



JavaScript Static Analysis for Evolving Language Specifications

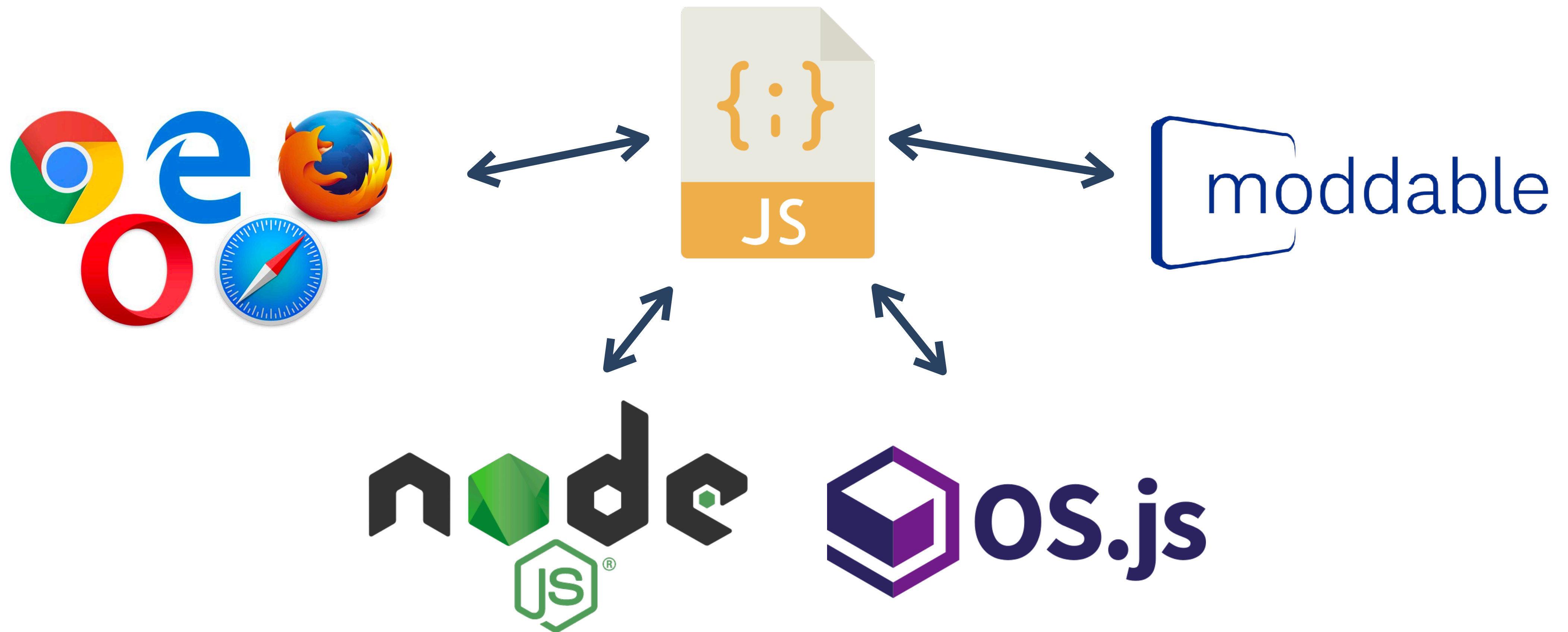
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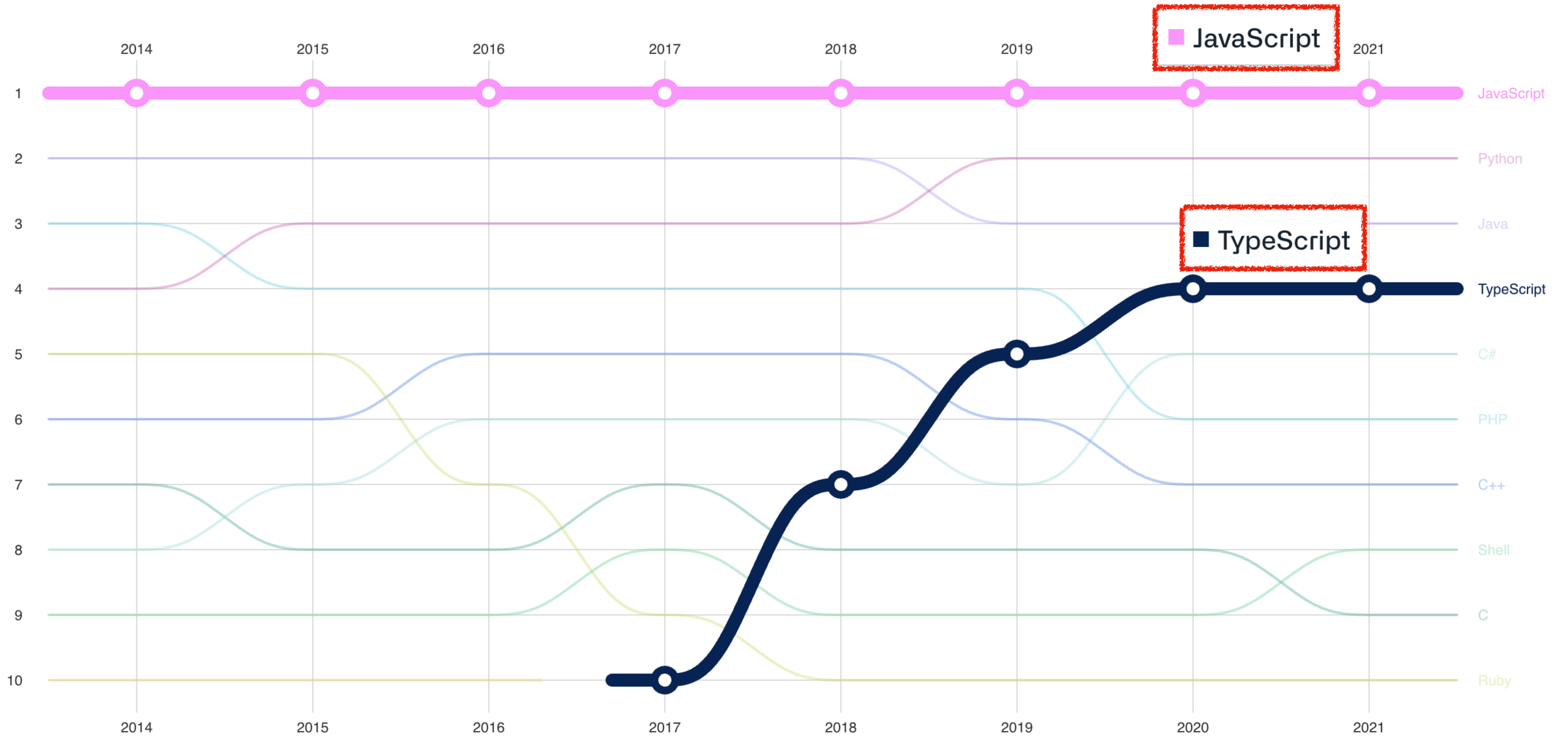
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JavaScript Is Everywhere





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```
f([]) -> [] == ![]  
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      -> 0 == 0  
      -> true
```

ECMA-262: ECMAScript Specification



Semantics

Syntax

```
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13.2.5.2 Runtime Semantics: Evaluation

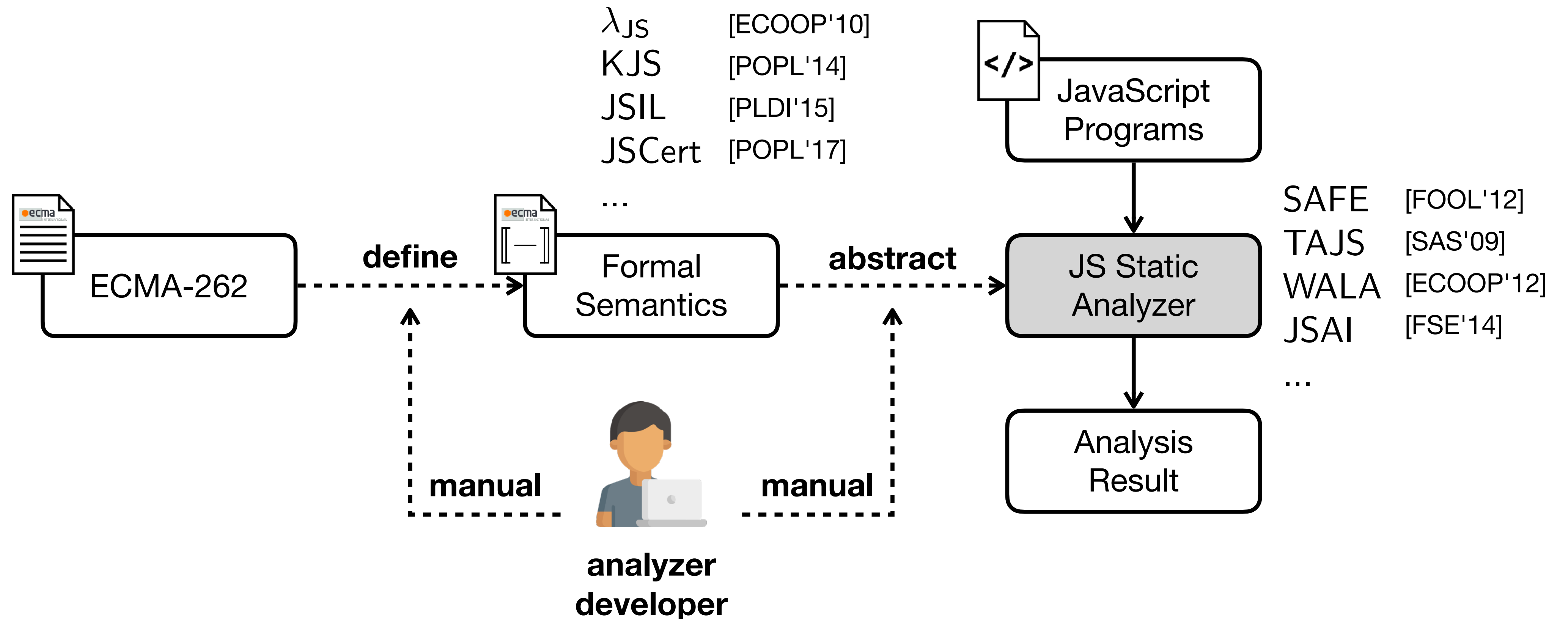
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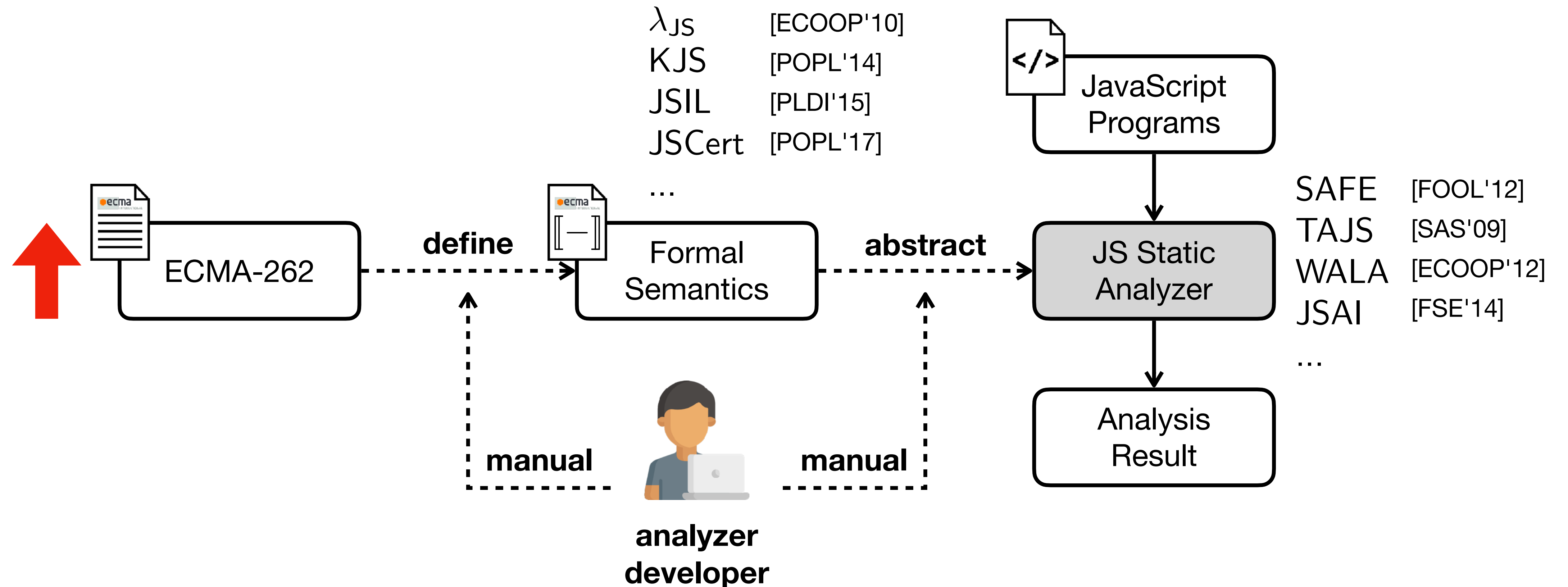
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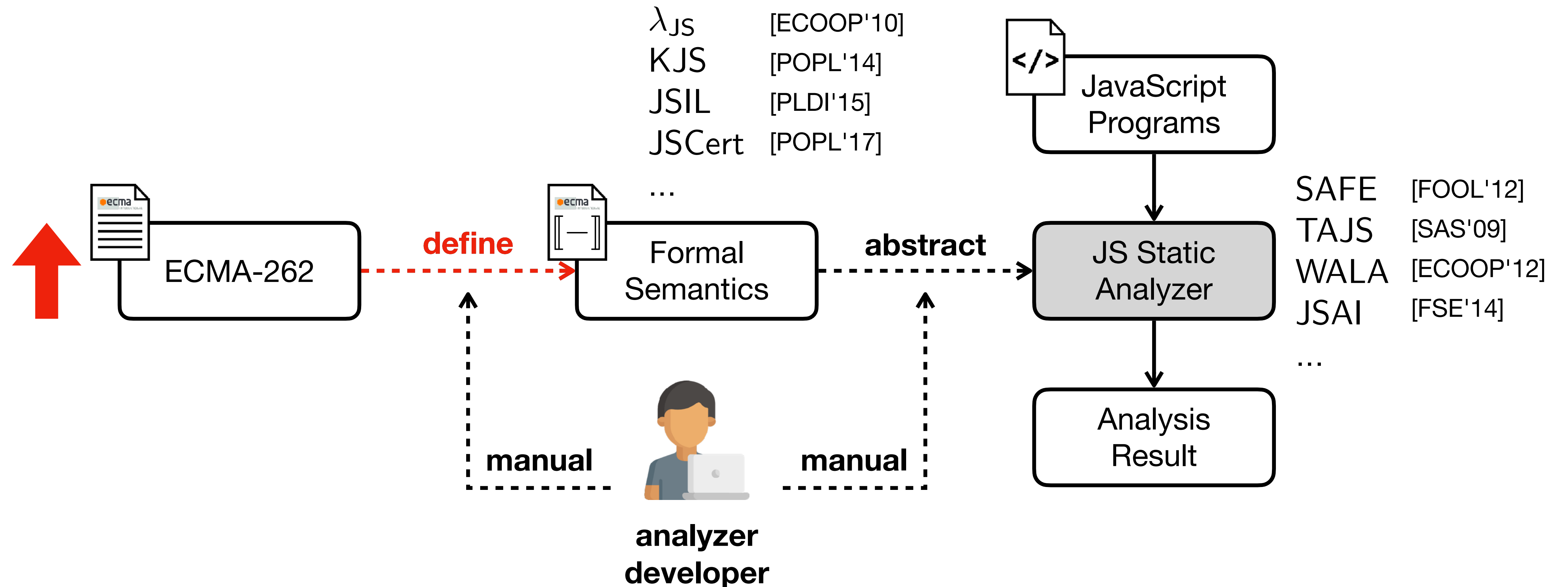
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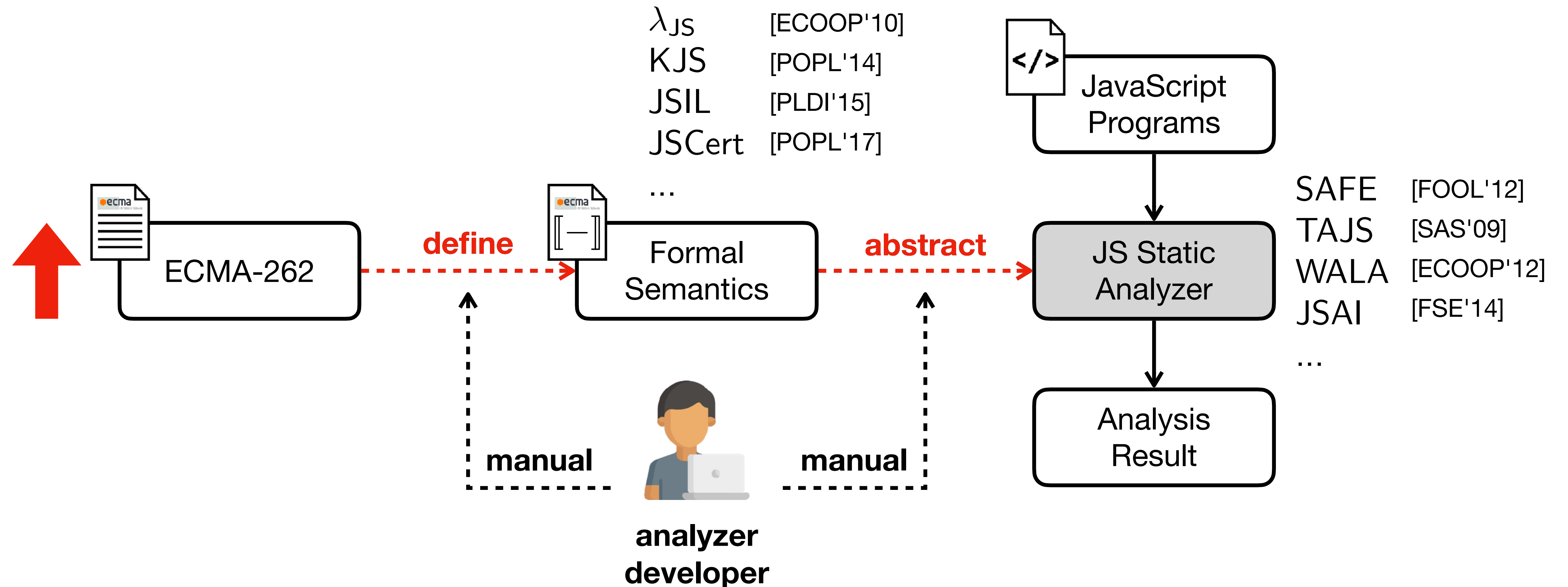
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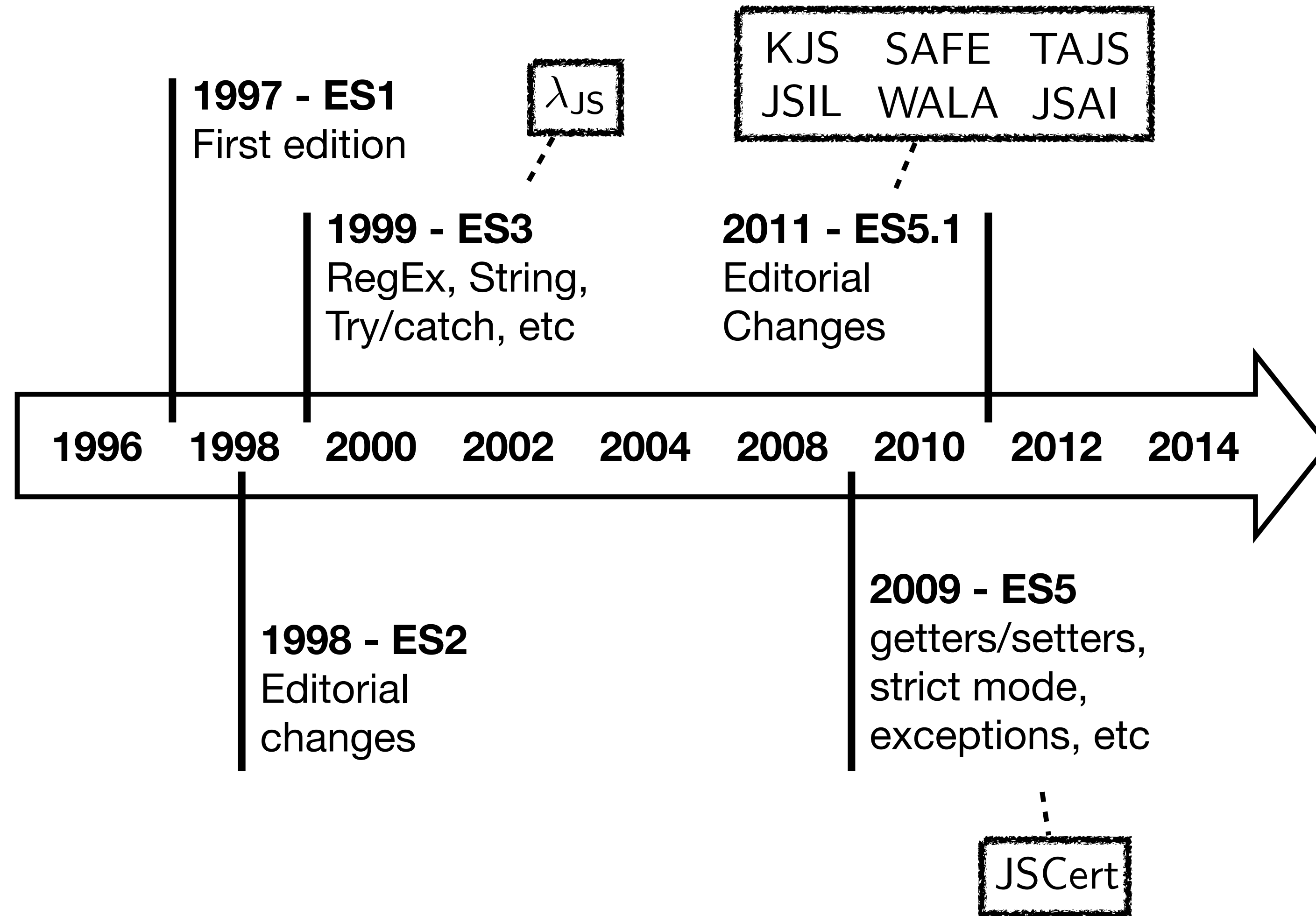
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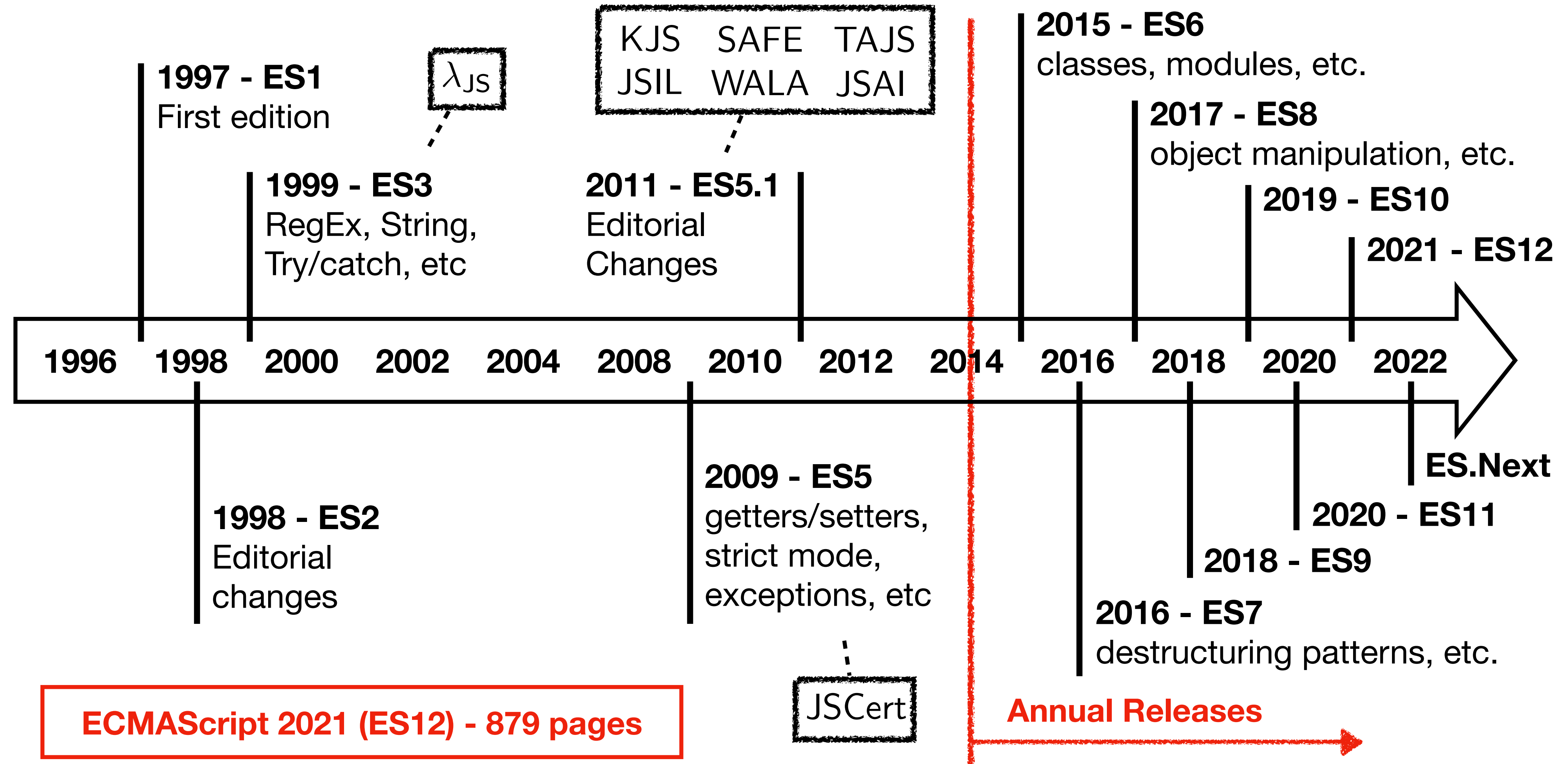
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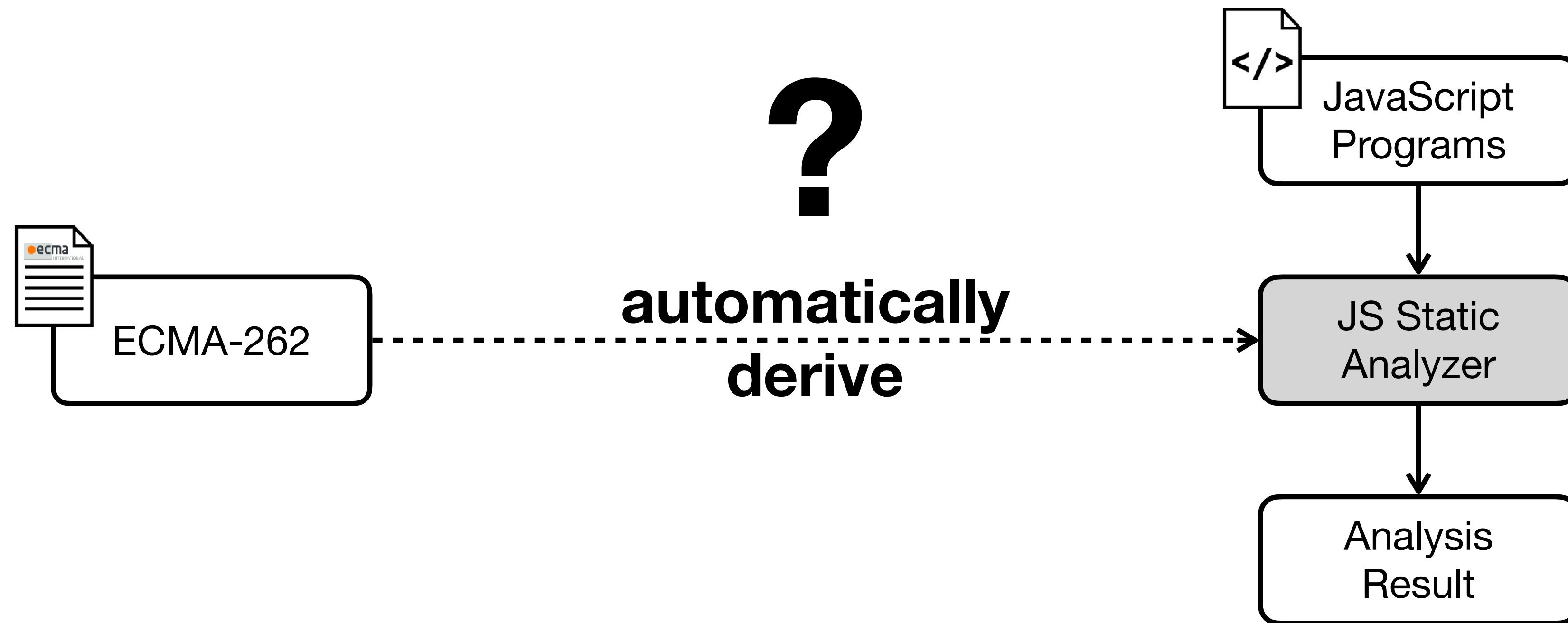
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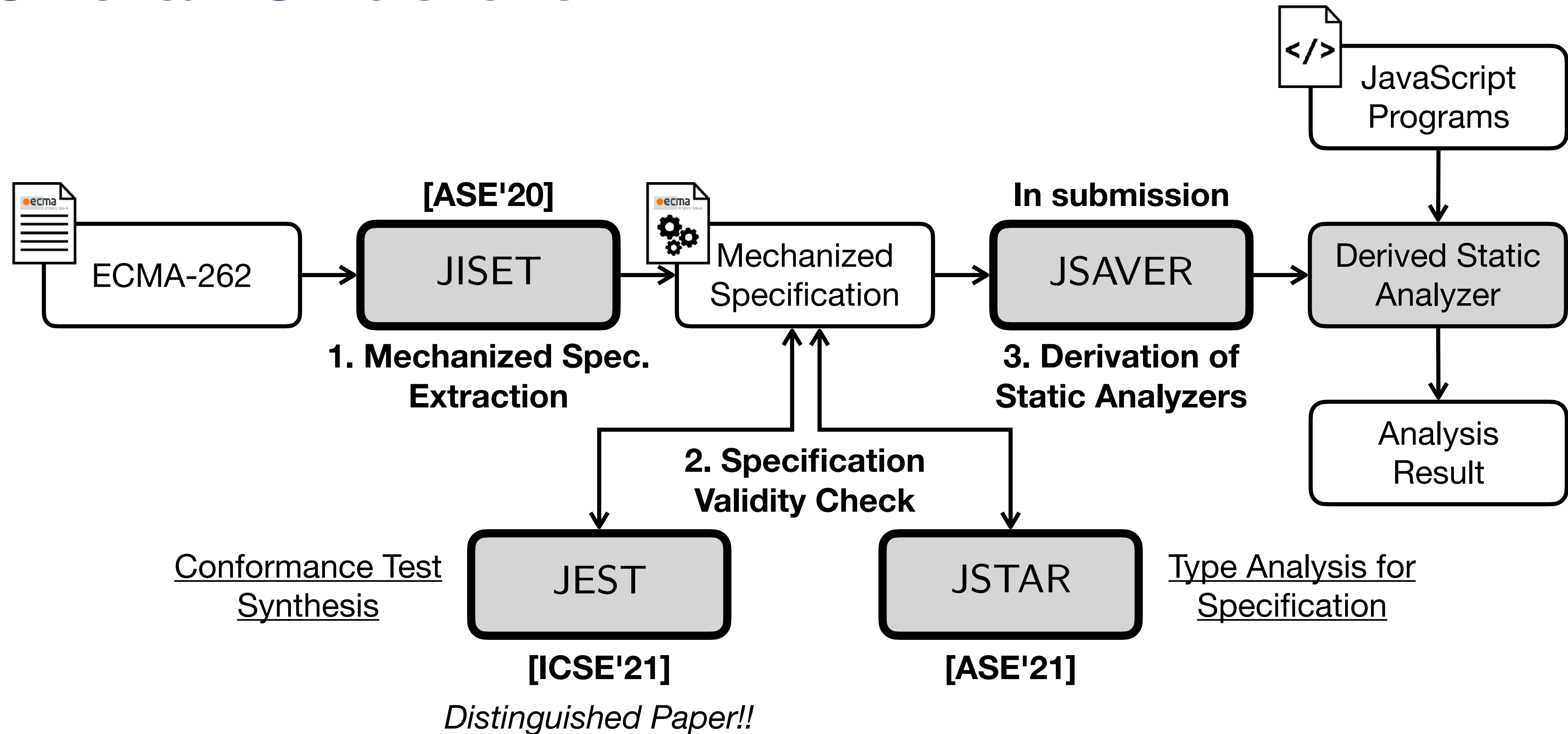
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Main Idea: Deriving Static Analyzer from Spec.

