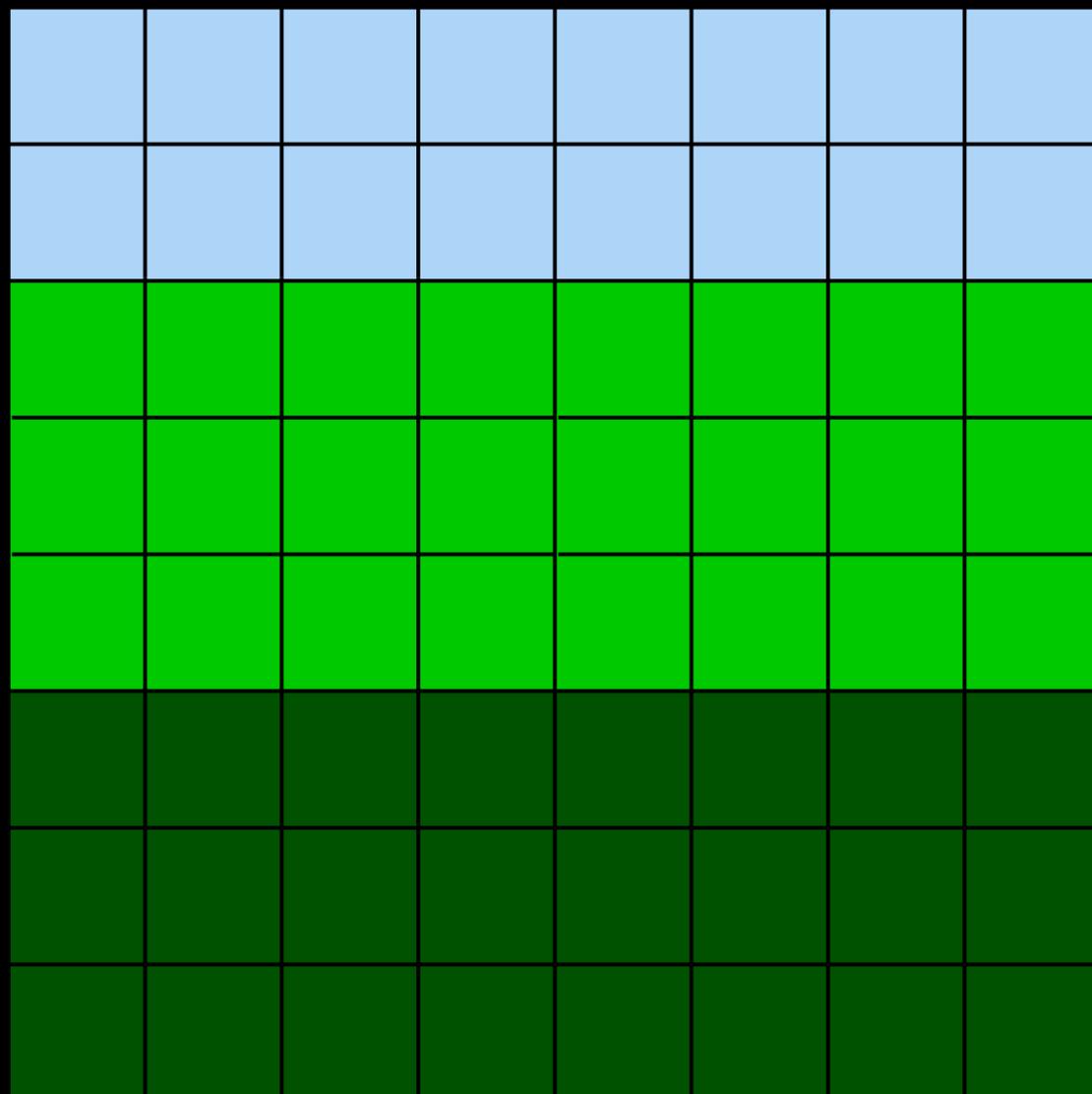


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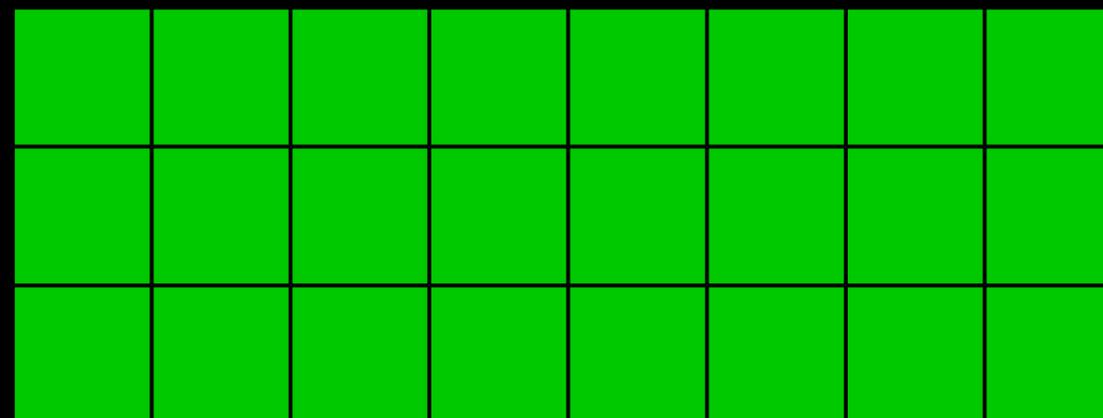


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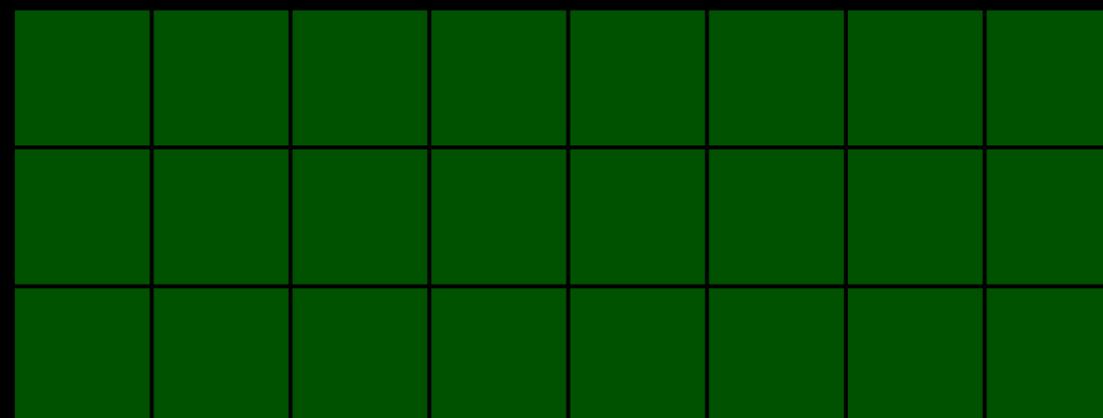
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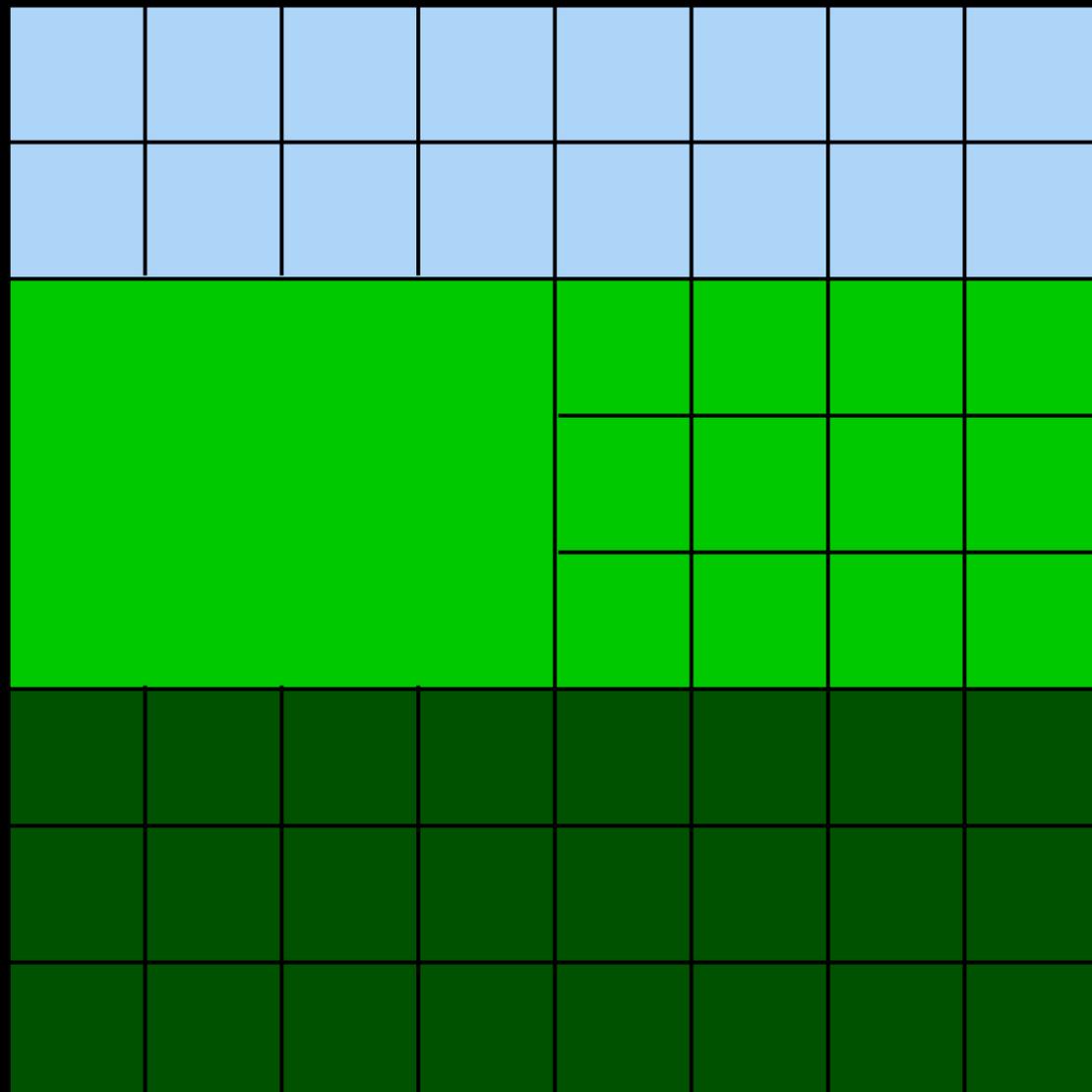


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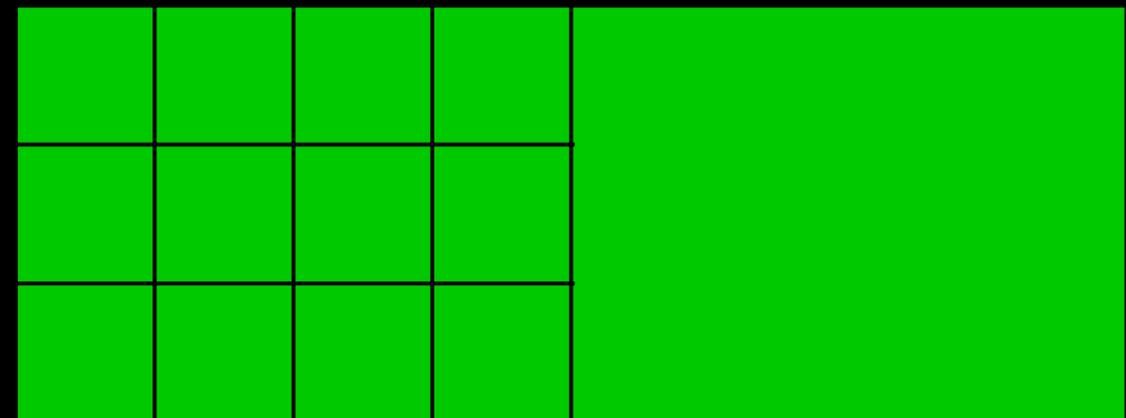


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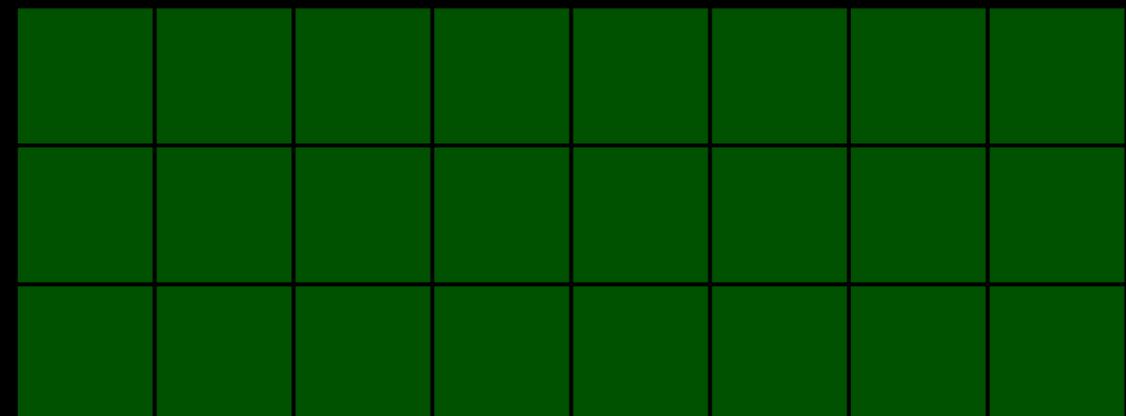
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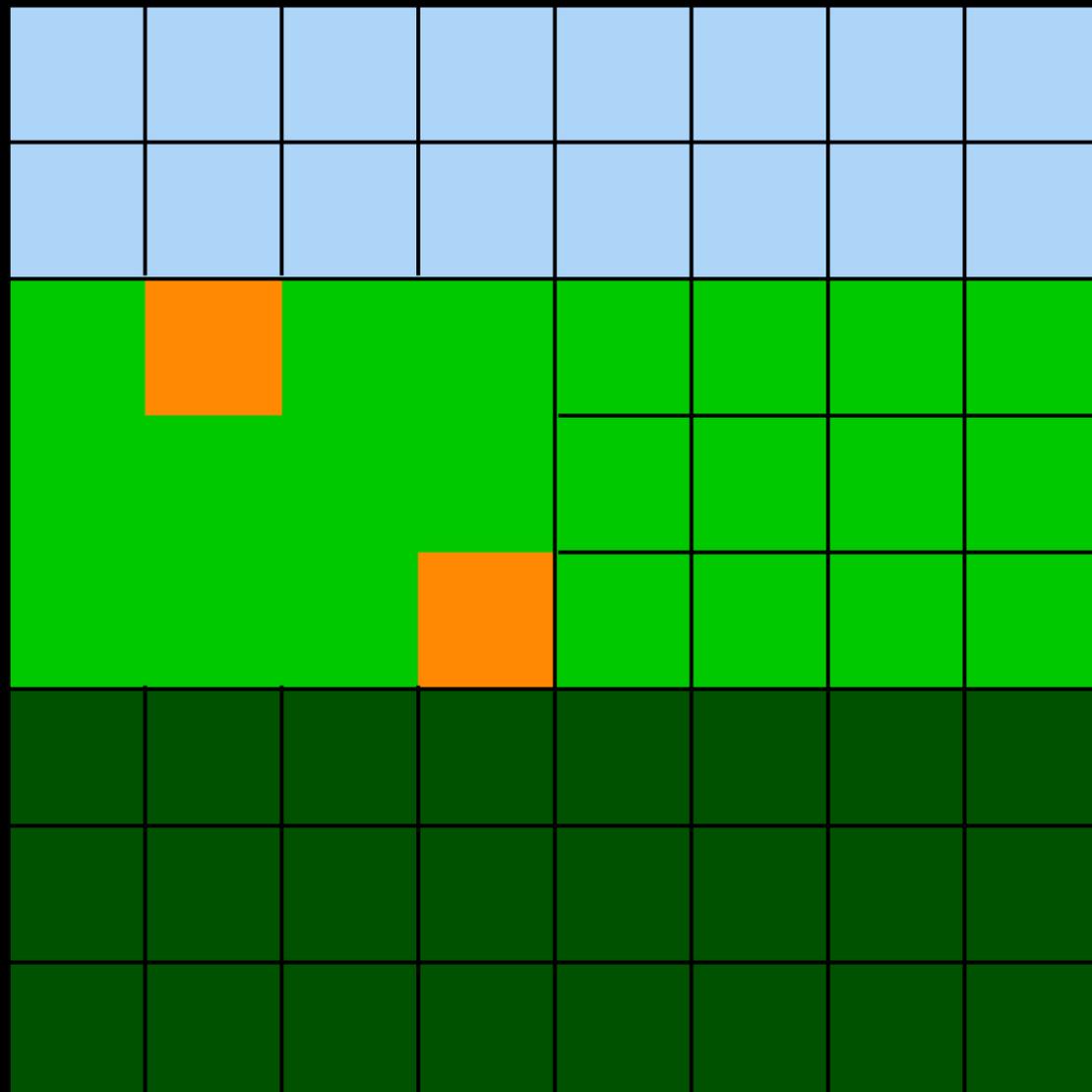