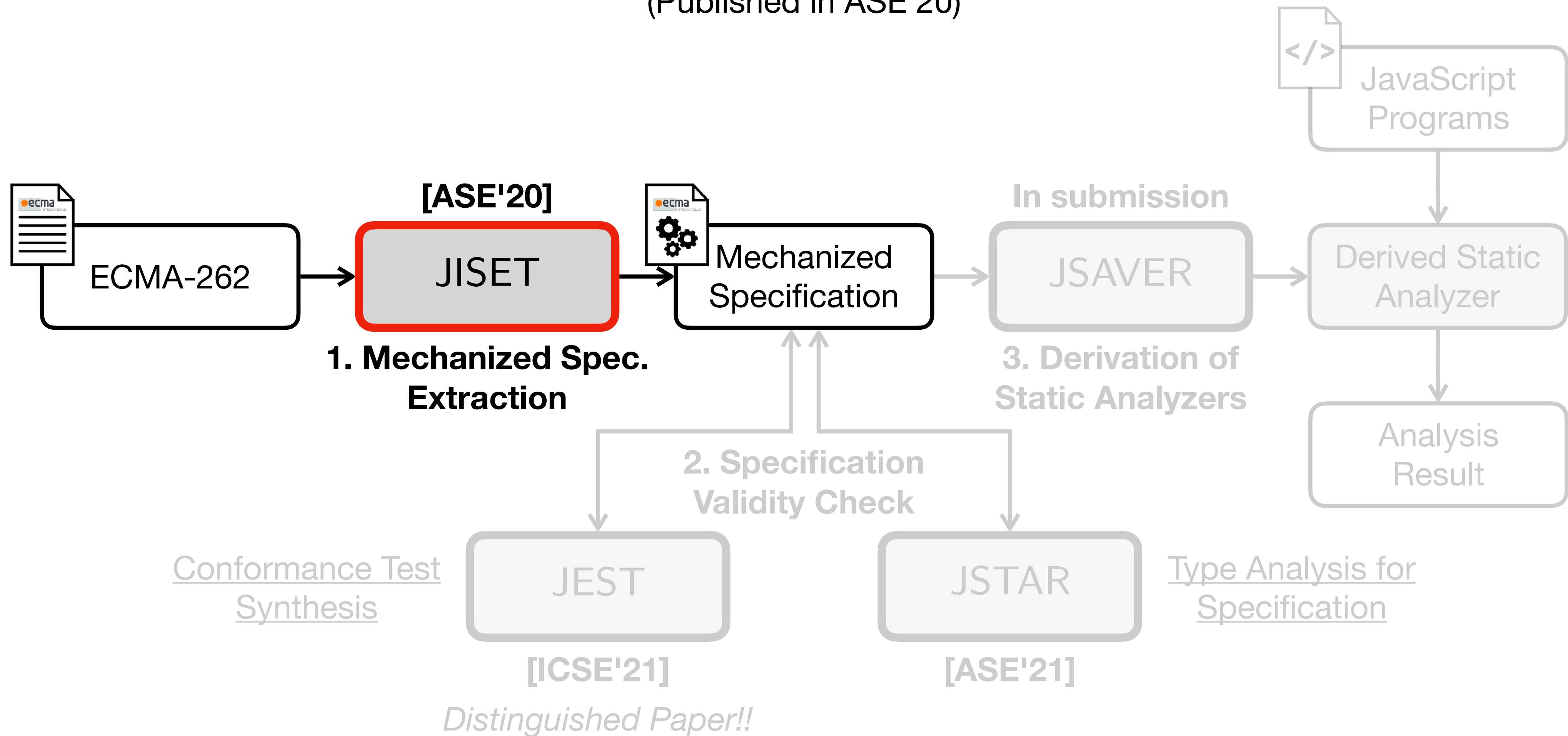


Overall Structure



JISET: JavaScript IR-based Semantics Extraction Toolchain

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Motivation: Patterns in Writing Style of ECMA-262

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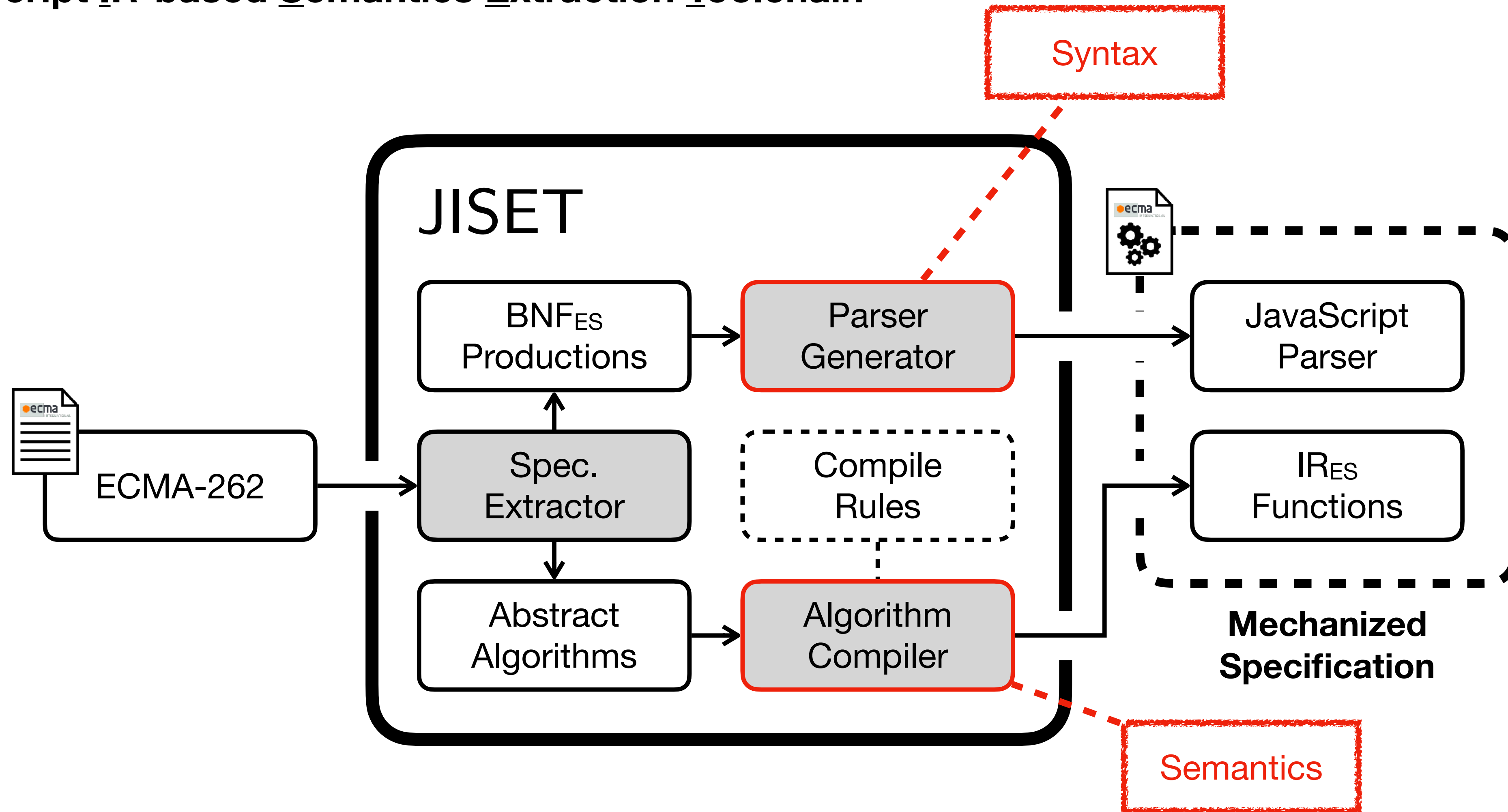
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JavaScript IR-based Semantics Extraction Toolchain



JISSET - Parser Generator (Syntax)

JavaScript Parser
in Scala

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Parsing Expression Grammar
(+ Lookahead Parsing)

```
val ArrayLiteral: List[Boolean] => LAParser[T] = memo {  
  case List(Yield, Await) =>  
    "[" ~ opt(Elision) ~ "]"          ^^ ArrayLiteral0 |  
    "[" ~ ElementList(Yield, Await) ~ "]" ^^ ArrayLiteral1 |  
    "[" ~ ElementList(Yield, Await) ~ "," ~  
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(POPL'04) Bryan Ford, "Parsing Expression Grammars: A Recognition-based Syntactic Foundation"

JISET - Algorithm Compiler (Semantics)

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**118 Compile Rules for
Steps in Abstract Algorithms**

**IR_{ES}
Functions**