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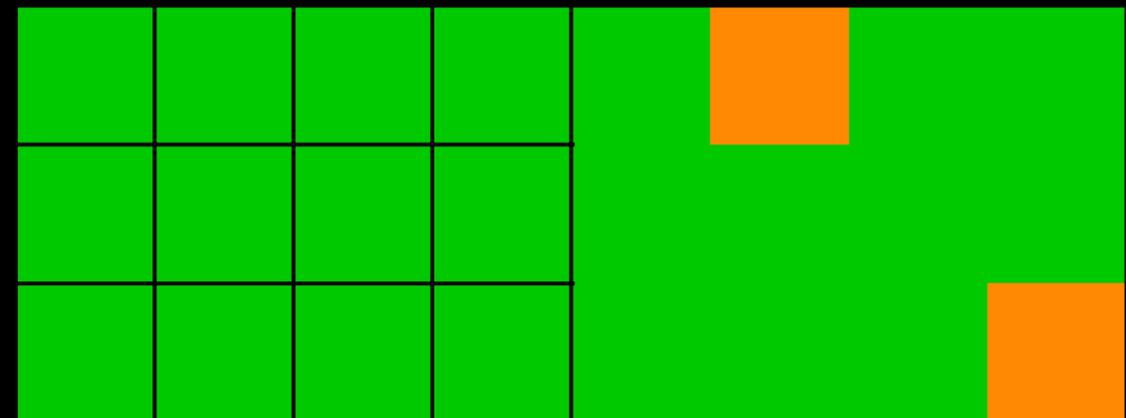


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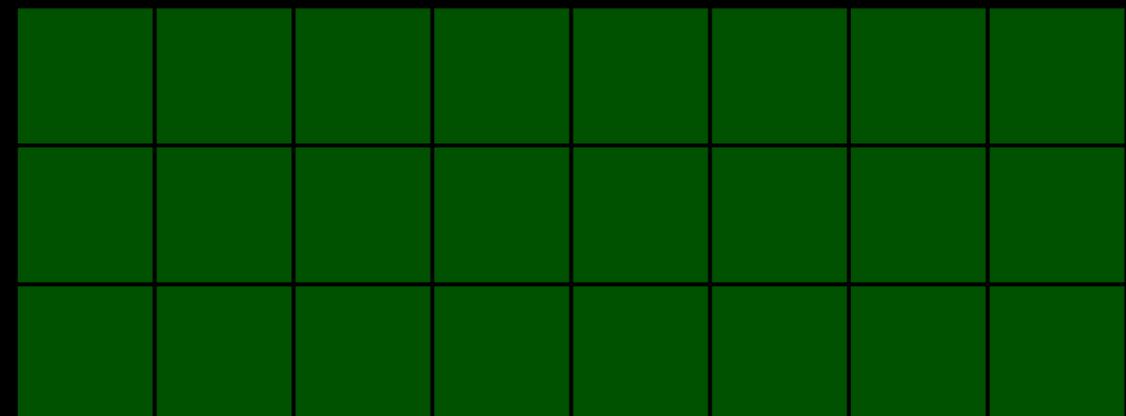
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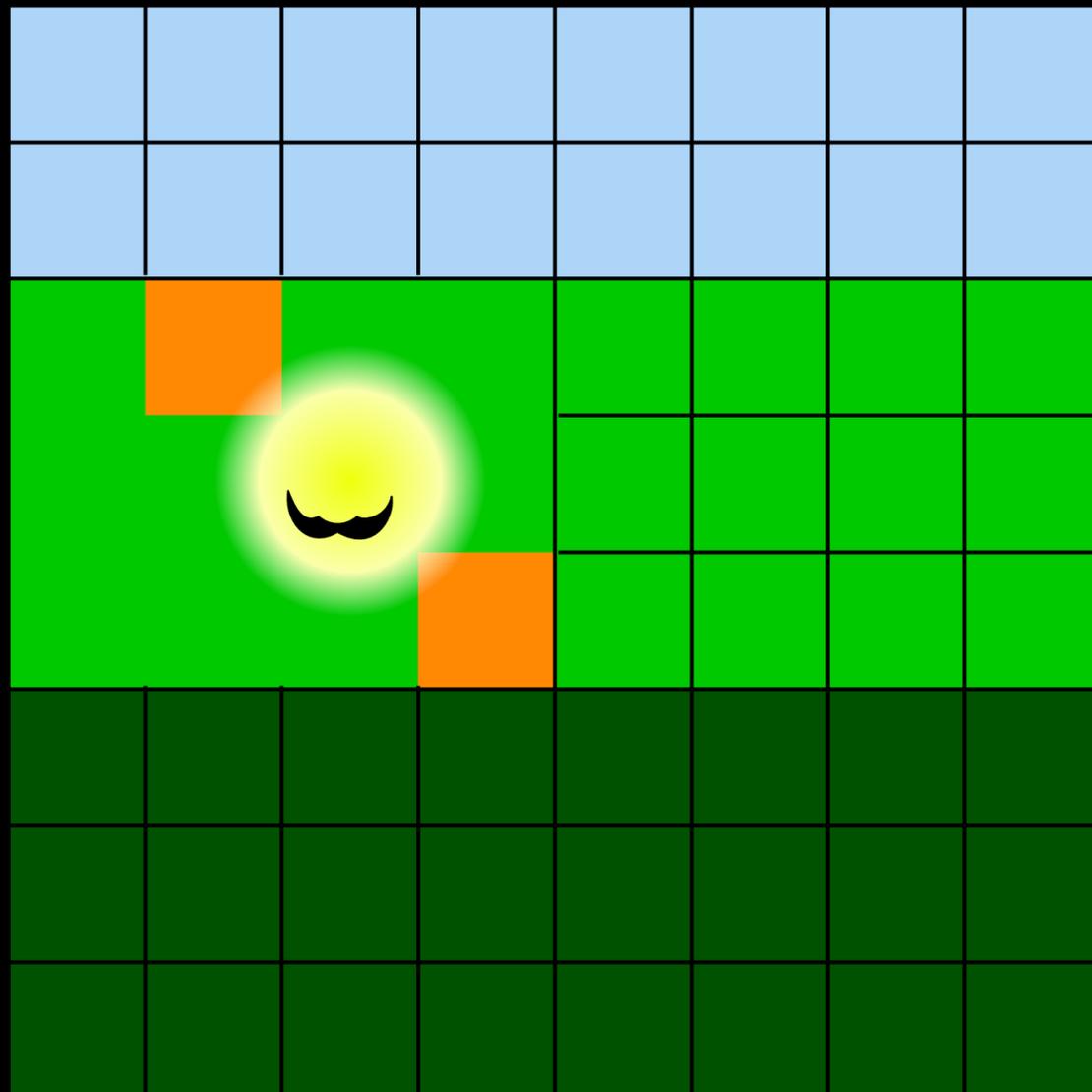


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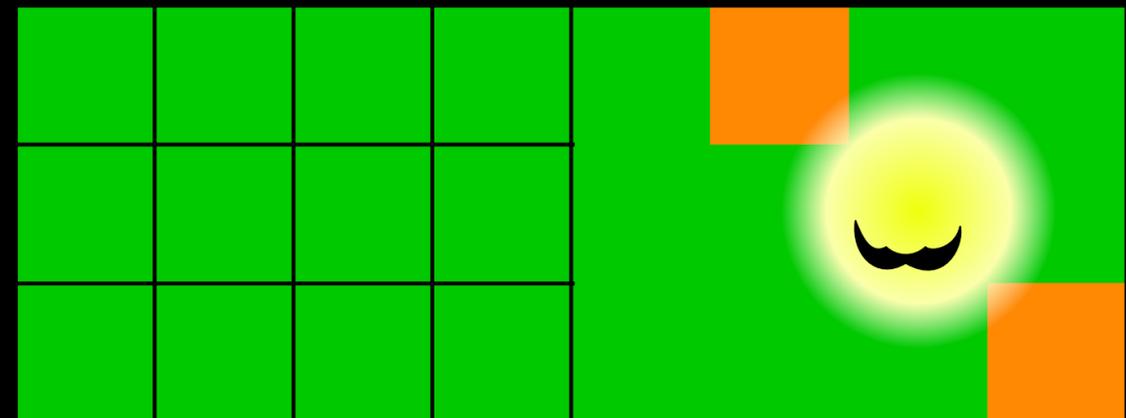


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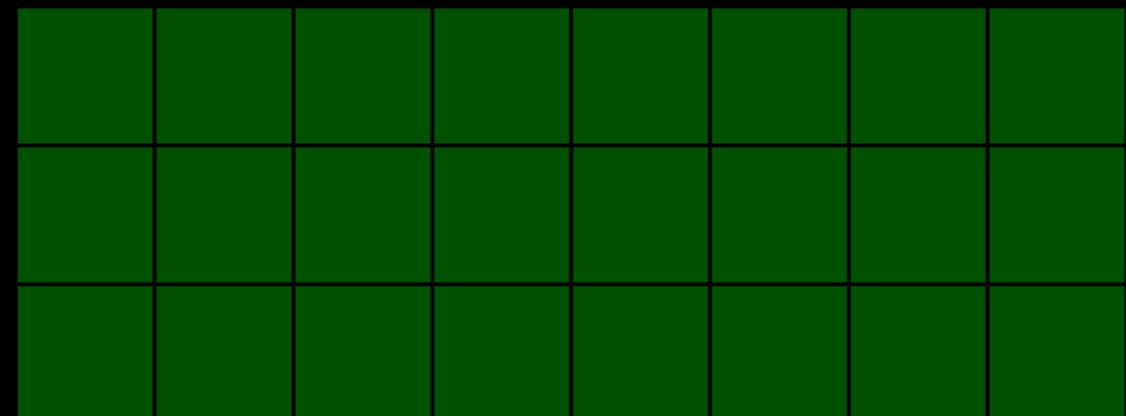
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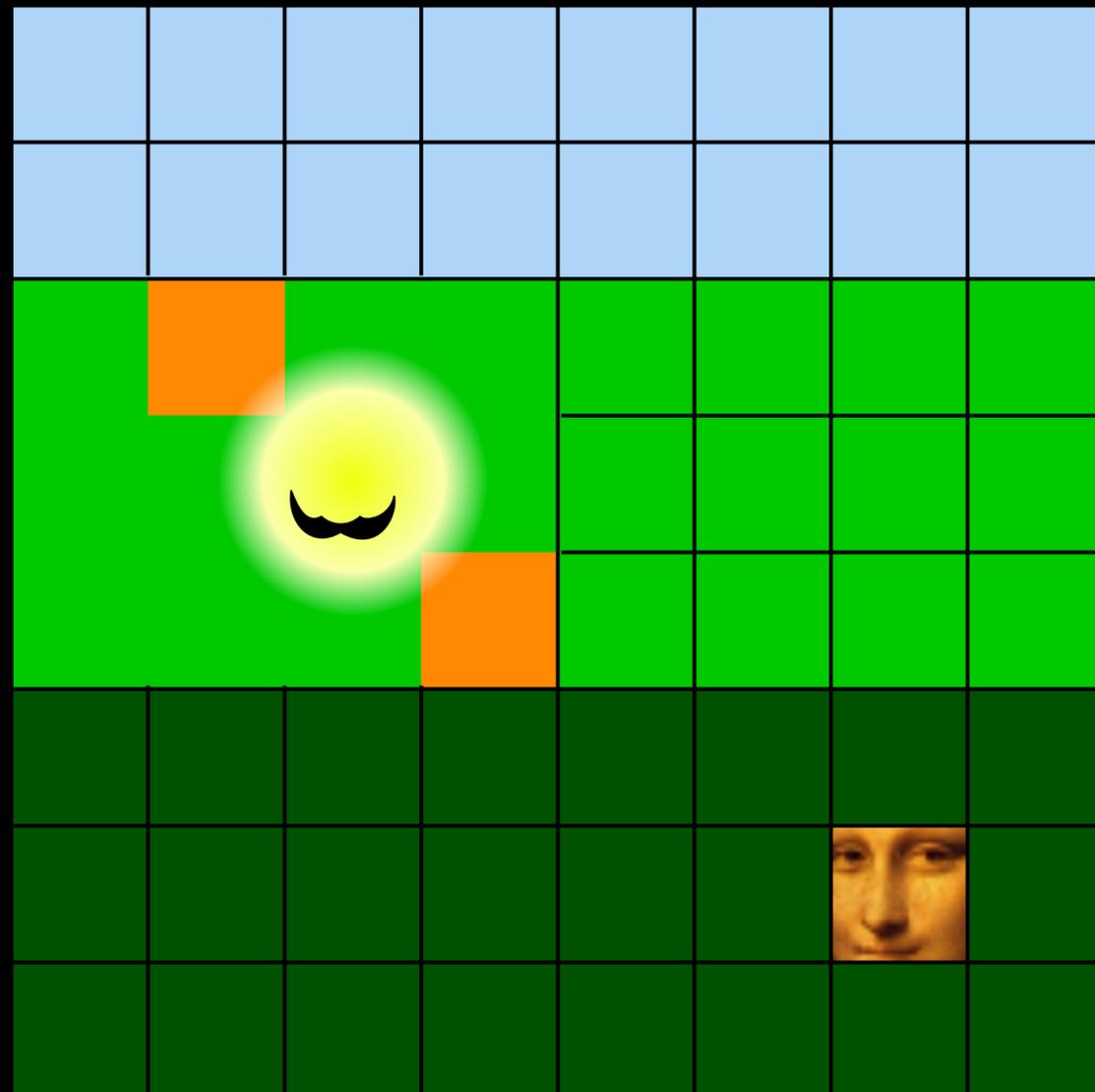


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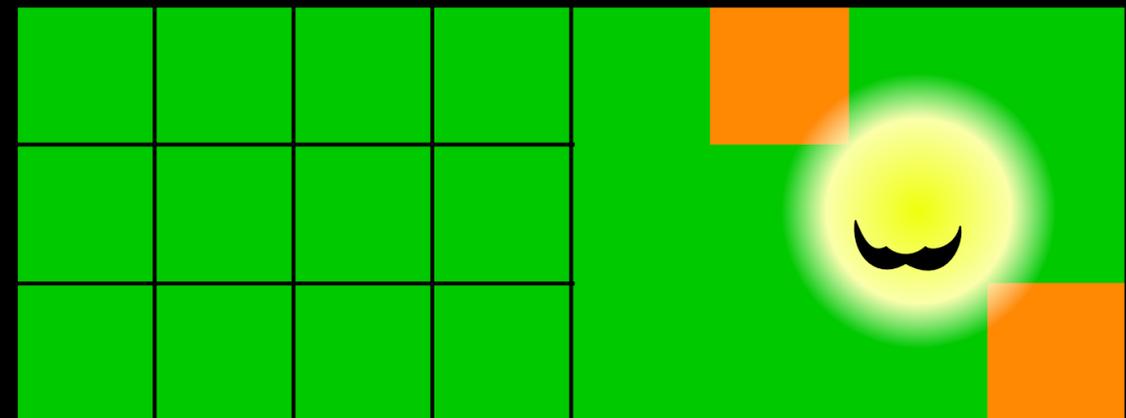