```
syntax def ArrayLiteral[2].Evaluation(  
  this, ElementList, Elision  
) {  
  let array = [! (ArrayCreate 0)]  
  let nextIndex = (ElementList.ArrayAccumulation array 0)  
  [? nextIndex]  
  if (! (= Elision absent)) {  
    let len = (Elision.ArrayAccumulation array nextIndex)  
    [? len]  
  }  
  return array  
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JISSET - Evaluation

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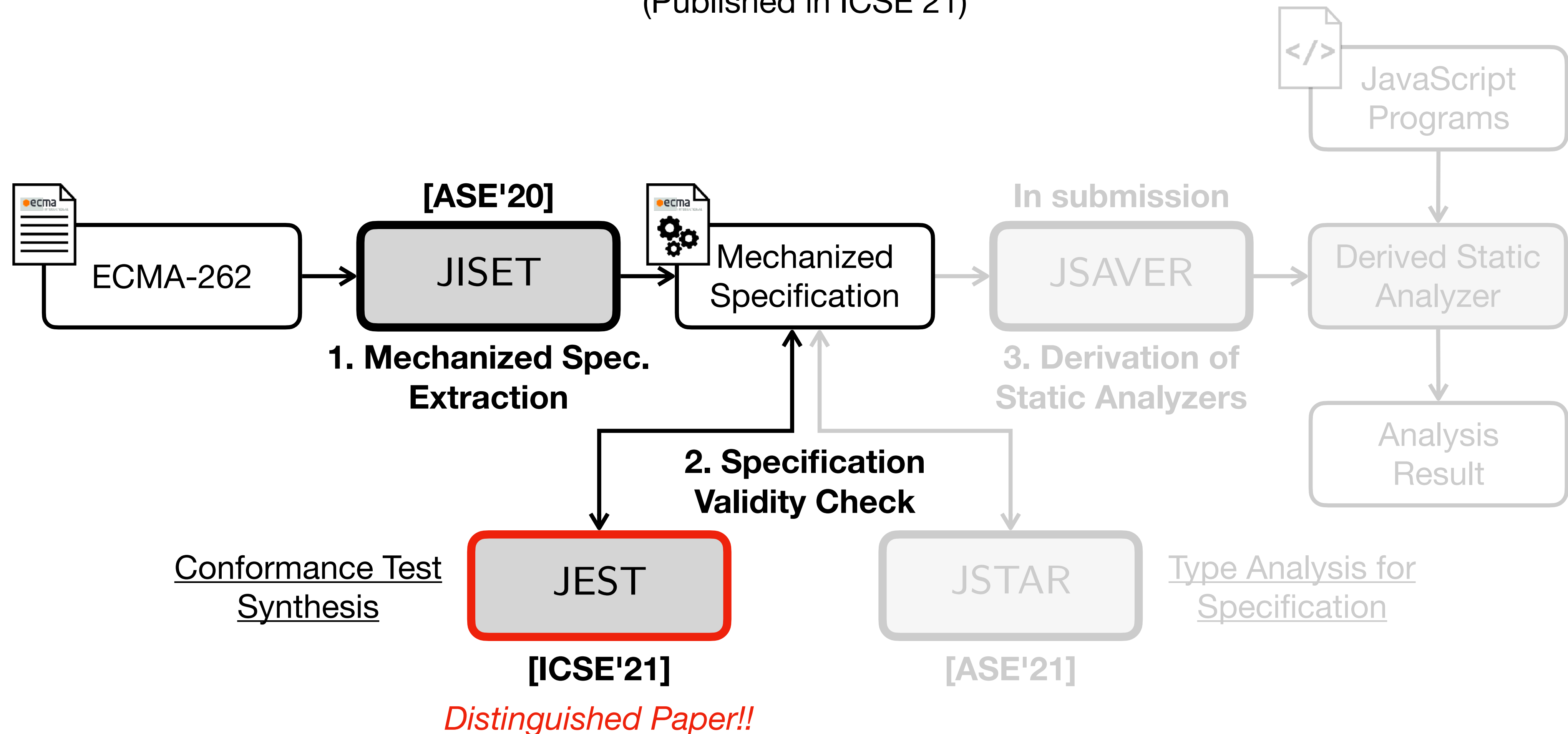


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(Official Conformance Tests)
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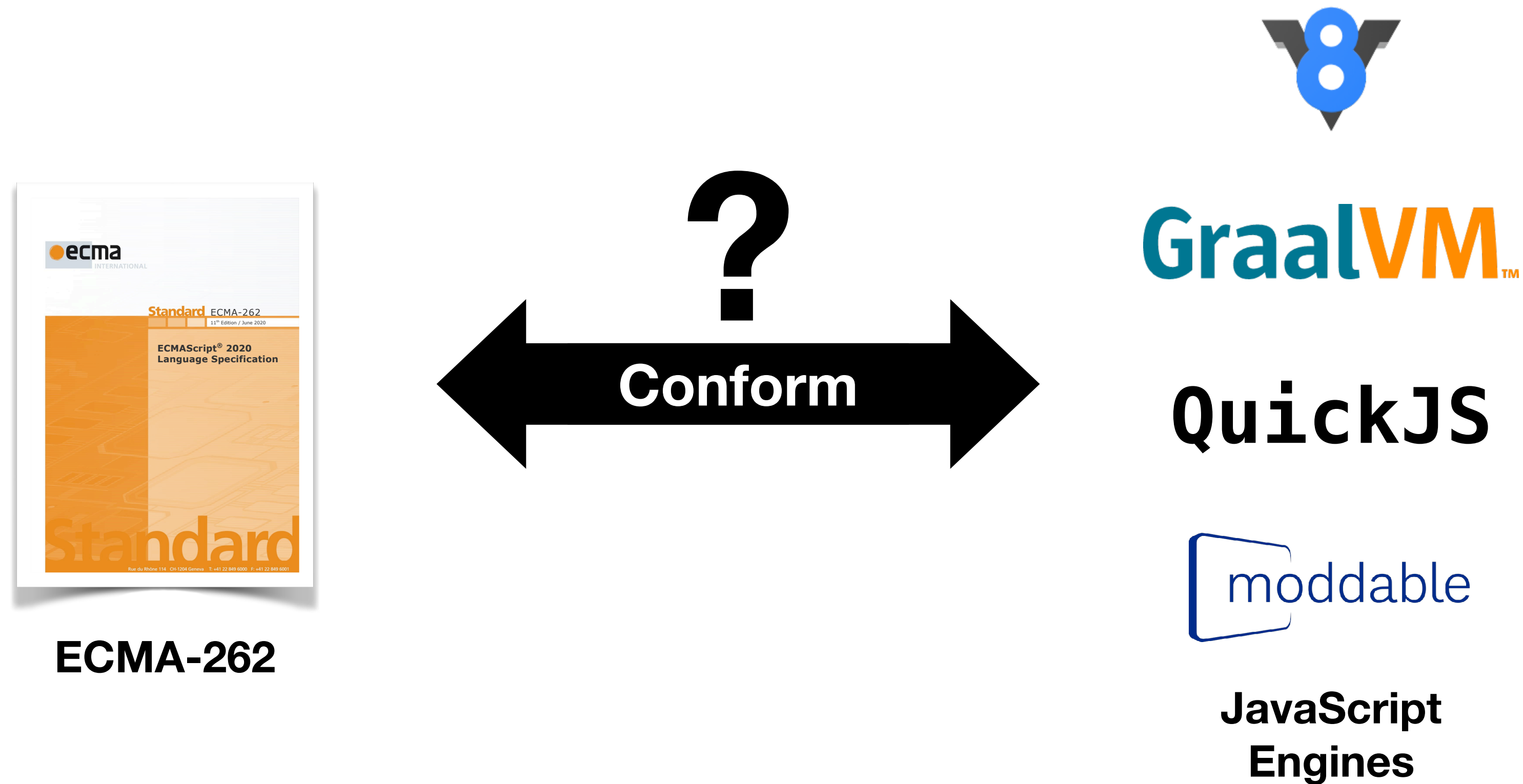
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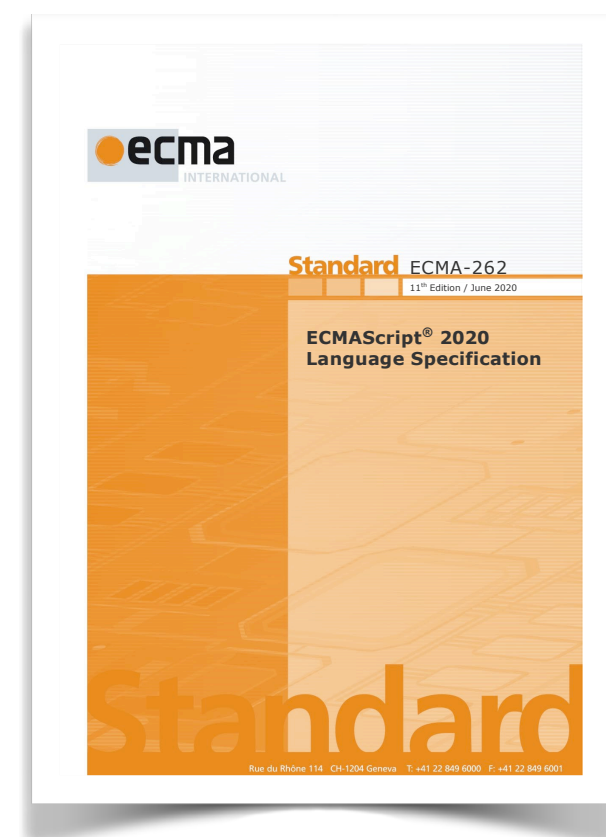
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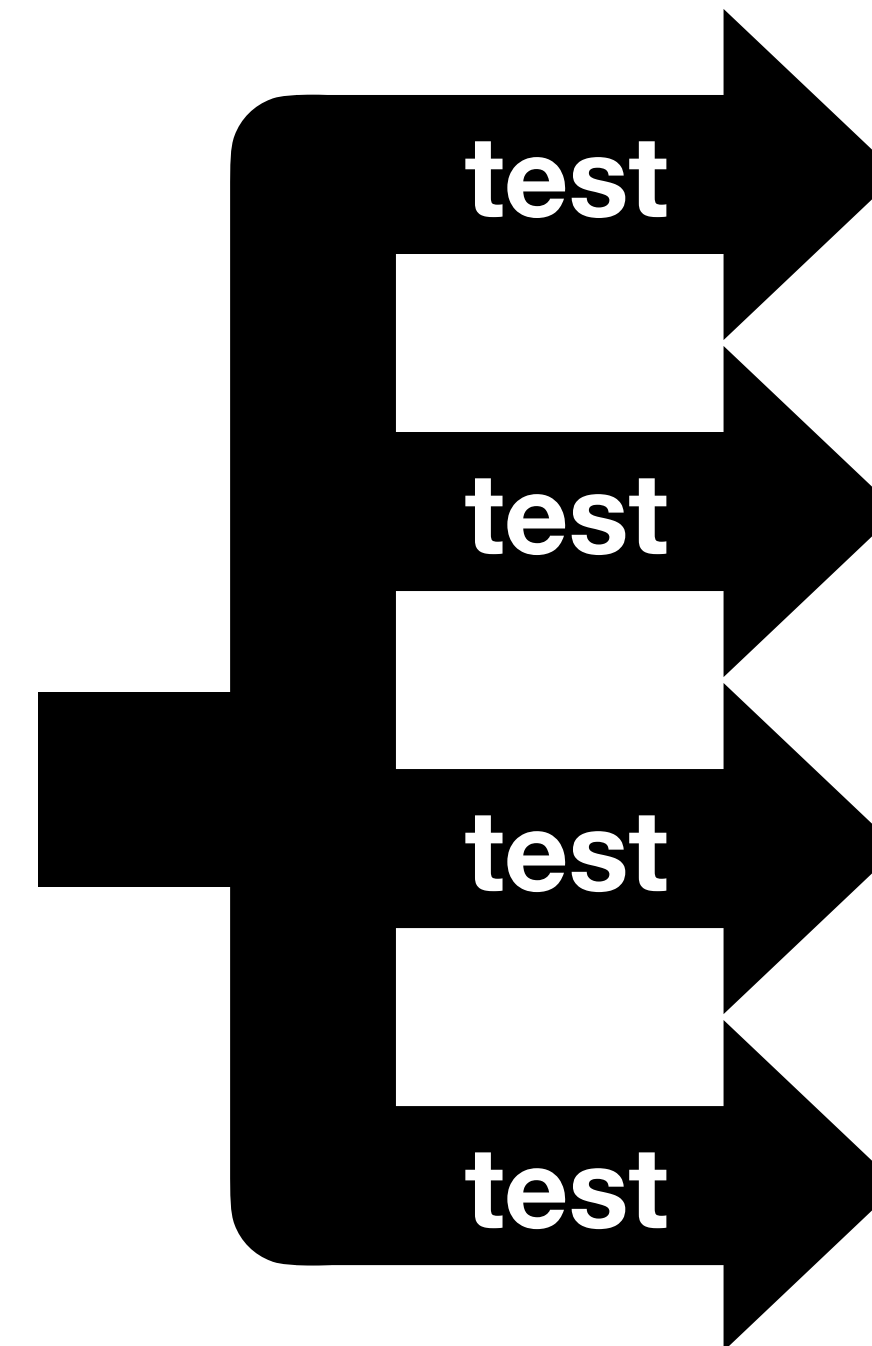
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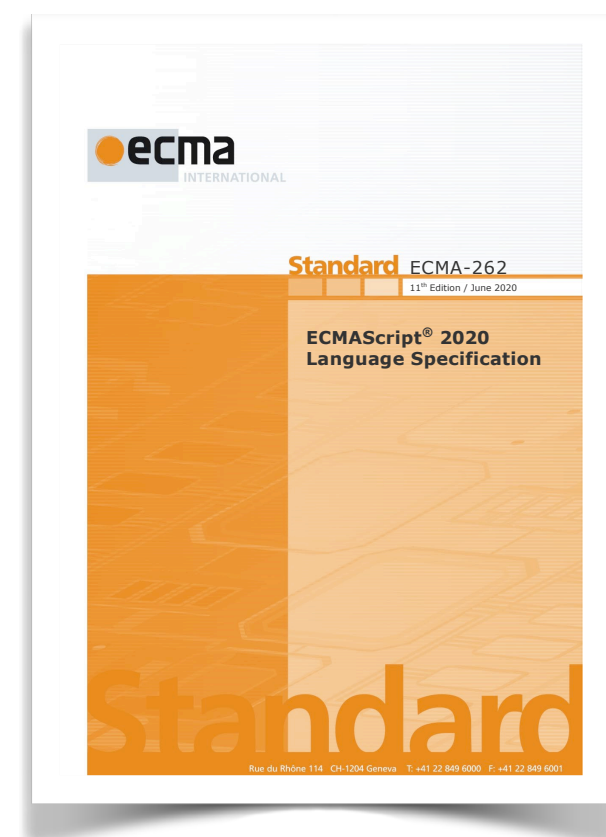
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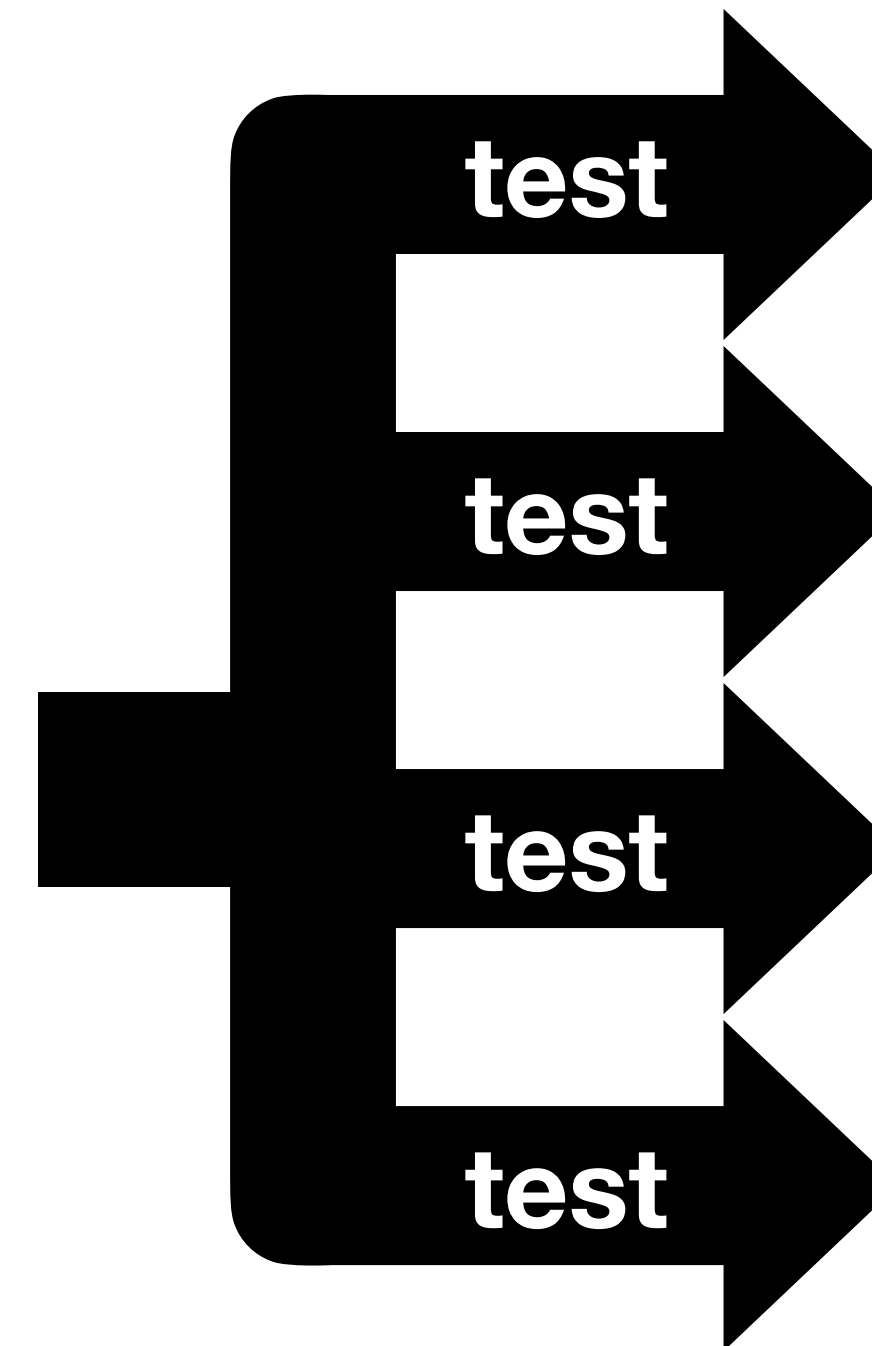
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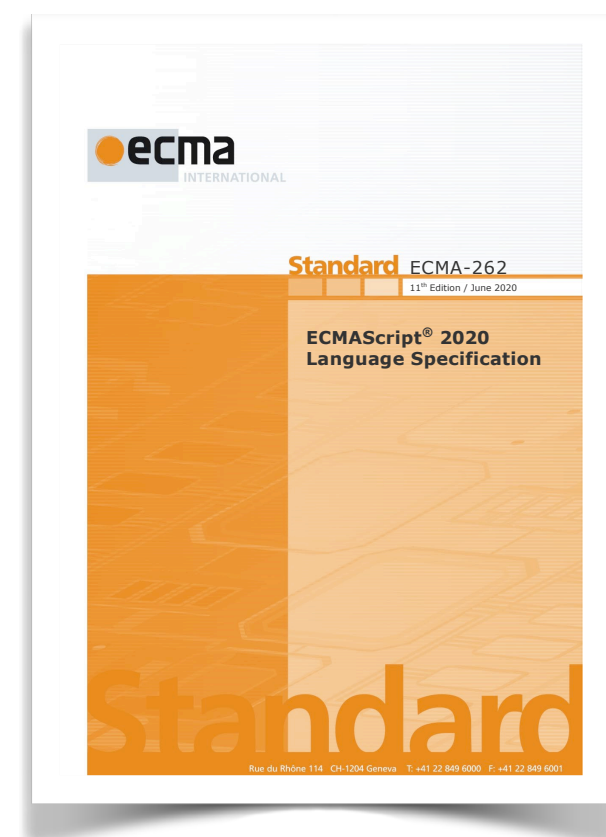