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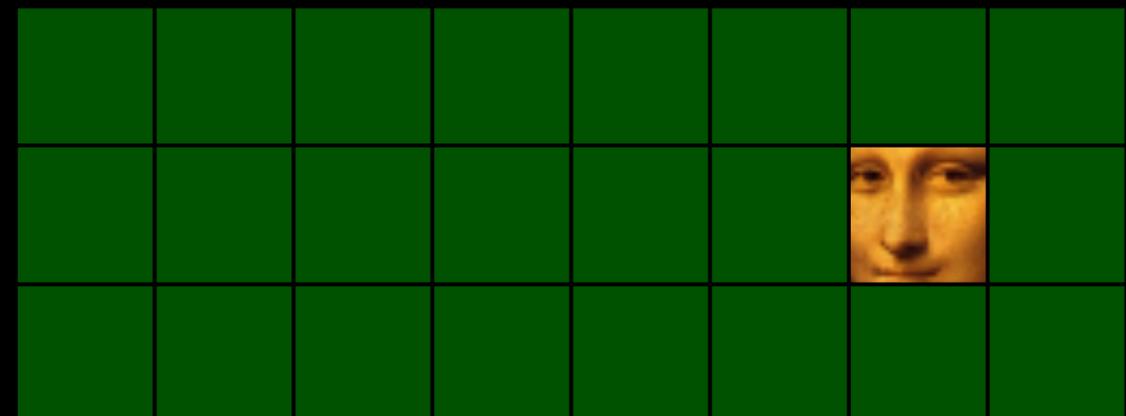
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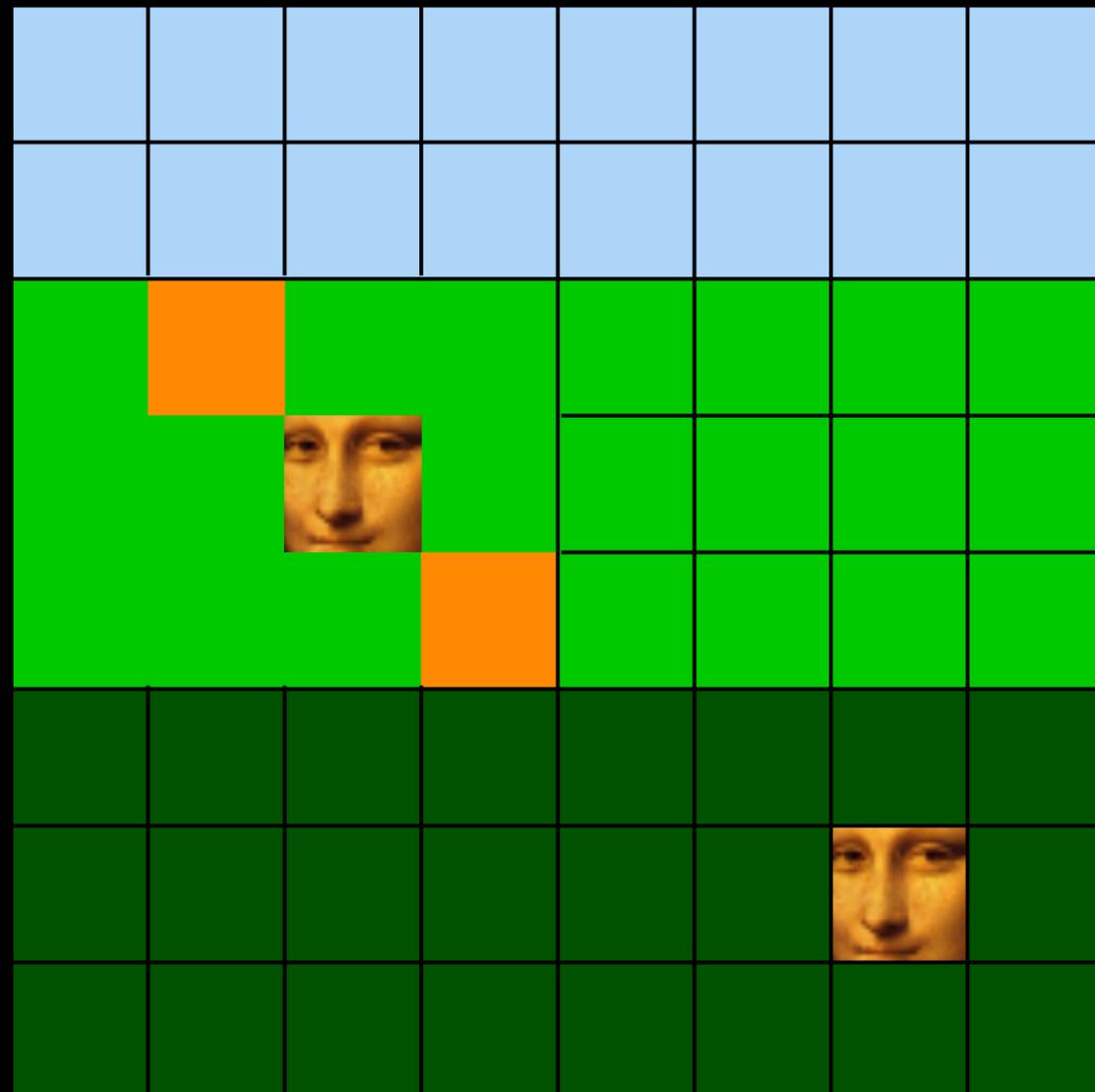


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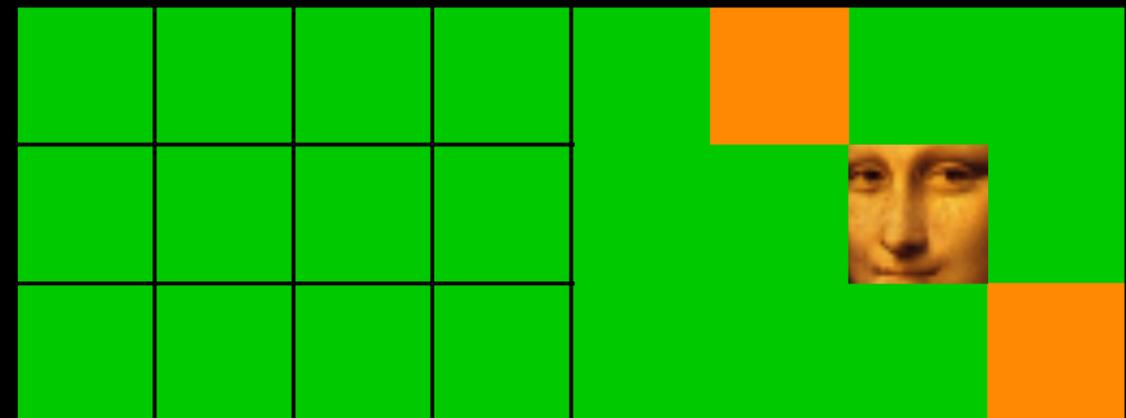


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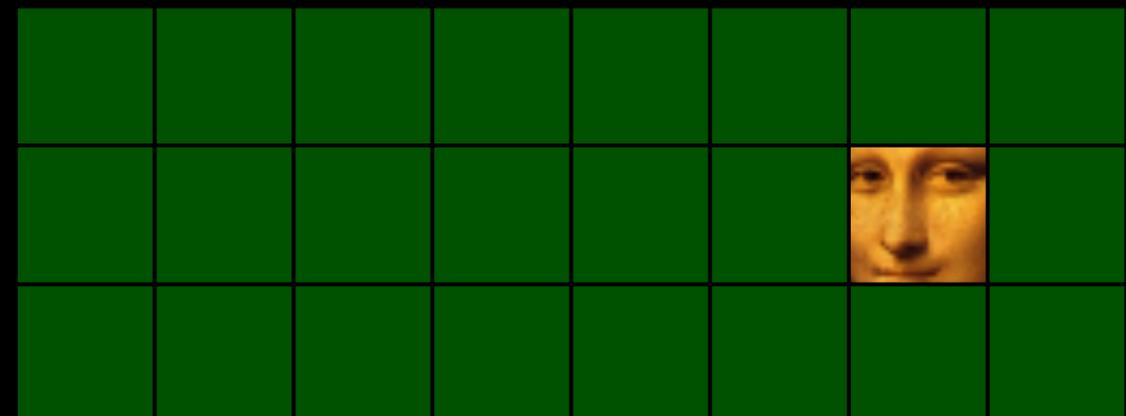
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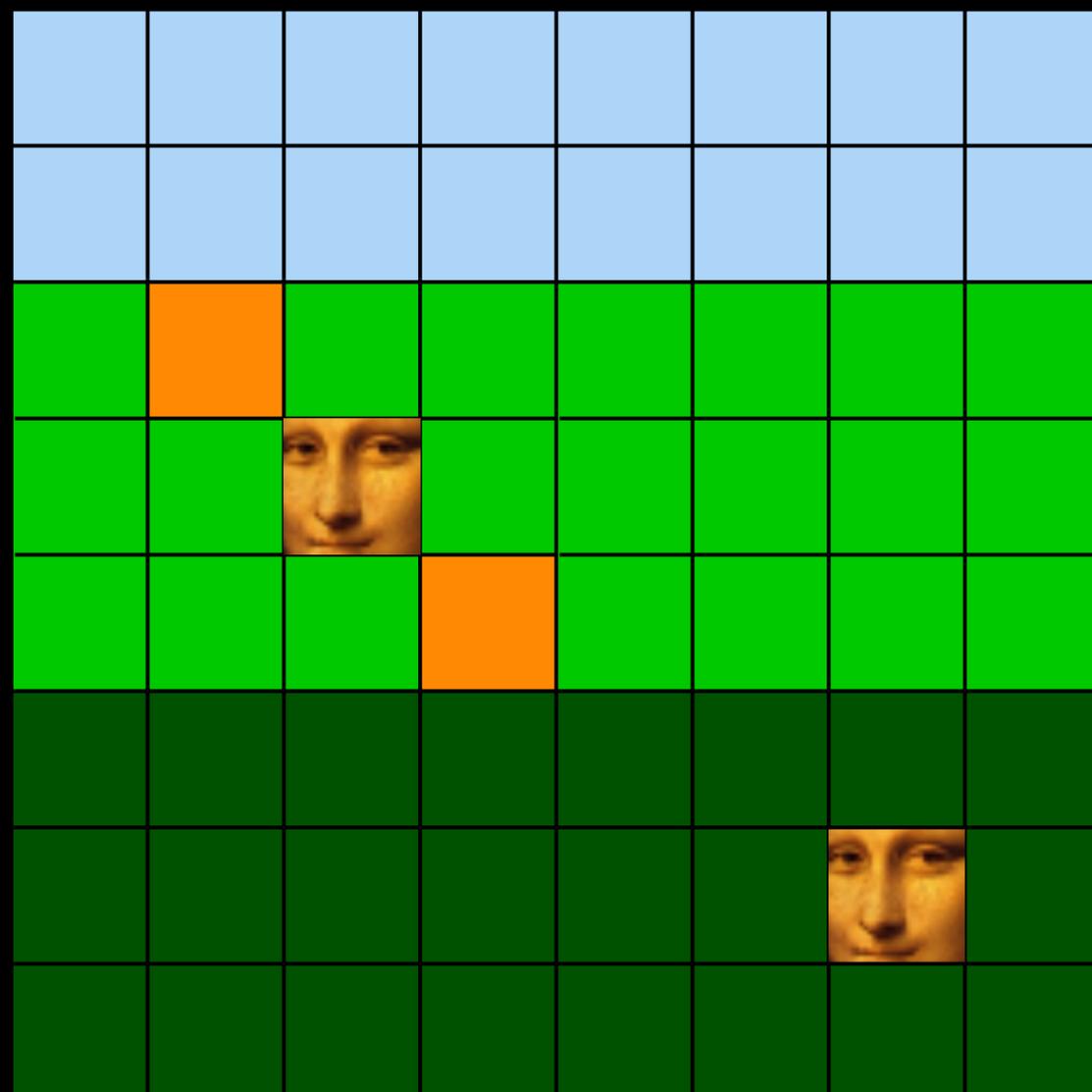


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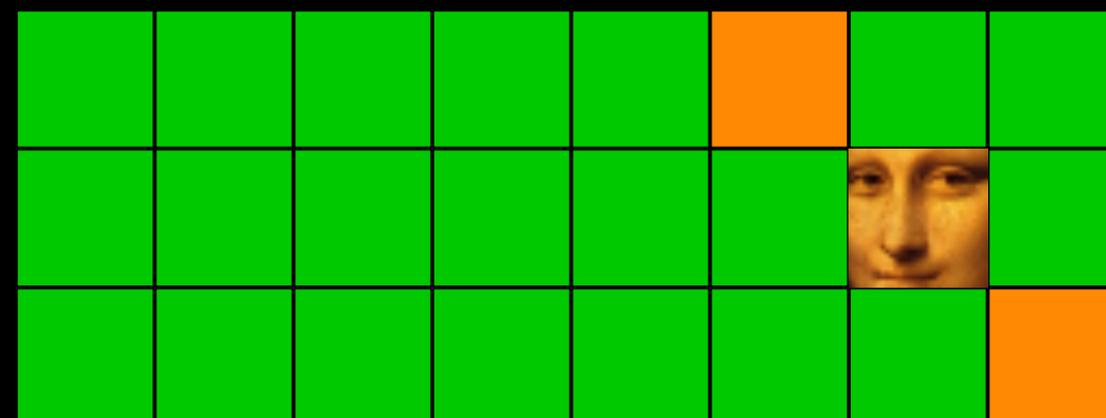