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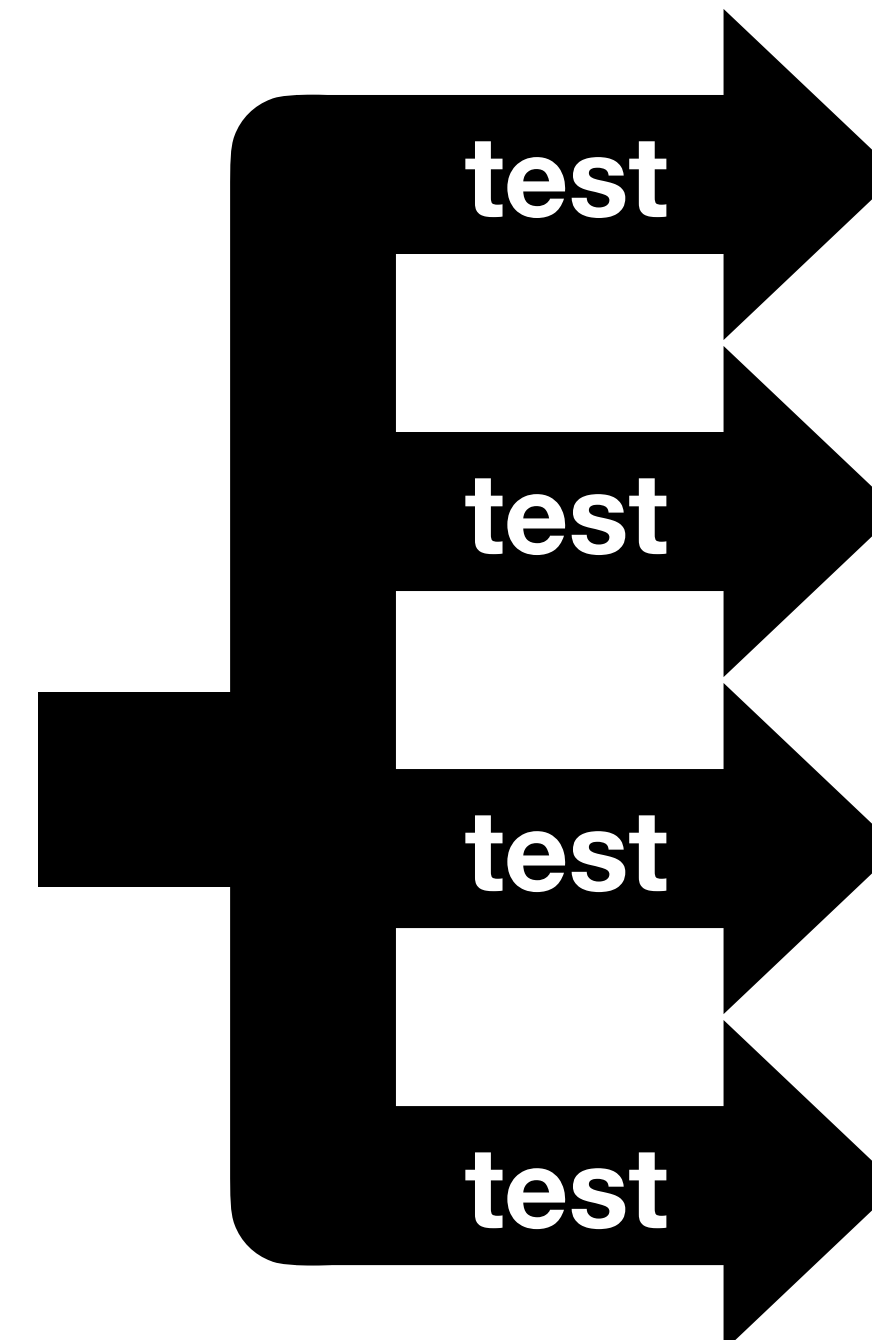
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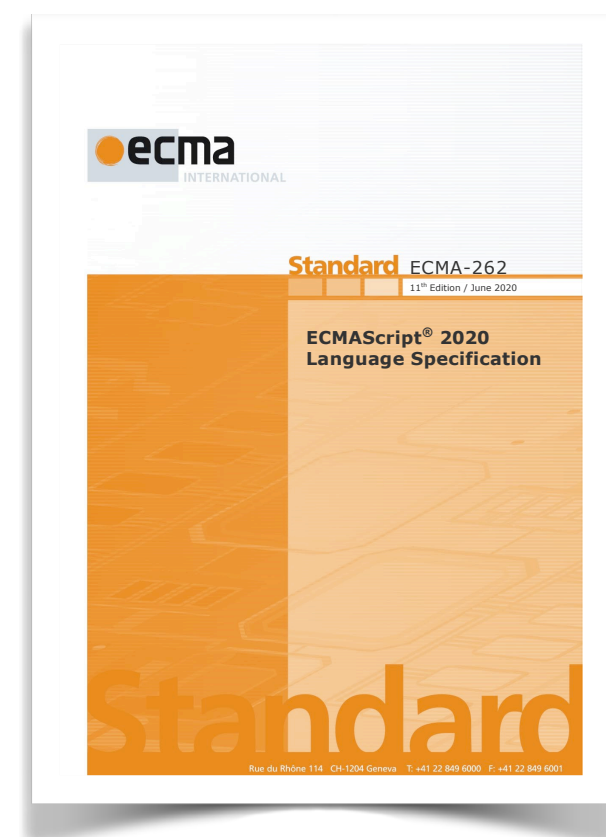
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JavaScript Engines

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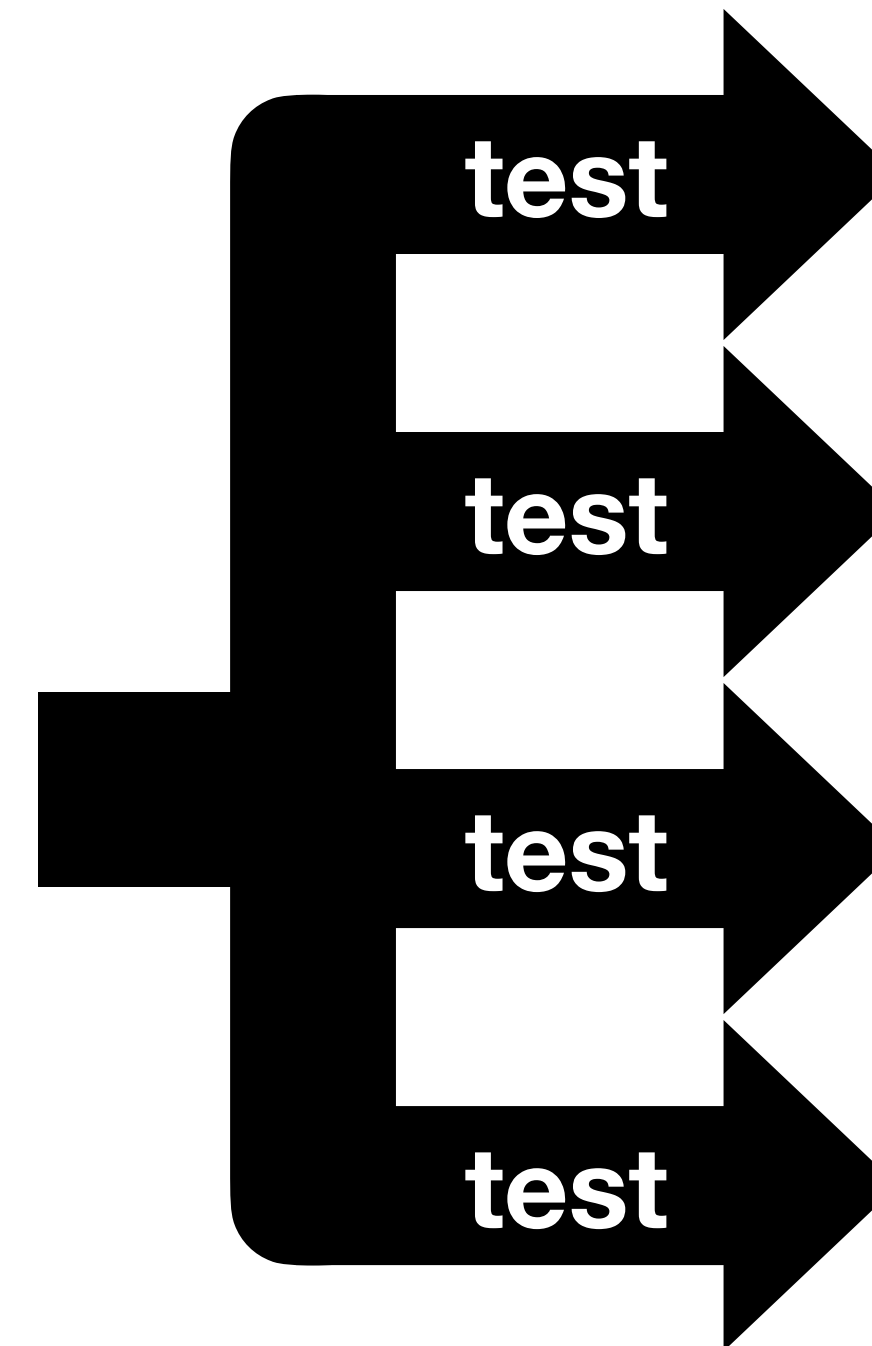
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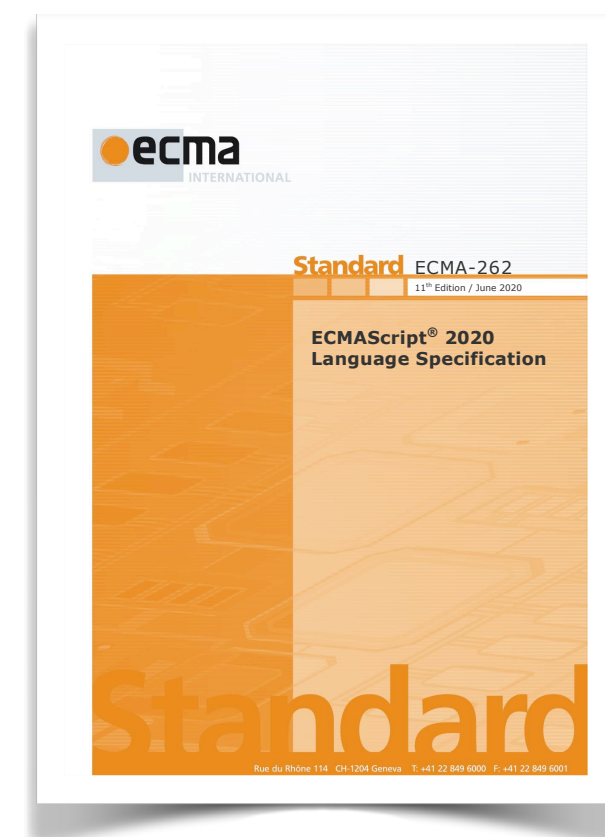


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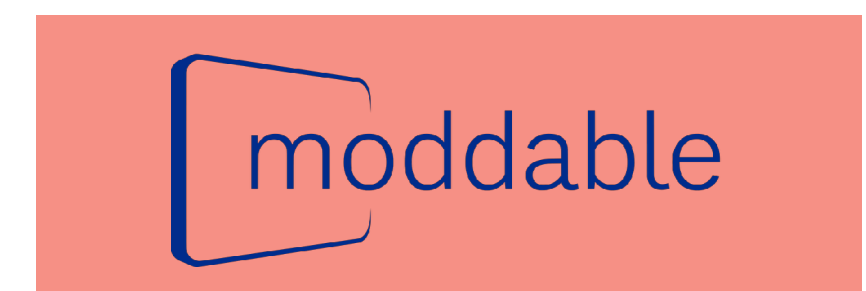
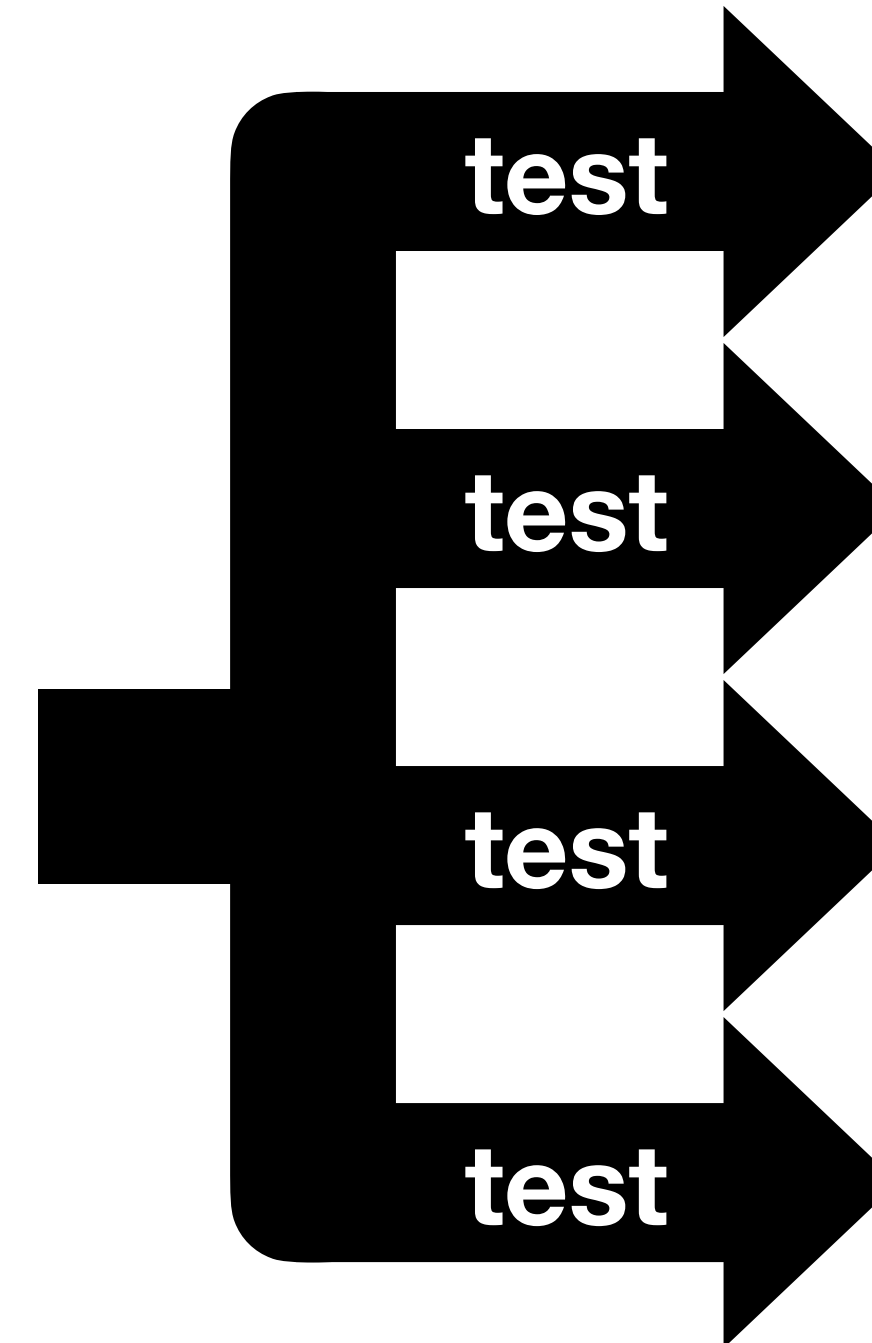


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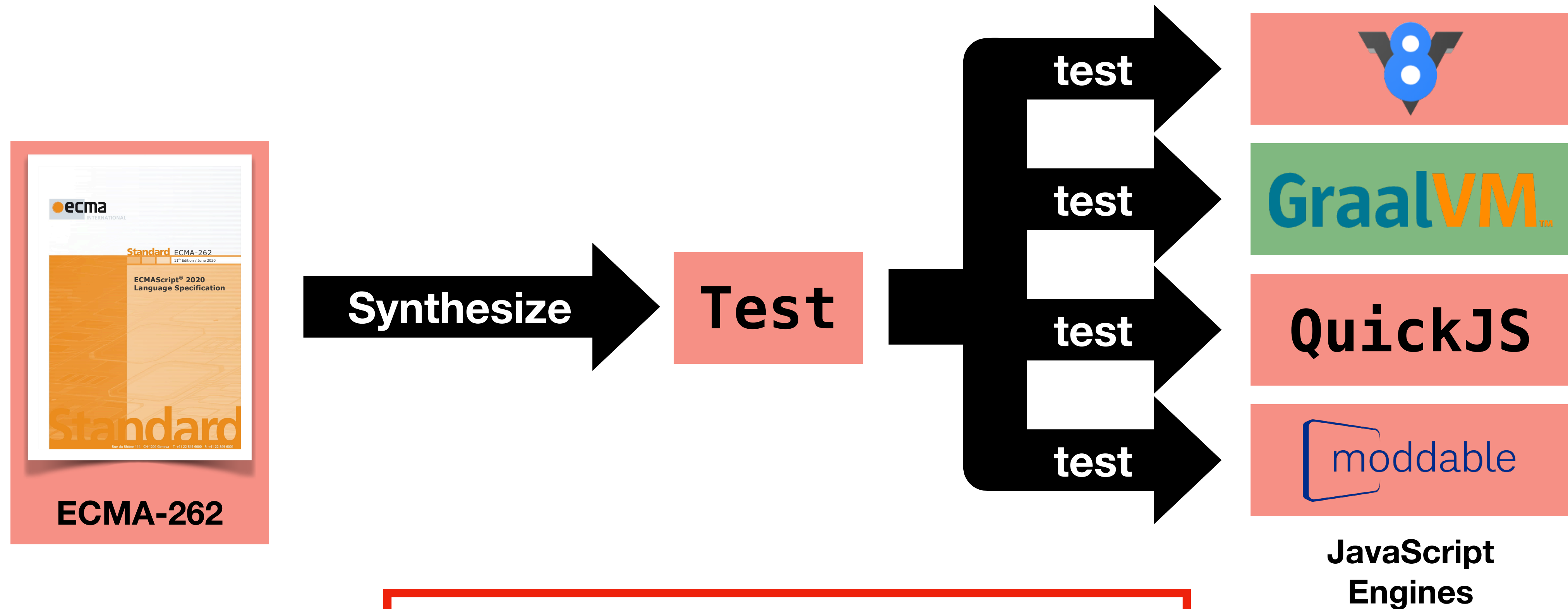