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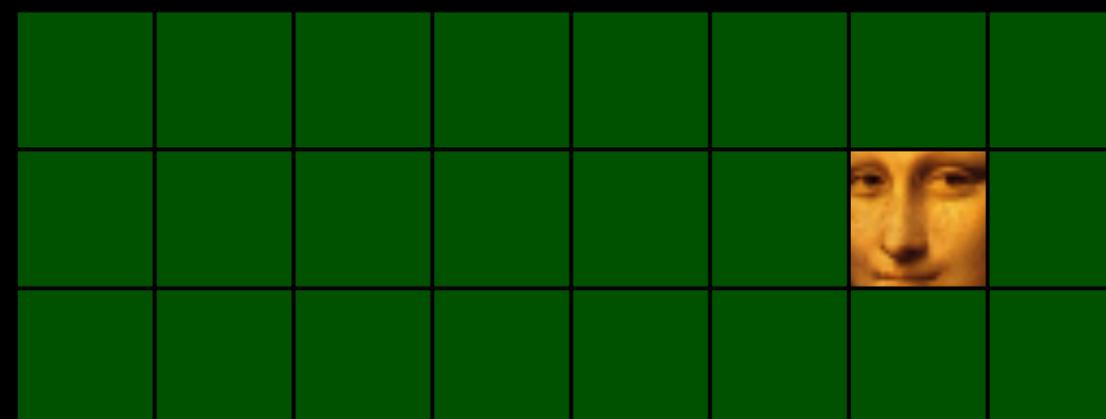
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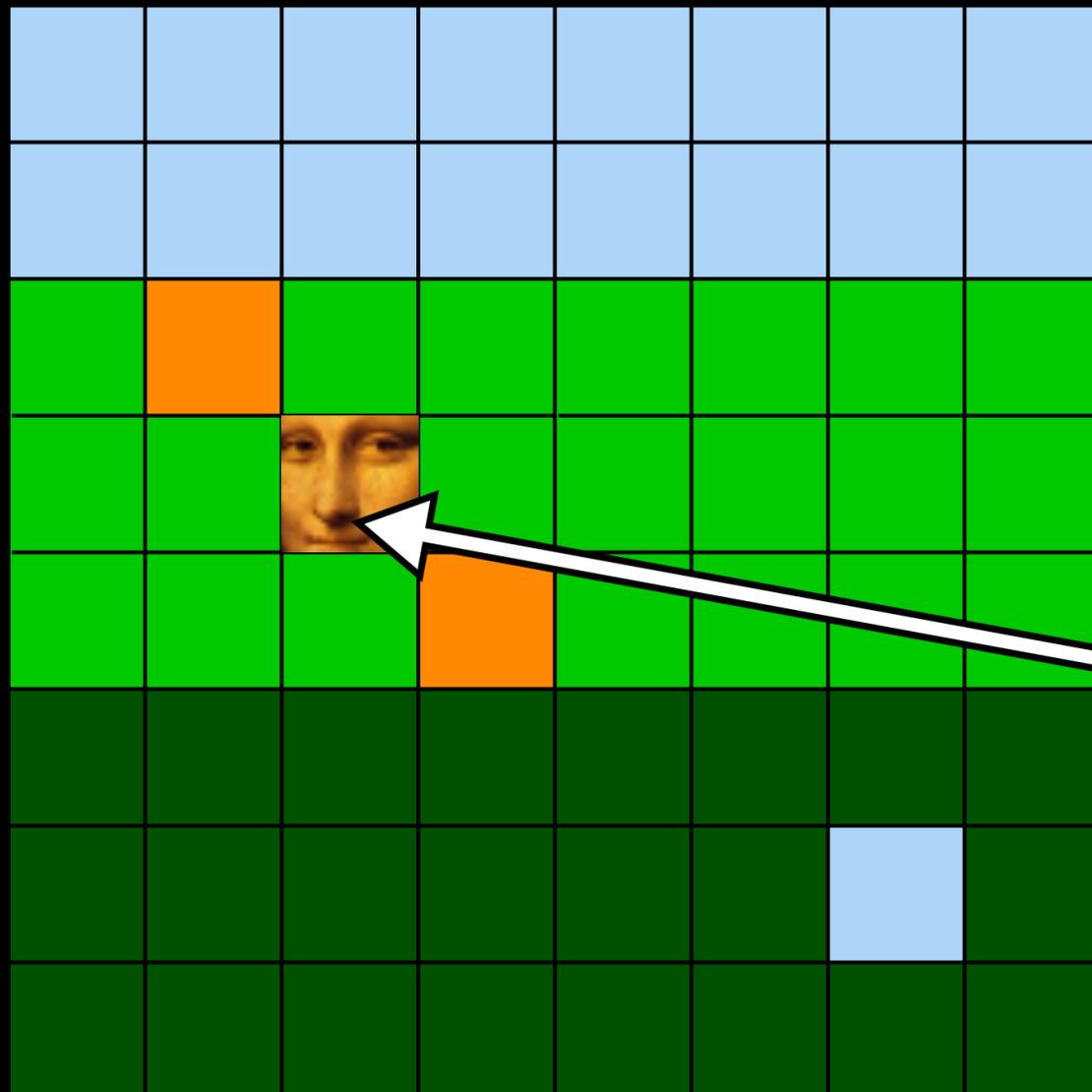


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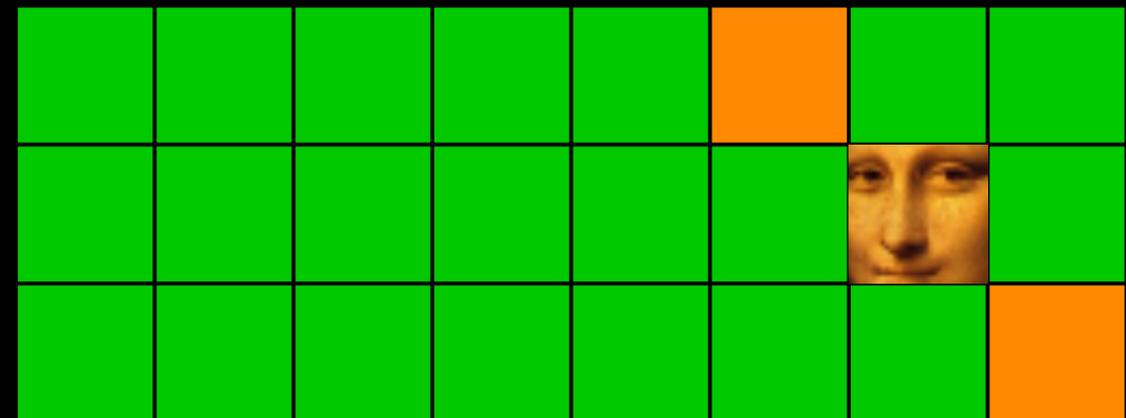