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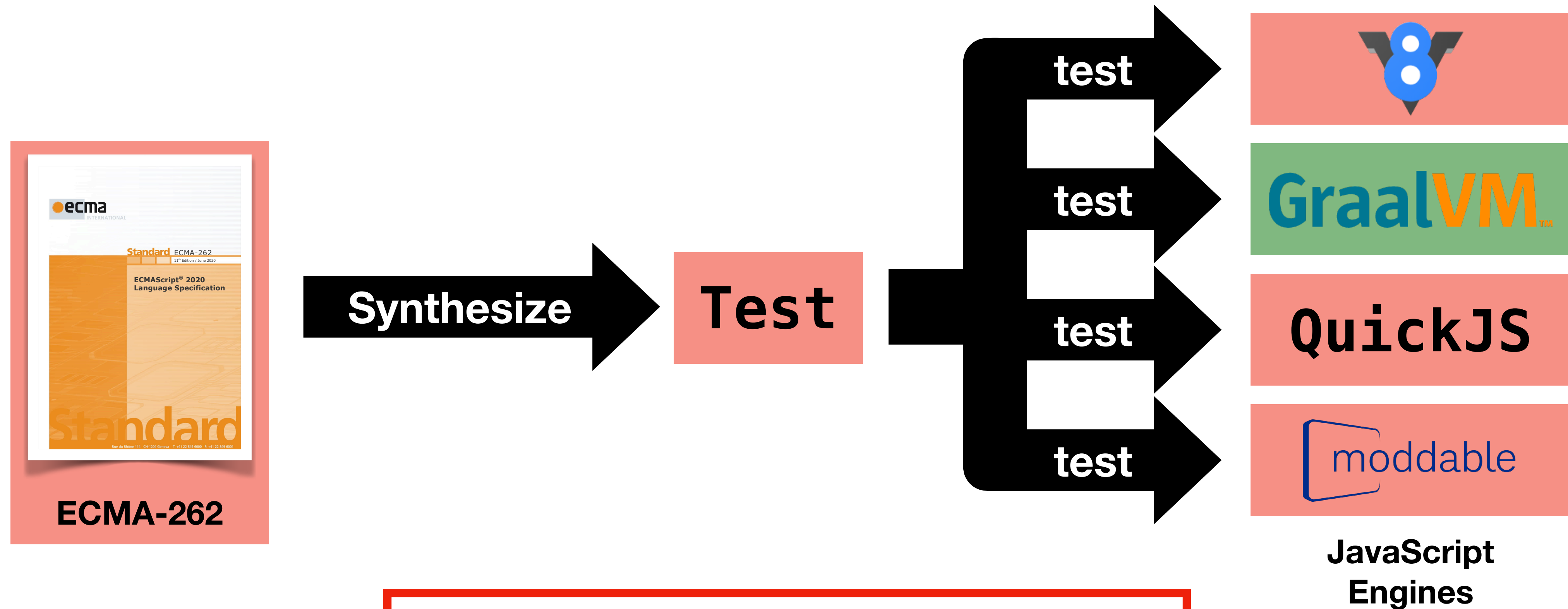
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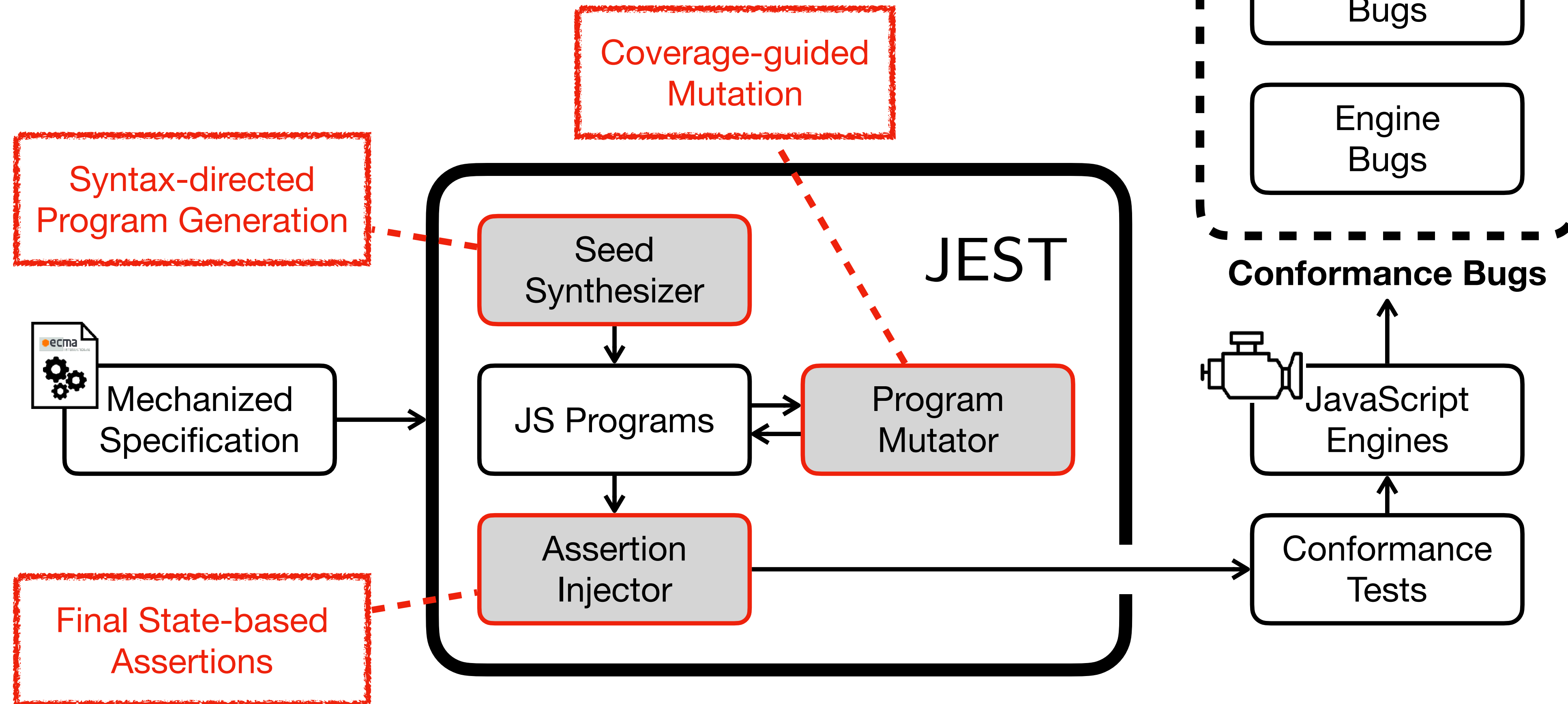
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A specification bug in ECMA-262
An engine bug in **GraalVM**

JEST [ICSE'21]

JavaScript Engines and Specification Tester



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1. Exceptions (Exc)

```
+ // Throw  
let x = 42;  
function x() {};
```

2. Aborts (Abort)

```
+ // Abort  
var x = 42; x++;
```

3. Variable Values (Var)

```
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```

4. Object Values (Obj)

```
var x = {}, y = {}, z = { p: x, q: y };  
+ $assert.sameValue(z.p, x);  
+ $assert.sameValue(z.q, y);
```

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5. Object Properties (Desc)

```
var x = { p: 42 };  
+ $verifyProperty(x, "p", {  
+   value: 42.0, writable: true,  
+   enumerable: true, configurable: true  
+ });
```

6. Property Keys (Key)

```
var x = {[Symbol.match]: 0, p: 0, 3: 0, q: 0, 1: 0}  
+ $assert.compareArray(  
+   Reflect.ownKeys(x),  
+   ["1", "3", "p", "q", Symbol.match]  
+ );
```

7. Internal Methods and Slots (In)

```
function f() {}  
+ $assert.sameValue(Object.getPrototypeOf(f),  
+   Function.prototype);  
+ $assert.sameValue(Object.isExtensible(x), true);  
+ $assert.callable(f);  
+ $assert.constructable(f);
```

JEST - Evaluation

44 Bugs
in Engines

TABLE II: The number of engine bugs detected by JEST

Engines	Exc	Abort	Var	Obj	Desc	Key	In	Total
V8	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
GraalJS	6	0	0	0	2	8	0	16
QuickJS	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	6
Moddable XS	12	0	0	0	3	5	0	20
Total	21	0	1	0	5	17	0	44

27 Bugs
in Spec.

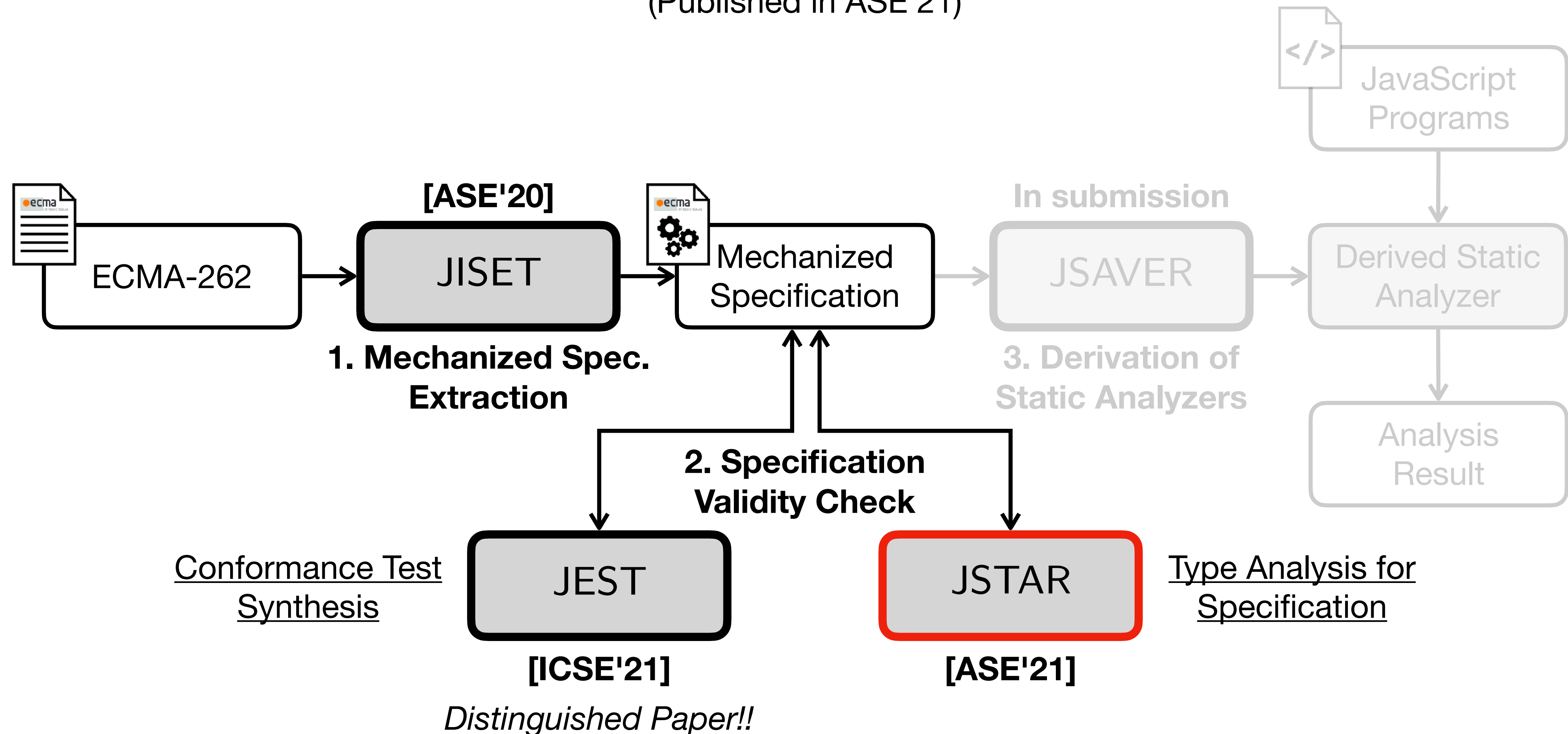
TABLE III: Specification bugs in ECMAScript 2020 (ES11) detected by JEST

Name	Feature	#	Assertion	Known	Created	Resolved	Existed
ES11-1	Function	12	Key	O	2019-02-07	2020-04-11	429 days
ES11-2	Function	8	Key	O	2015-06-01	2020-04-11	1,776 days
ES11-3	Loop	1	Exc	O	2017-10-17	2020-04-30	926 days
ES11-4	Expression	4	Abort	O	2019-09-27	2020-04-23	209 days
ES11-5	Expression	1	Exc	O	2015-06-01	2020-04-28	1,793 days
ES11-6	Object	1	Exc	X	2019-02-07	2020-11-05	637 days

JSTAR: JavaScript Specification Type Analyzer using Refinement

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JSTAR - Types in Specification

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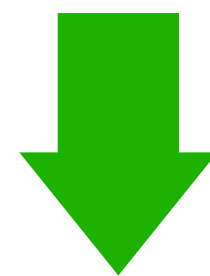
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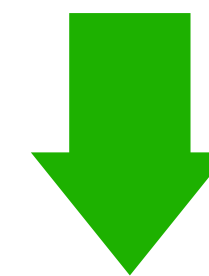
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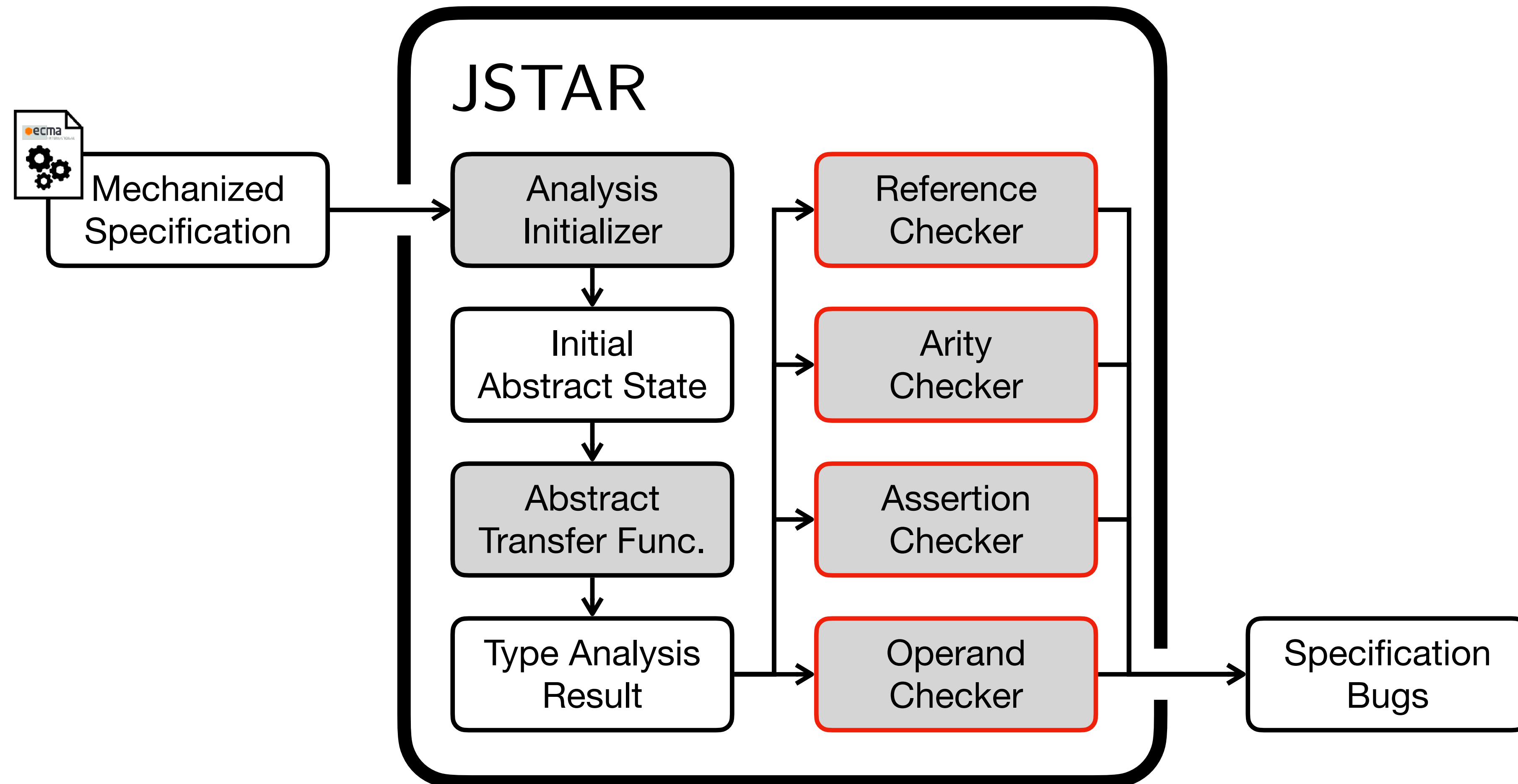


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<https://github.com/tc39/ecma262/tree/575149cfd77aebcf3a129e165bd89e14caafc31c>

JSTAR [ASE'21]

JavaScript Specification Type Analyzer using Refinement



JSTAR - Evaluation

- Type Analysis for 864 versions of ECMA-262

59.2% Precision

93 Bugs Detected