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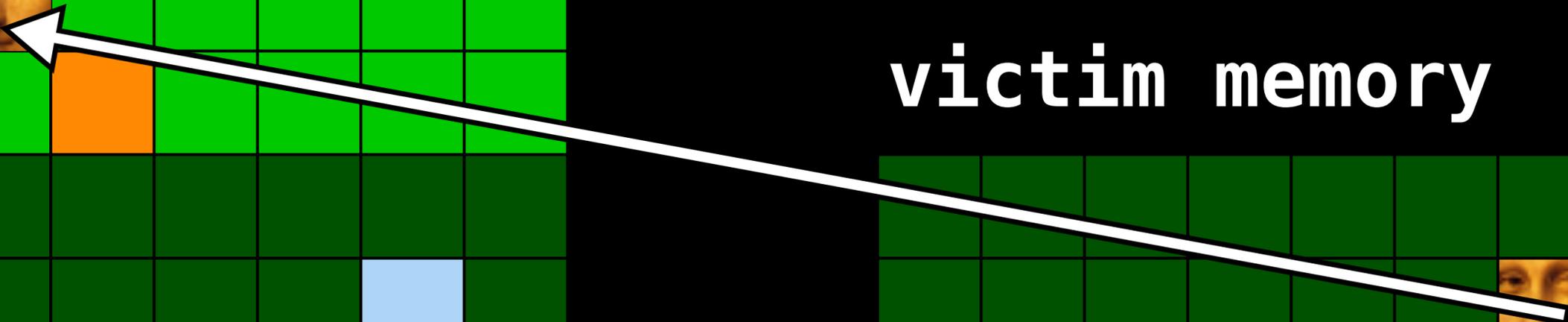
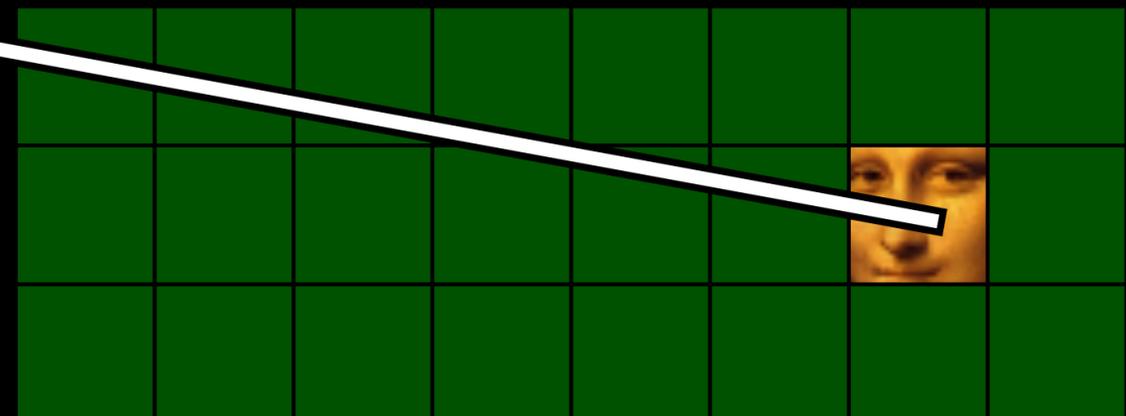
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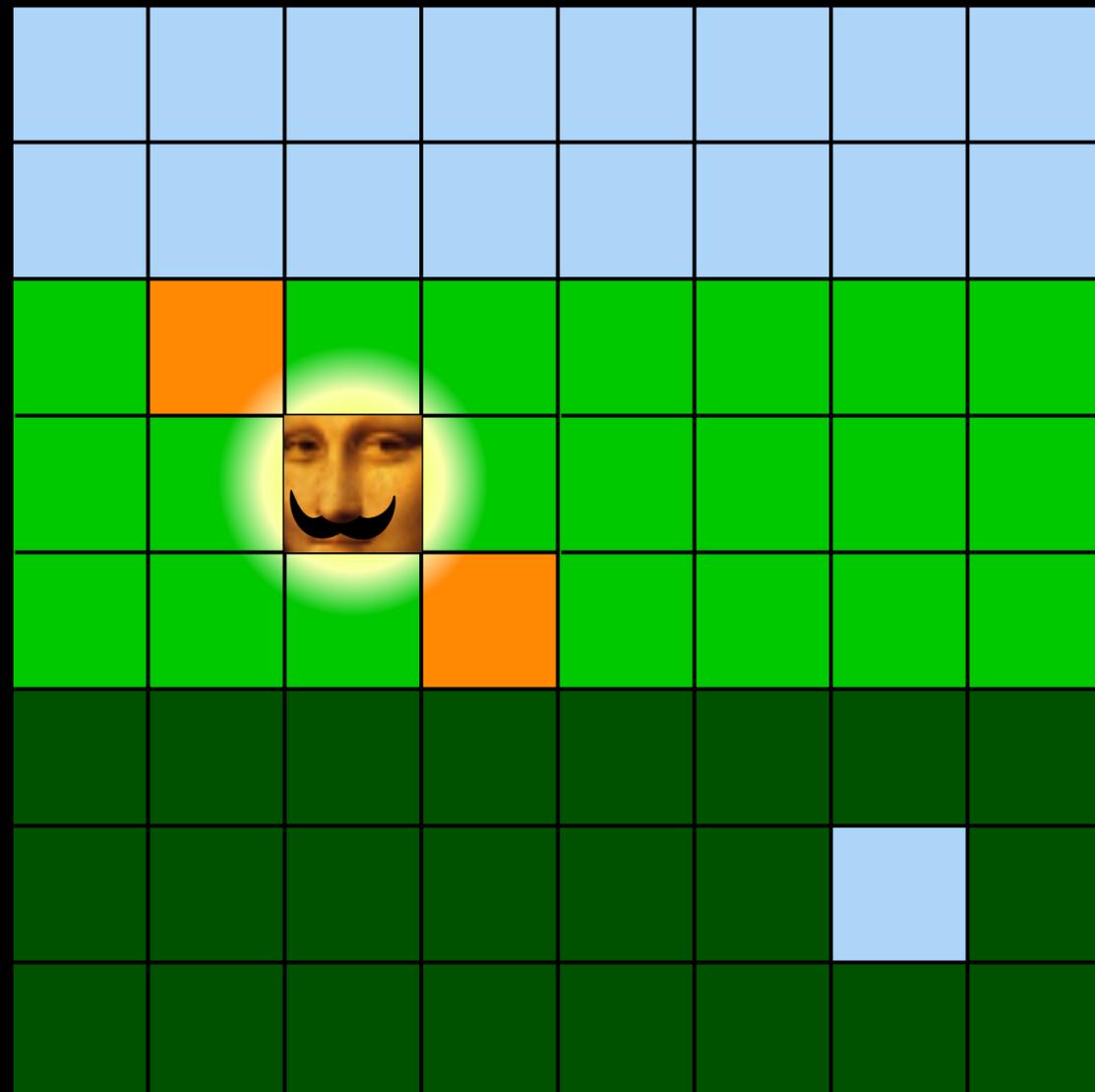


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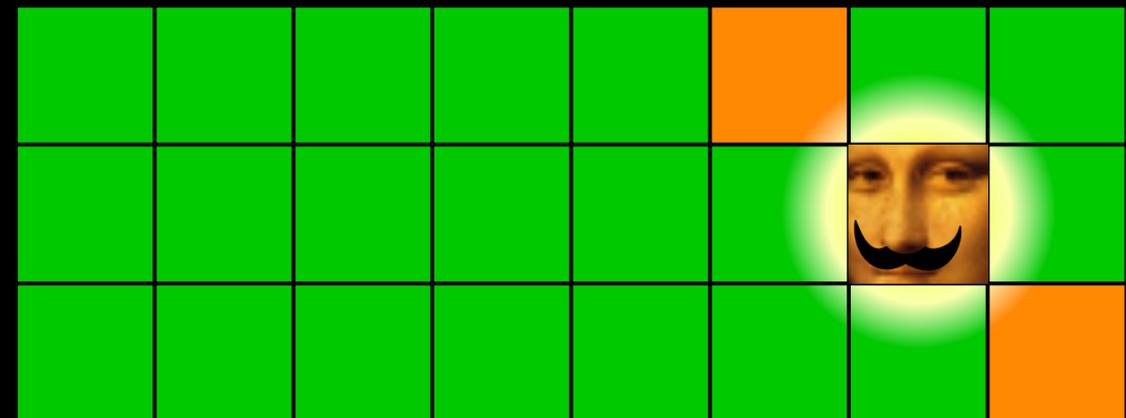


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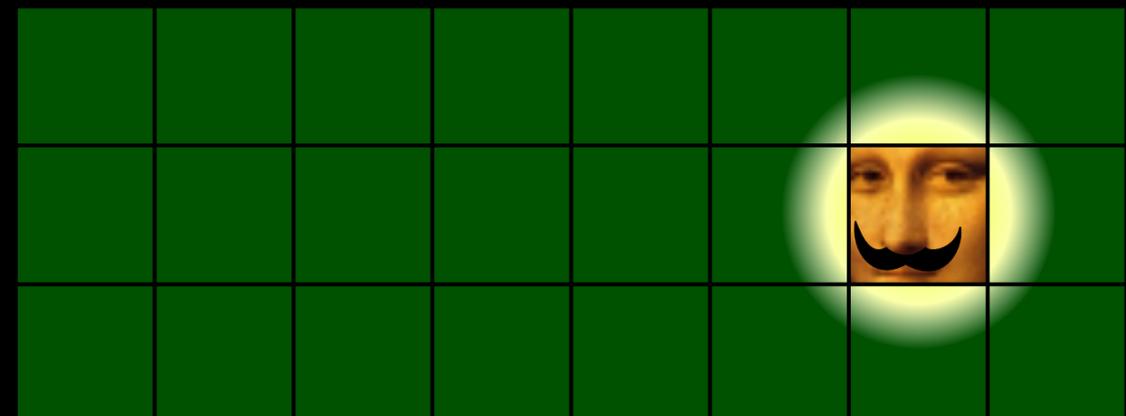
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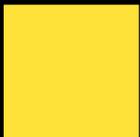
Example 1: OpenSSH

Target: `~/.ssh/authorized_keys`

OpenSSH ~/.ssh/authorized_keys

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```

 Exponent

 Modulus ($p * q$)

OpenSSH ~/.ssh/authorized_keys

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jmg hxQj8RRzGUtd1 victim@laptop
```



Exponent



Modulus ($p' * q' * r' \dots$)

Example 1: OpenSSH

Target: `~/.ssh/authorized_keys`

> Flip a bit in the RSA modulus

> Factorize it

> Reconstruct the new private key

Example 2: GPG & apt-get

Targets: sources.list

flip package repository domain name
eg. ubuntu.com -> unbunvu.com

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Rowhammer (seaborn attack)

physical memory

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