Checker	Bug Kind	Precision = (# True Bugs) / (# Detected Bugs)					
		no-refine		refine		Δ	
Reference	UnknownVar	62 / 106	17 / 60	63 / 78	17 / 31	+1 / -28	/ -29
	DuplicatedVar		45 / 46		46 / 47		+1 / +1
Arity	MissingParam	4 / 4	4 / 4	4 / 4	4 / 4	/	/
Assertion	Assertion	4 / 56	4 / 56	4 / 31	4 / 31	/ -25	/ -25
Operand	NoNumber	22 / 113	2 / 65	22 / 44	2 / 6	/ -69	/ -59
	Abrupt		20 / 48		20 / 38		/ -10
Total		92 / 279 (33.0%)		93 / 157 (59.2%)		+1 / -122 (+26.3%)	

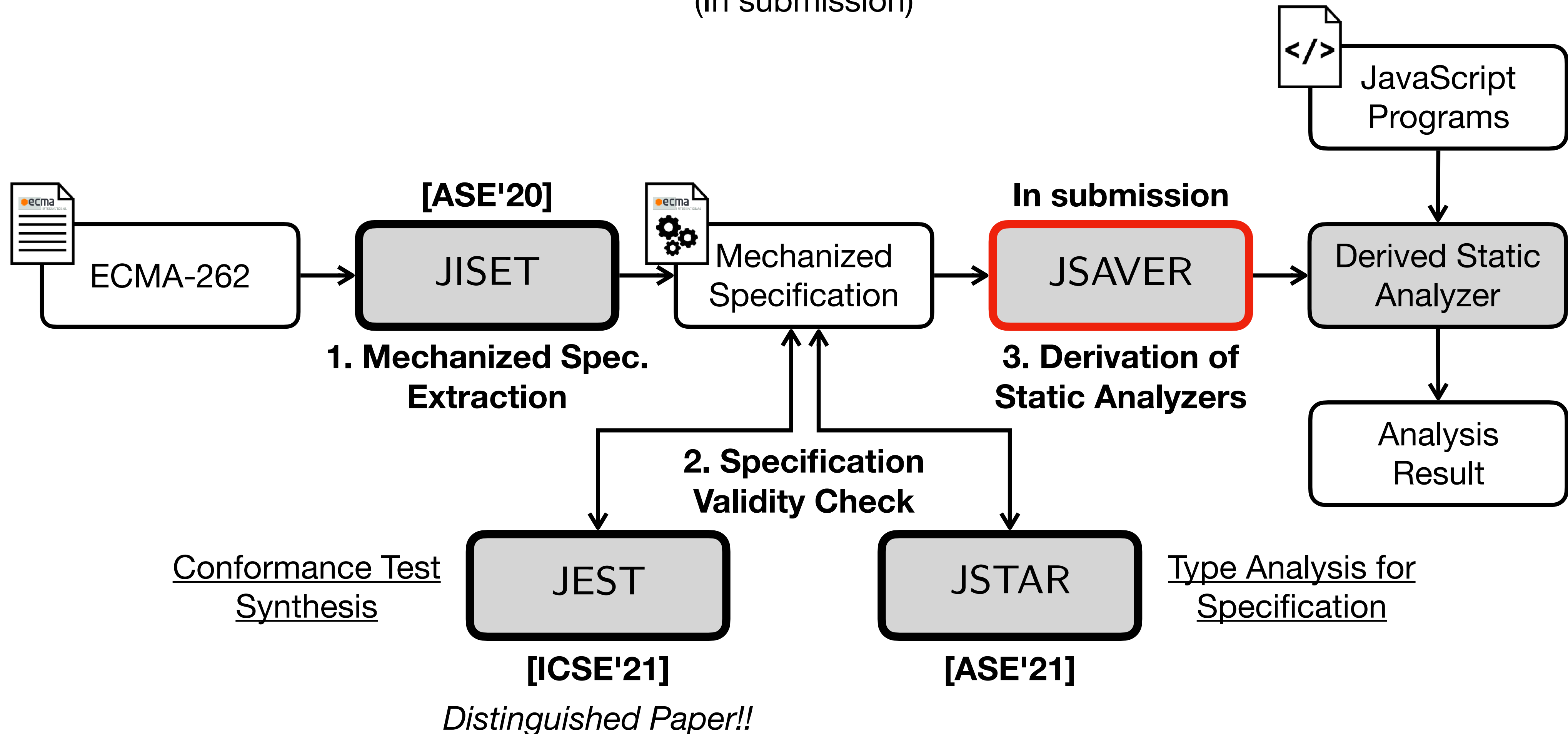
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ES12-3	Arguments	1	Reference	2015-09-22	1,996 days
ES12-4	Array	2	Reference	2015-09-22	1,996 days
ES12-5	Async	1	Reference	2015-09-22	1,996 days
ES12-6	Class	1	Reference	2015-09-22	1,996 days
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ES12-8	Arguments	2	Operand	2015-12-16	1,910 days

14 Bugs in ES12

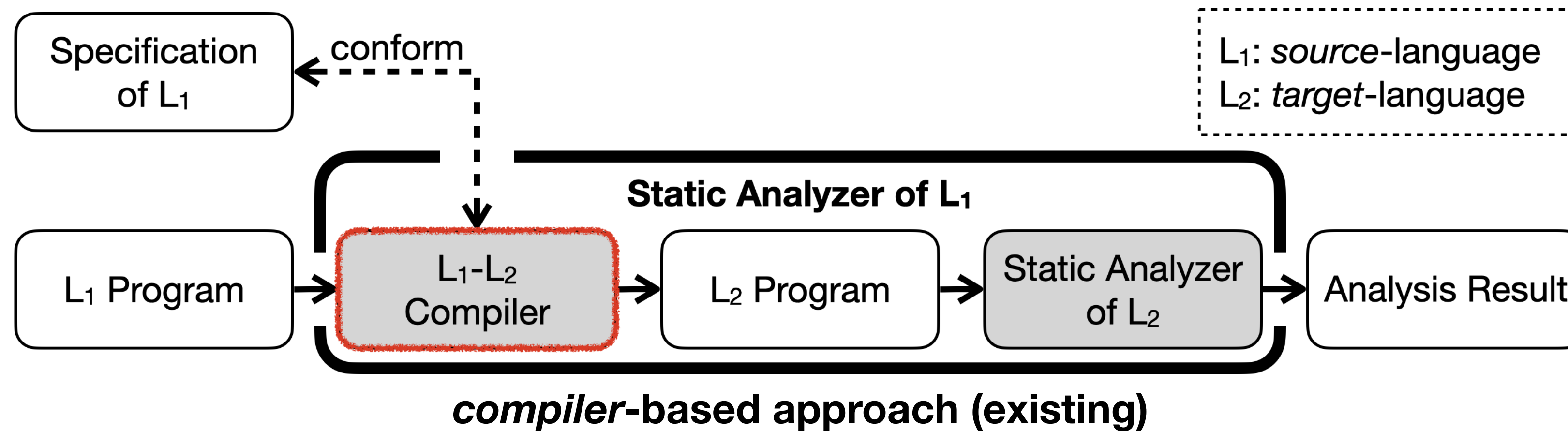
Automatically Deriving JavaScript Static Analyzers from Language Specifications

Jihyeok Park, Seungmin An, and Sukyoung Ryu

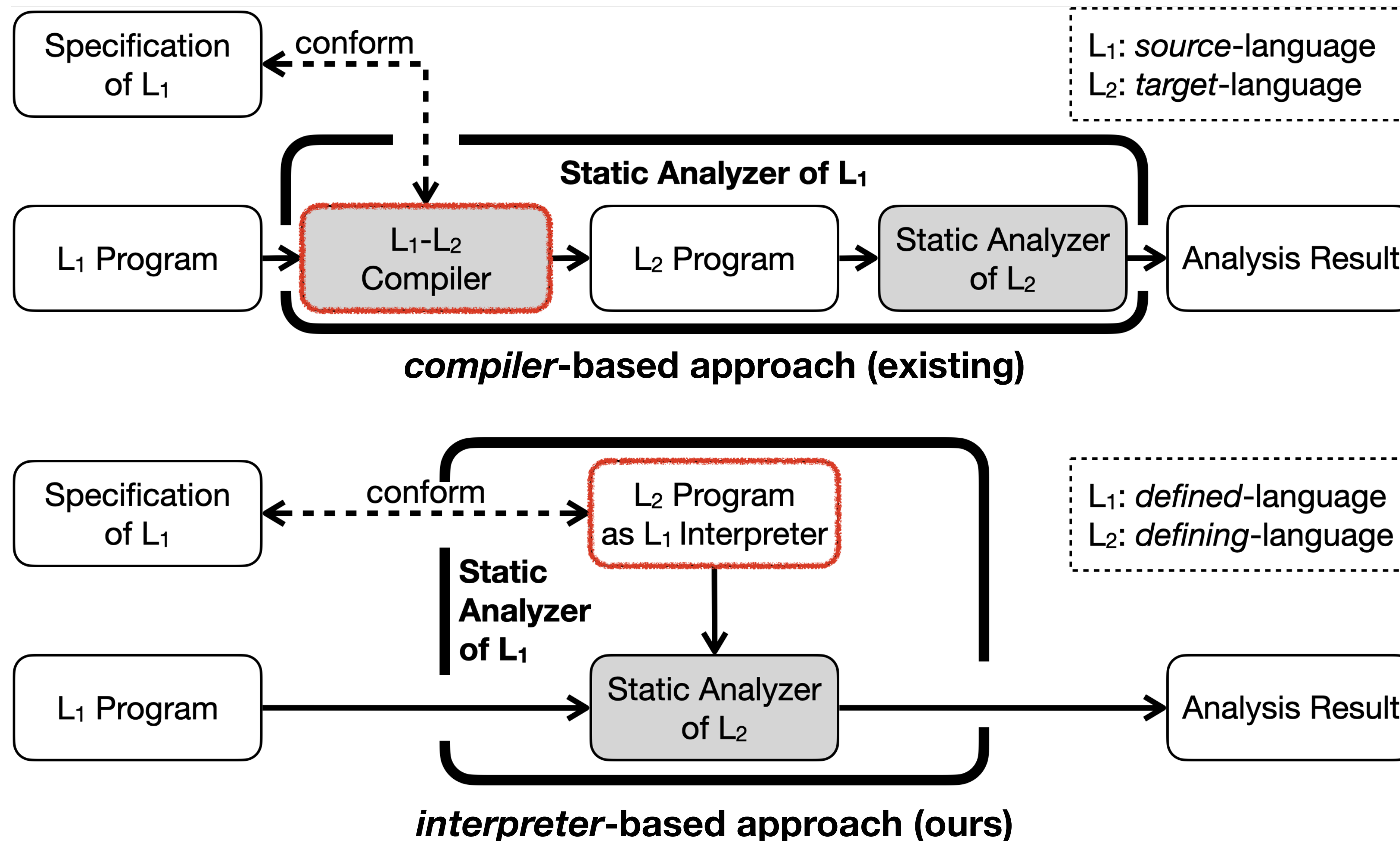
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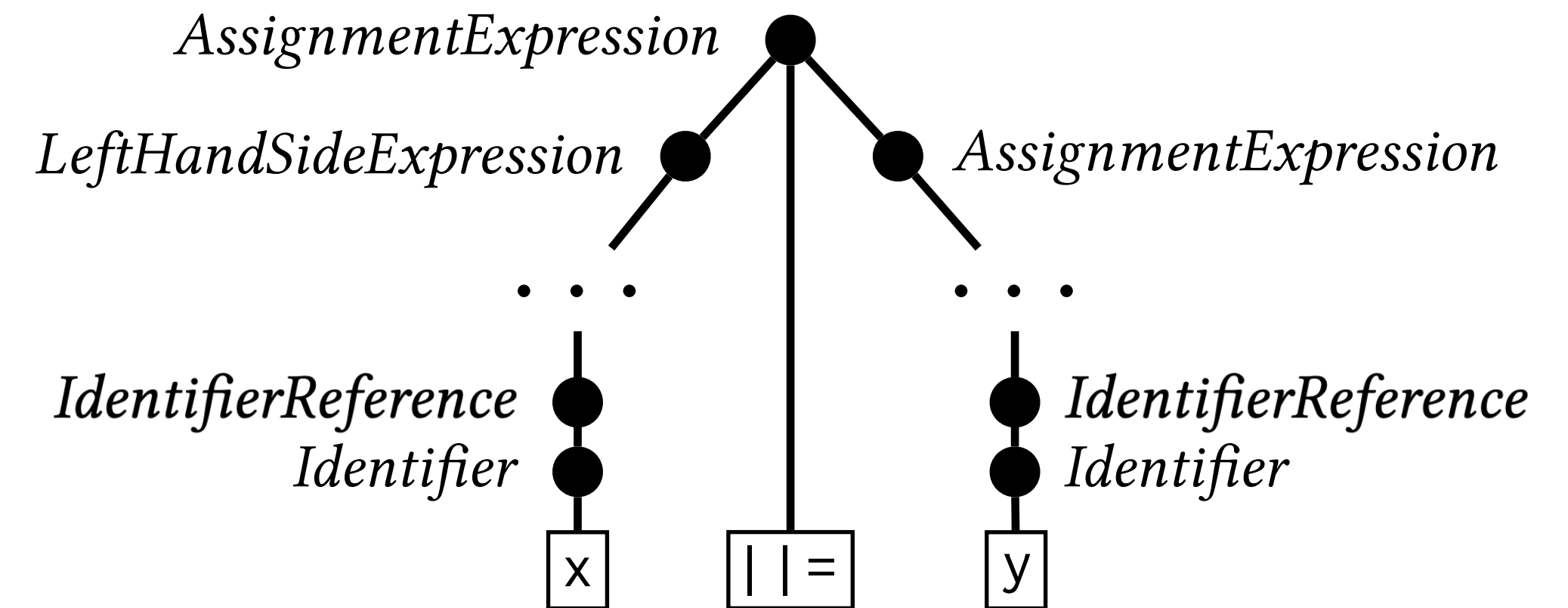
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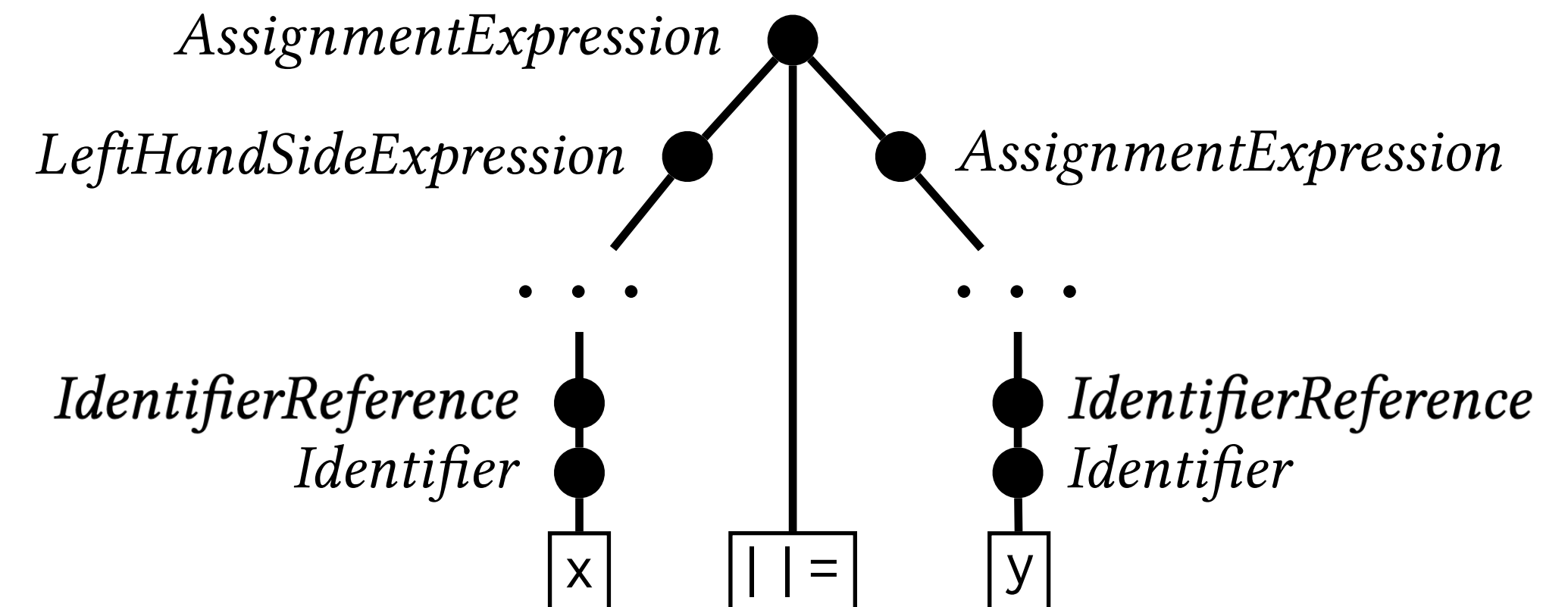


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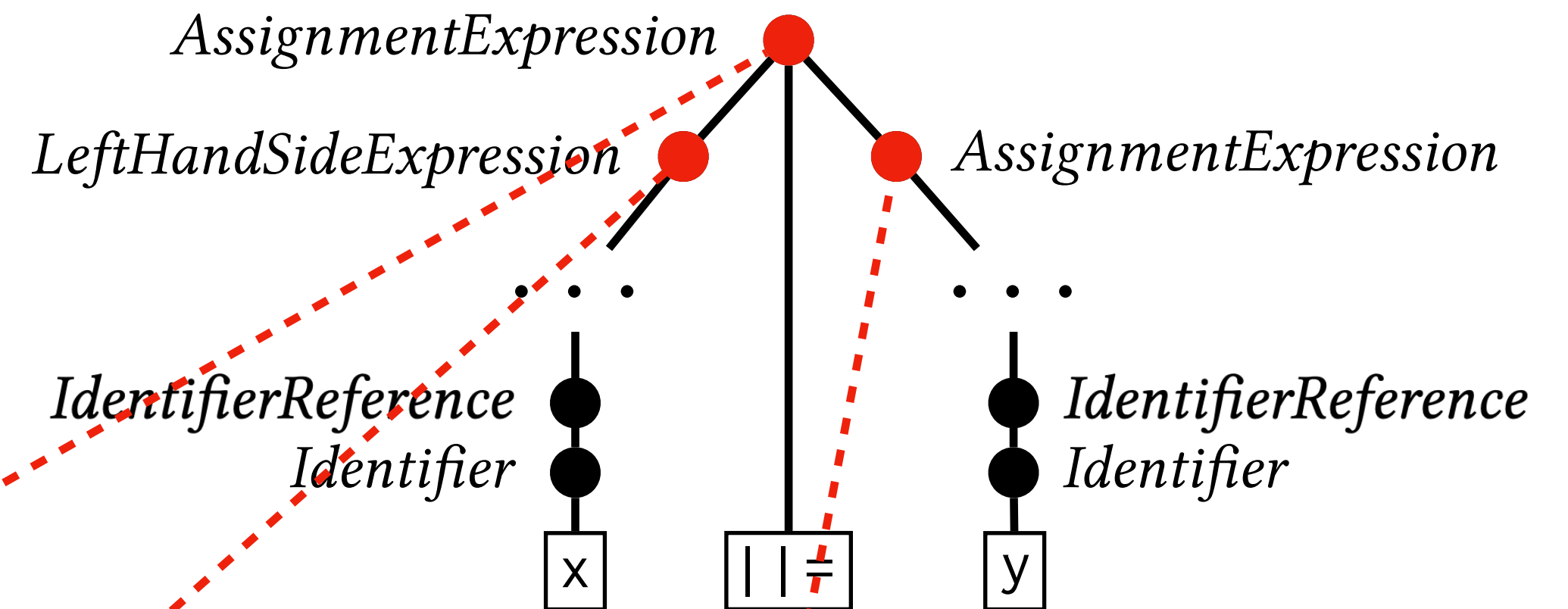
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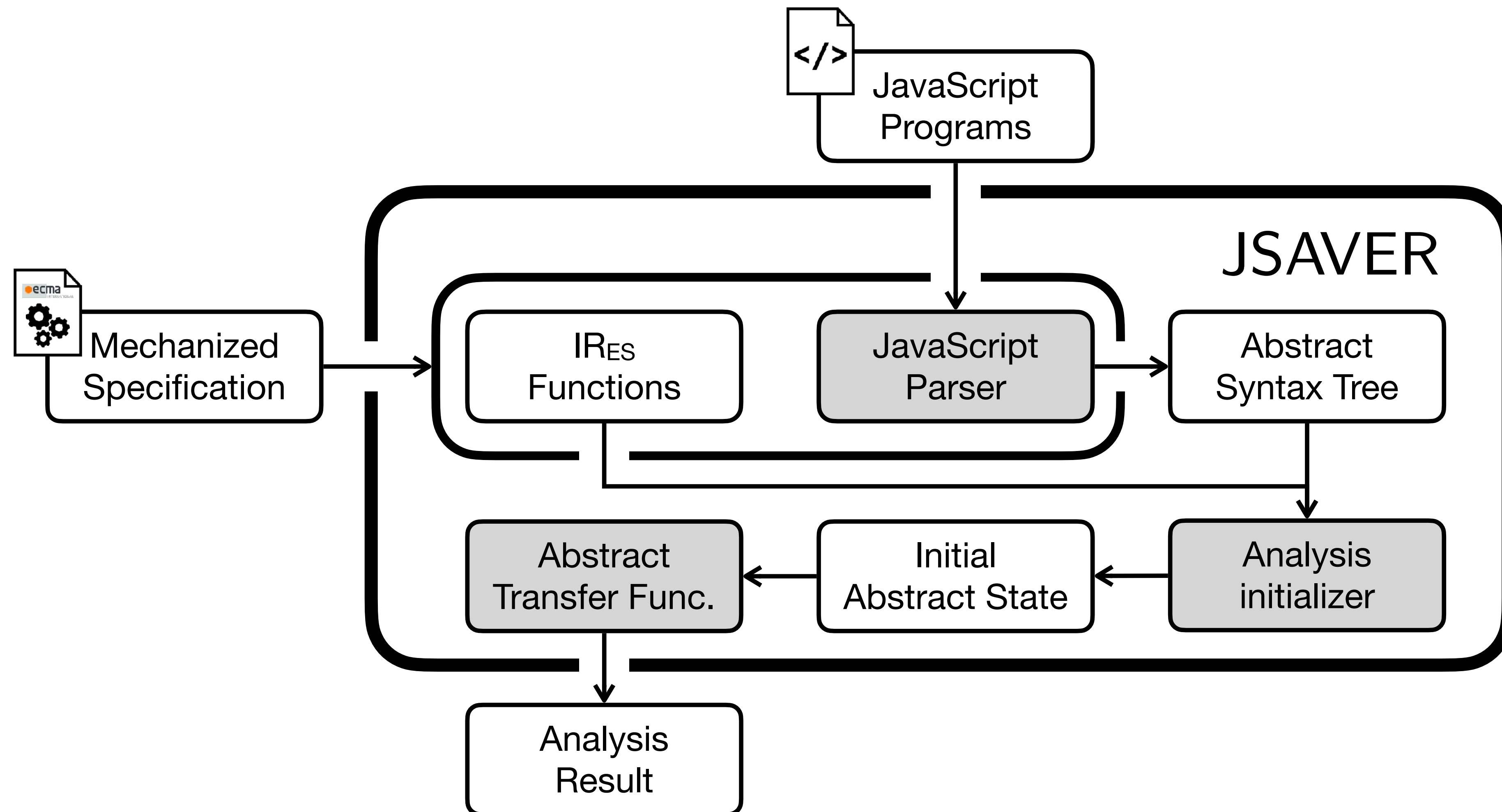
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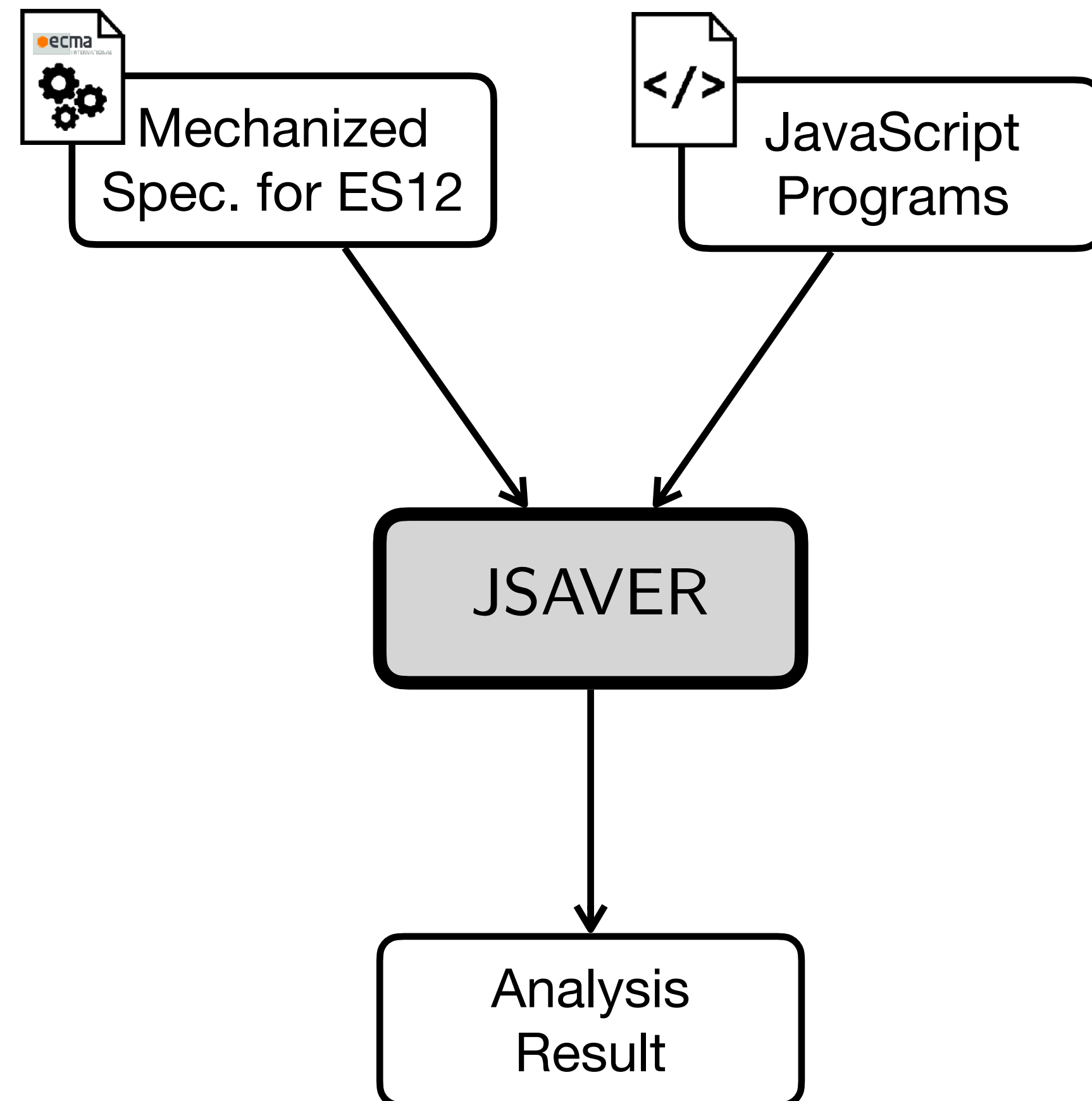
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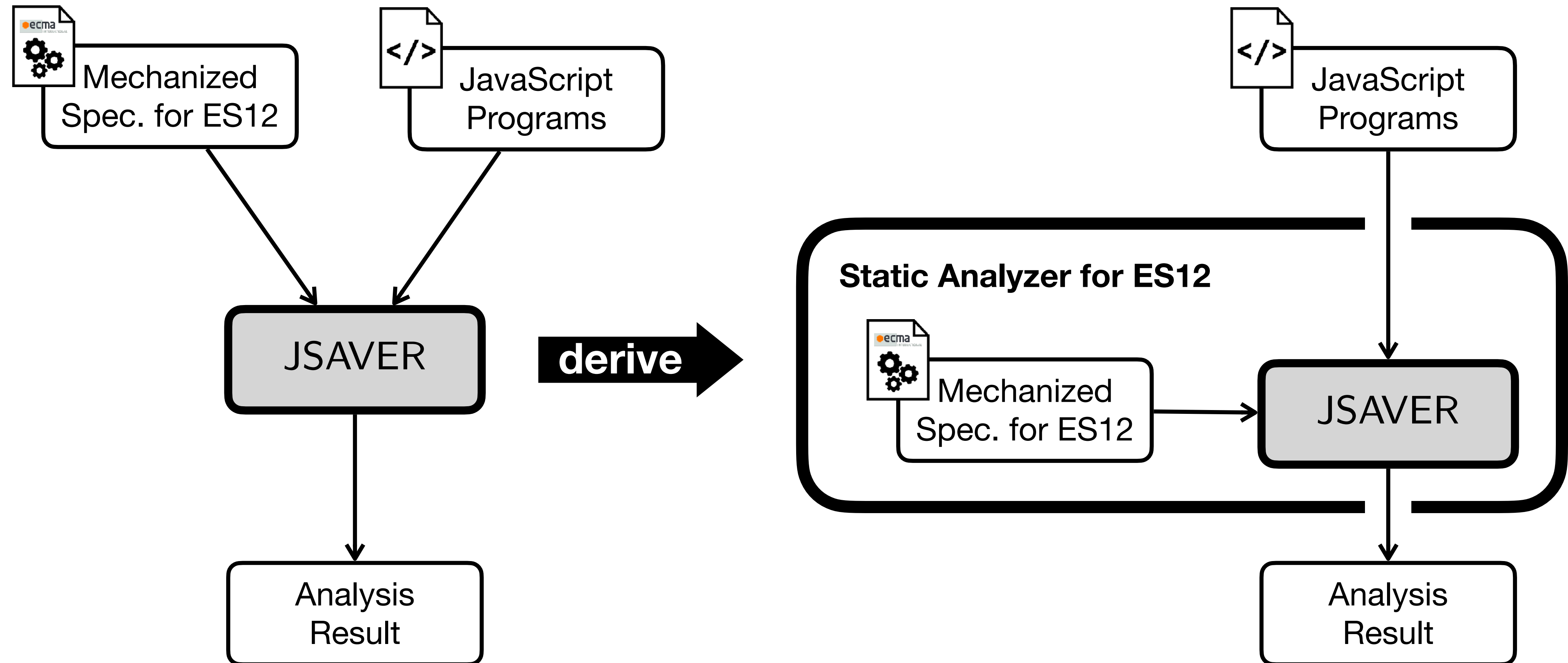
JavaScript Static Analyzer via ECMAScript Representation



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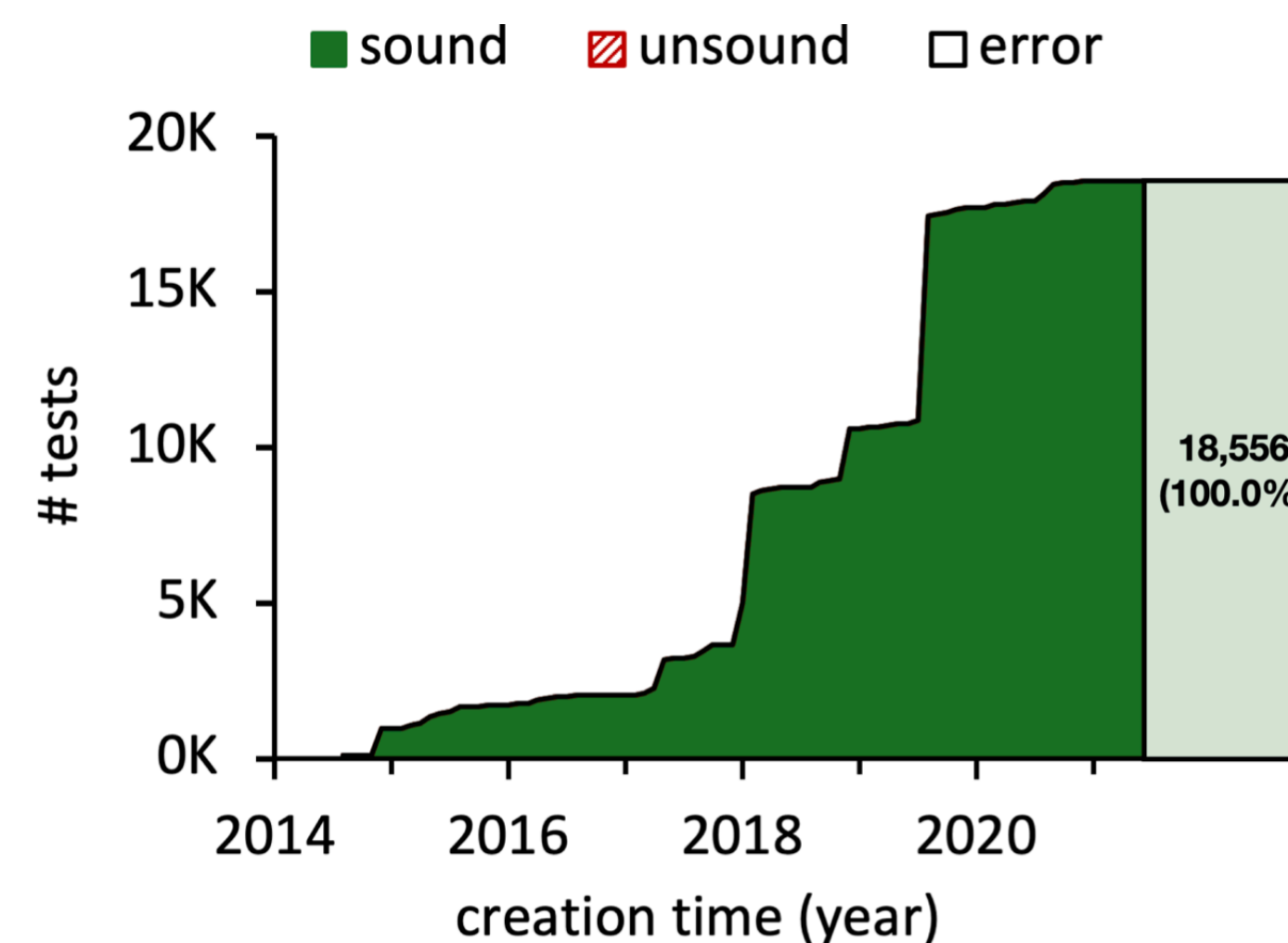
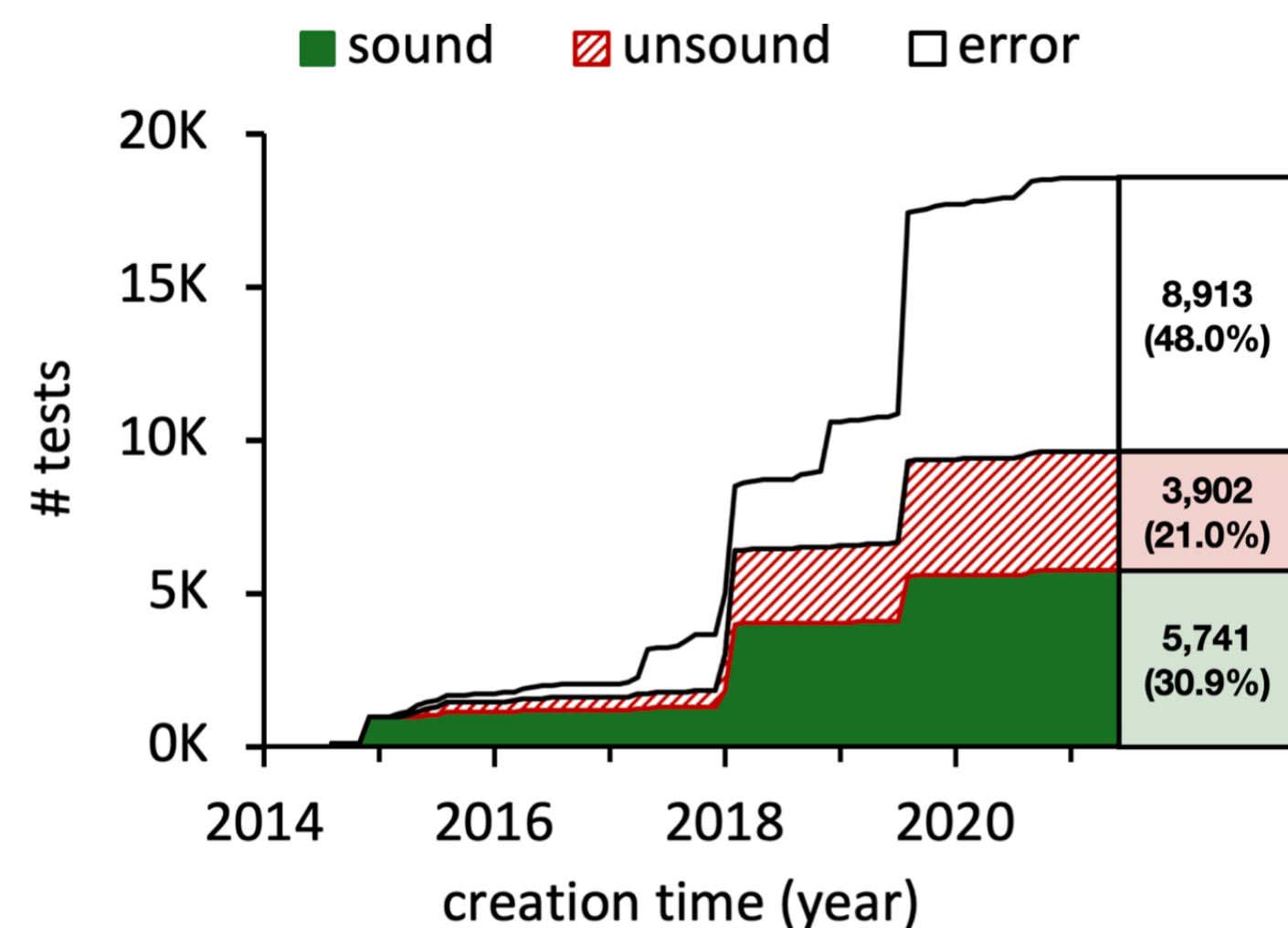
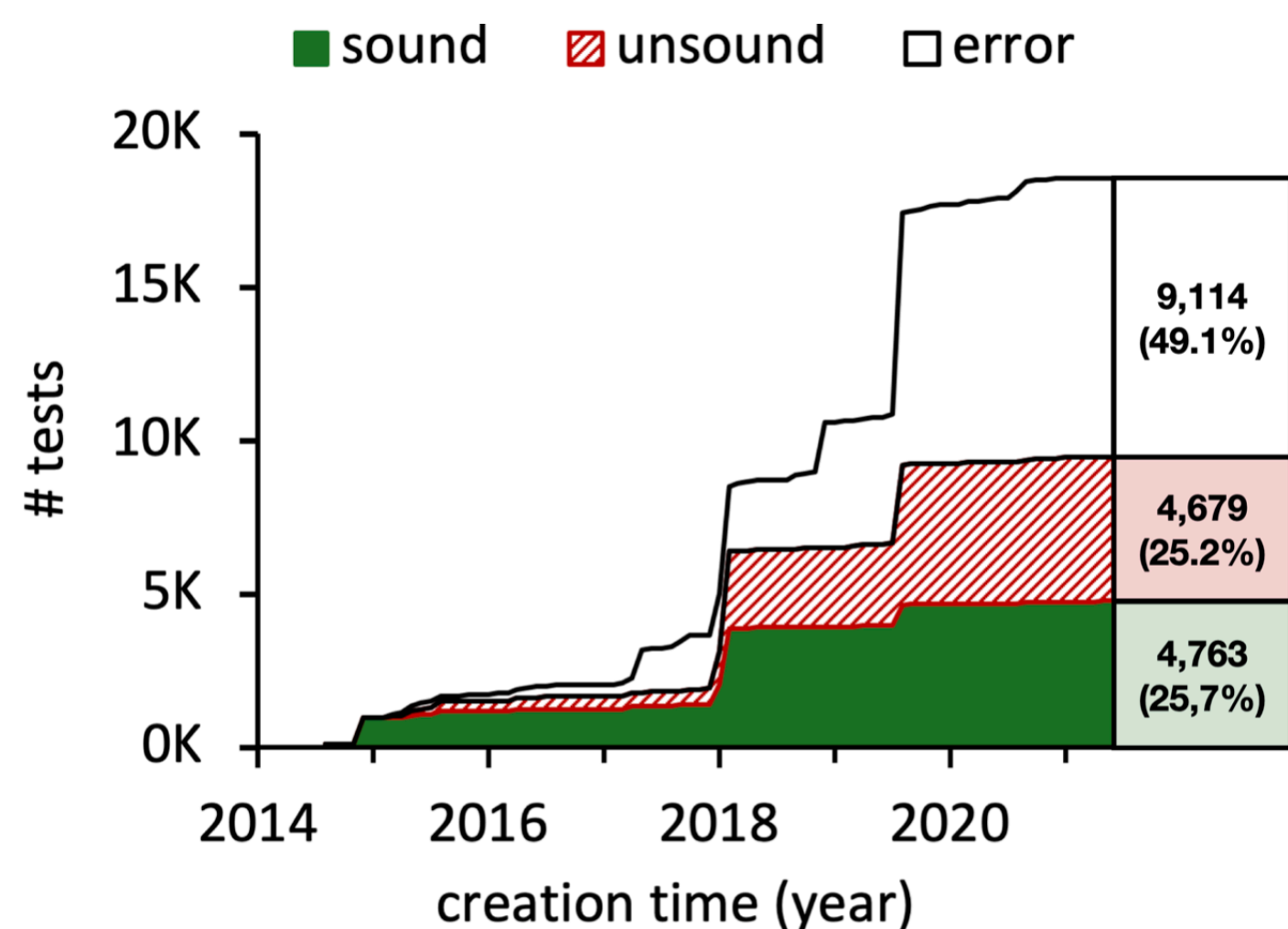
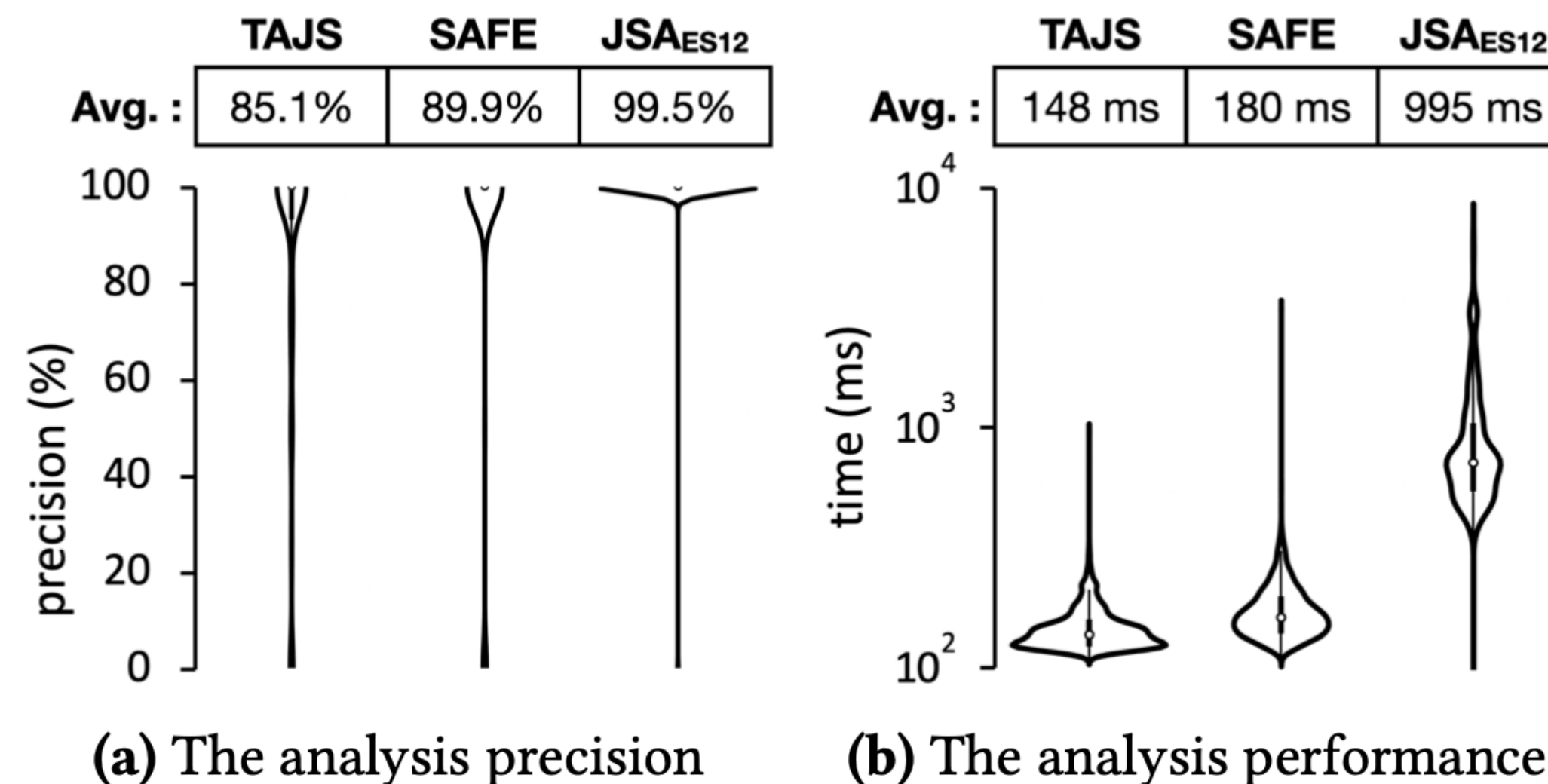


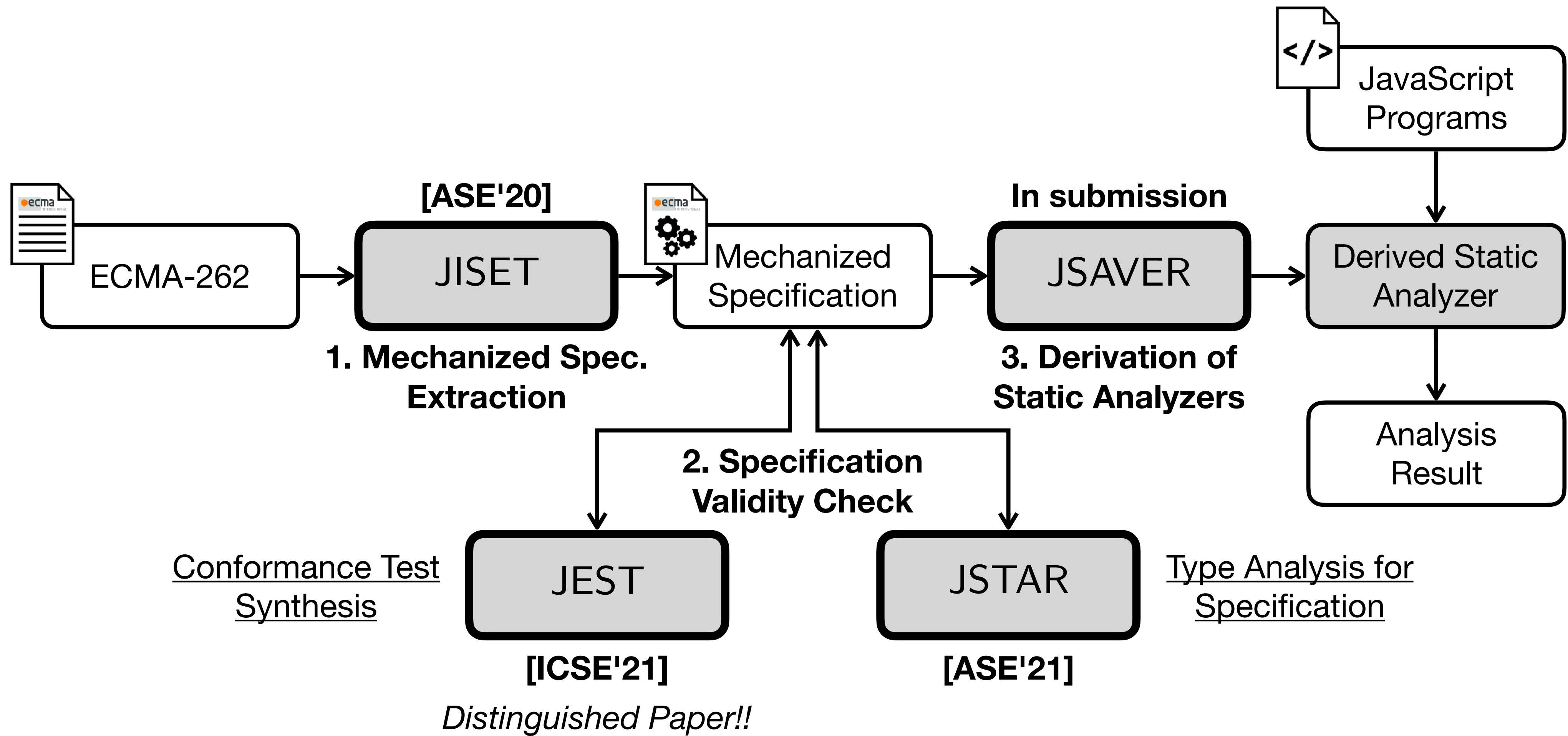
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JSAVER - Evaluation

- **Soundness / Precision / Performance**
 - 18,556 applicable tests in Test262
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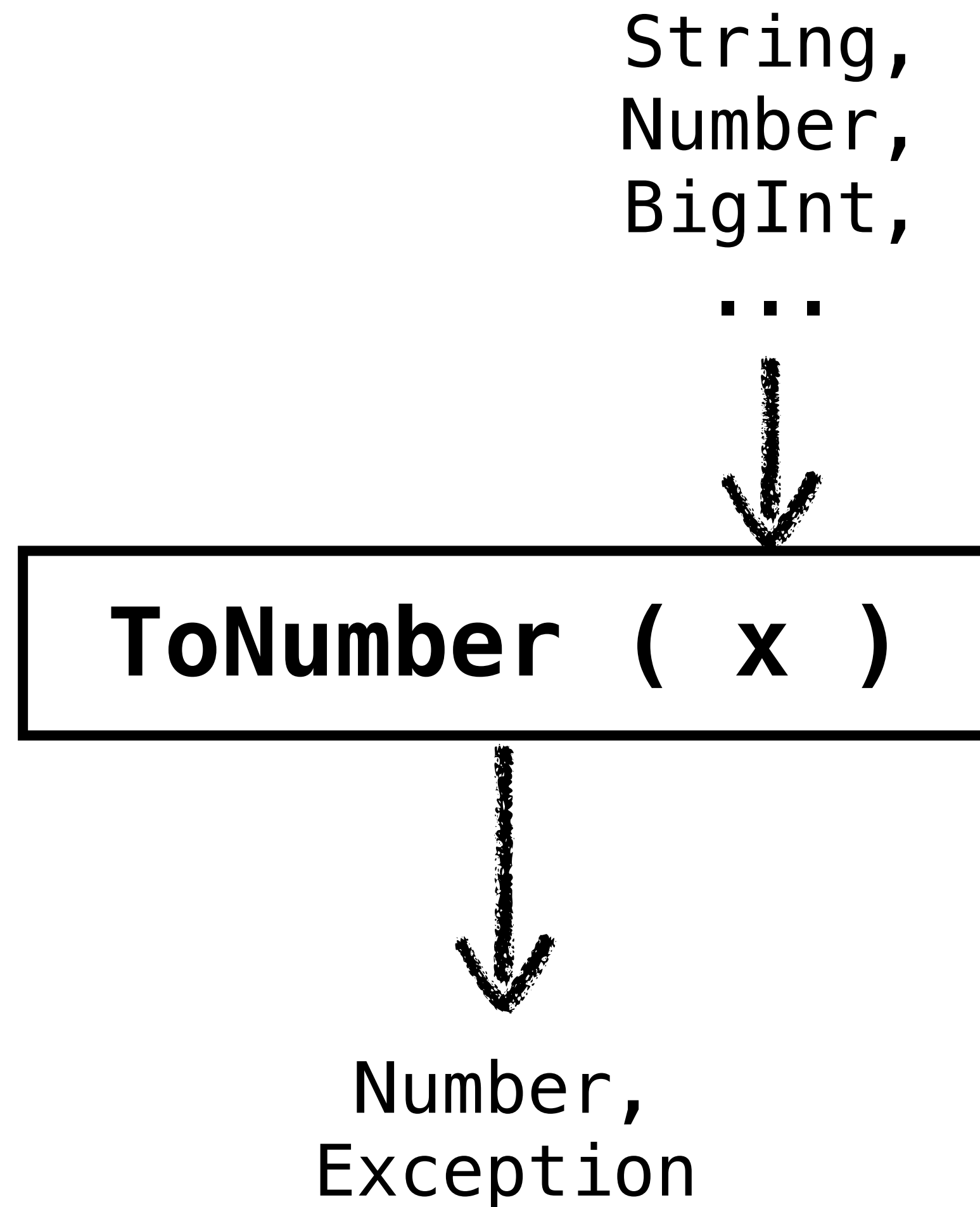
The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository `es-meta/esmeta`. The repository is public and has 1 star, 3 watchers, and 0 forks. The main branch is `main`. The repository description is "ECMAScript Metalanguage for Generation of Language-based Tools". The repository contains several files and folders, including `.github/workflows`, `project`, `src`, `tests`, `.gitignore`, `.jvmopts`, `.scalafmt.conf`, and `LICENSE`. The most recent commit by `jhnaldo` removed unnecessary legacy files in the `src` and `tests` directories 38 minutes ago. The repository also has a `Readme`, a `BSD-3-Clause License`, and 1 star. There are no releases published.

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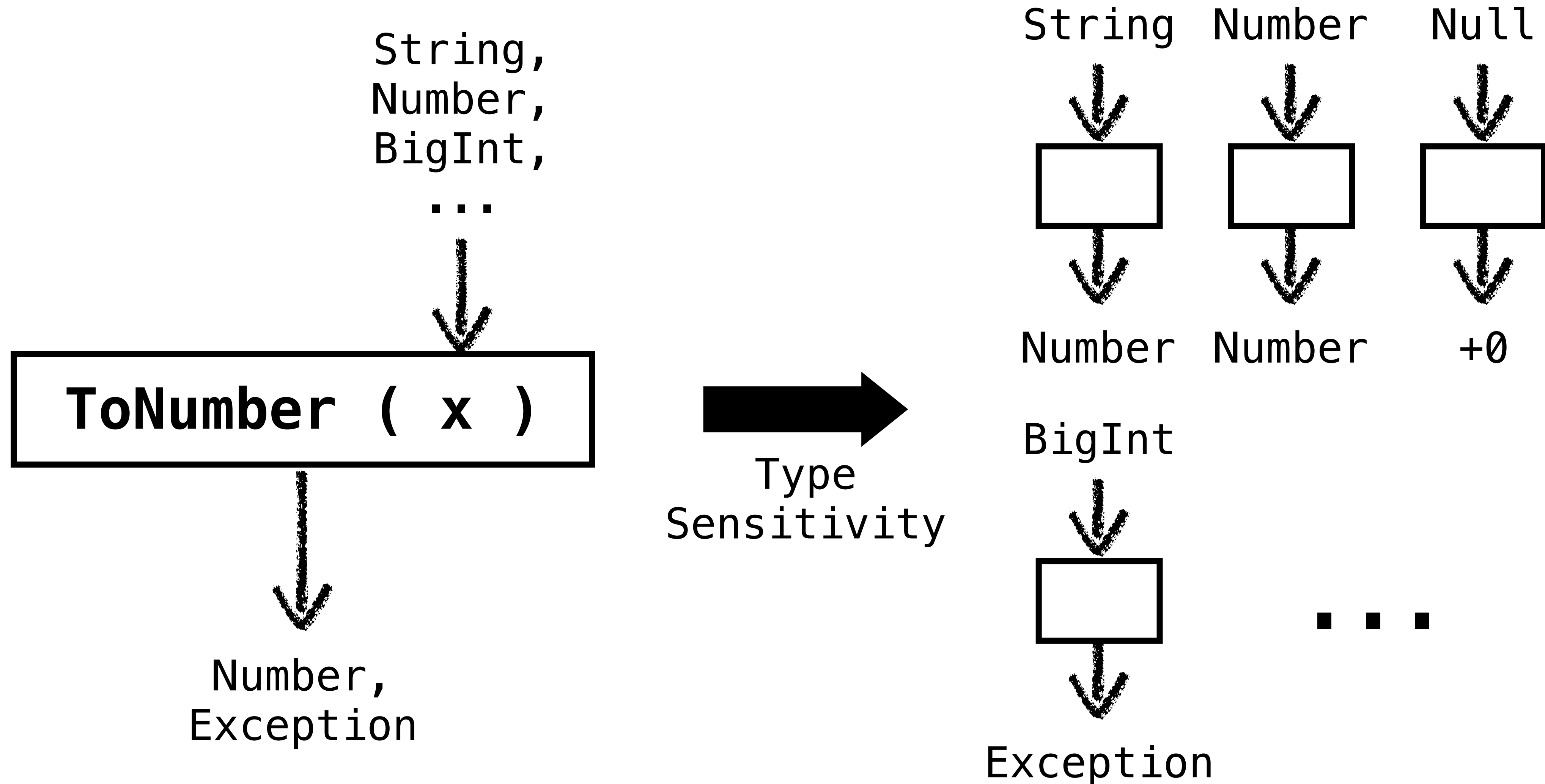
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Backup Slides

JSTAR - Precision - 1) Type Sensitivity



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JSTAR - Precision \uparrow - 2) Type Refinement

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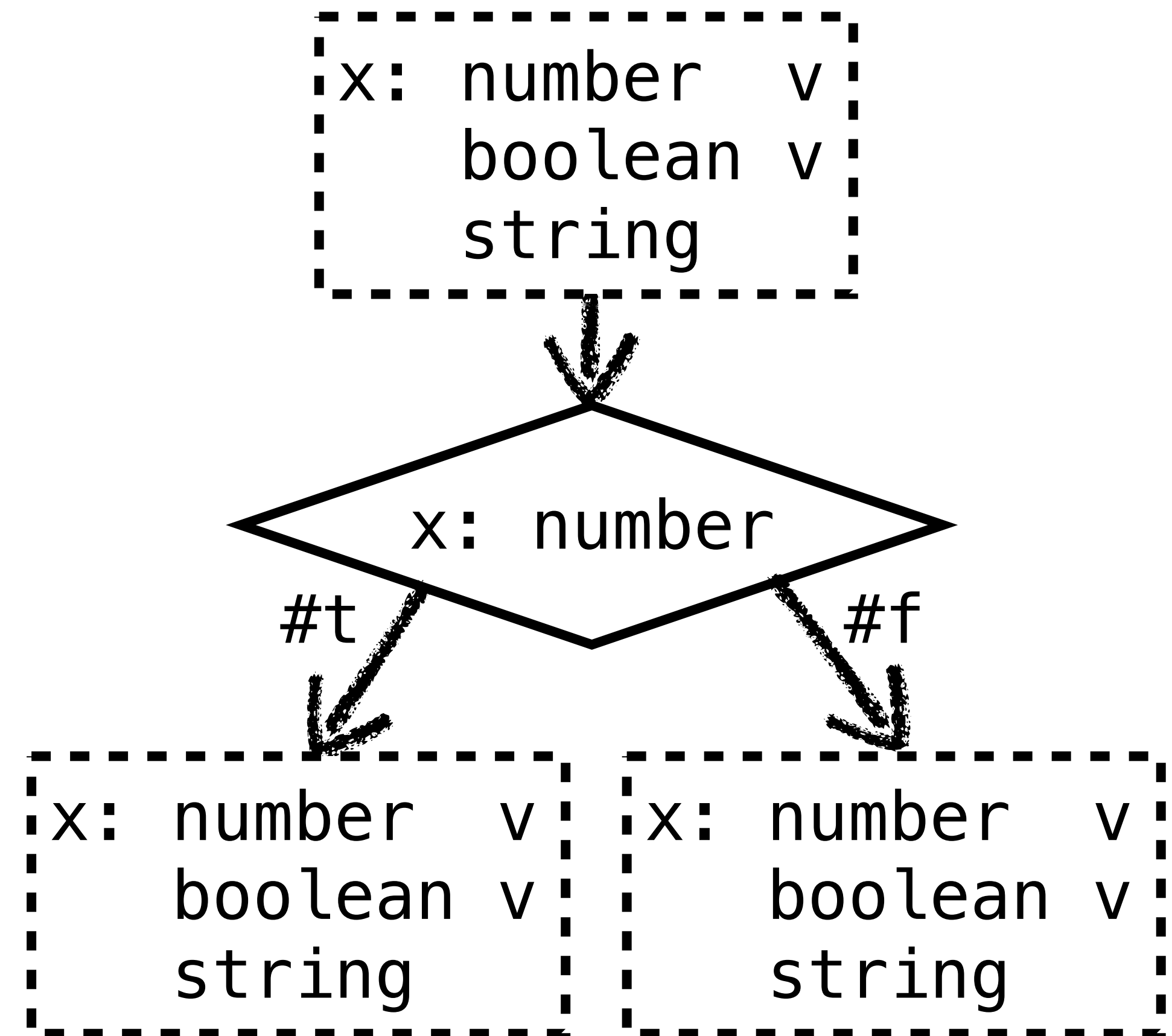
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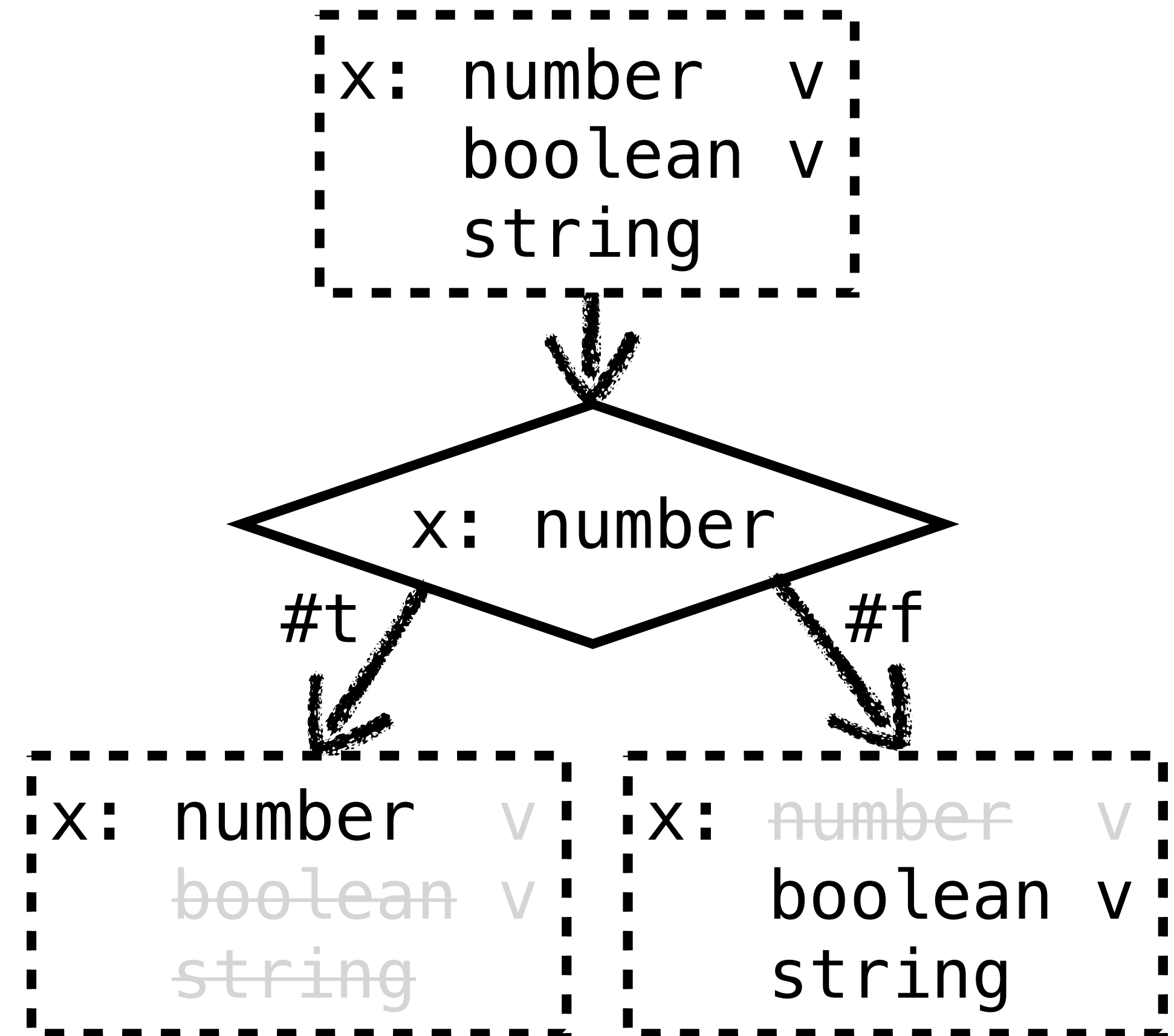
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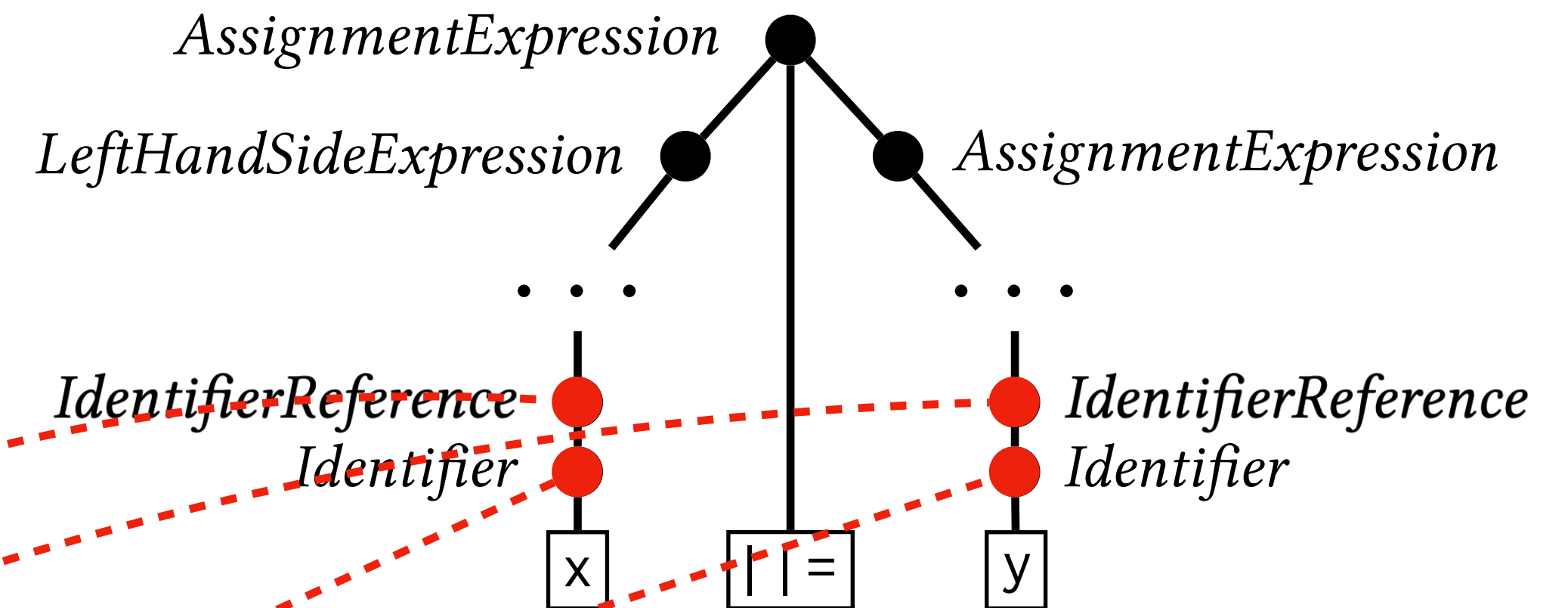
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JSAVER - AST Sensitivity

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(JavaScript)

x || = y **parse** →




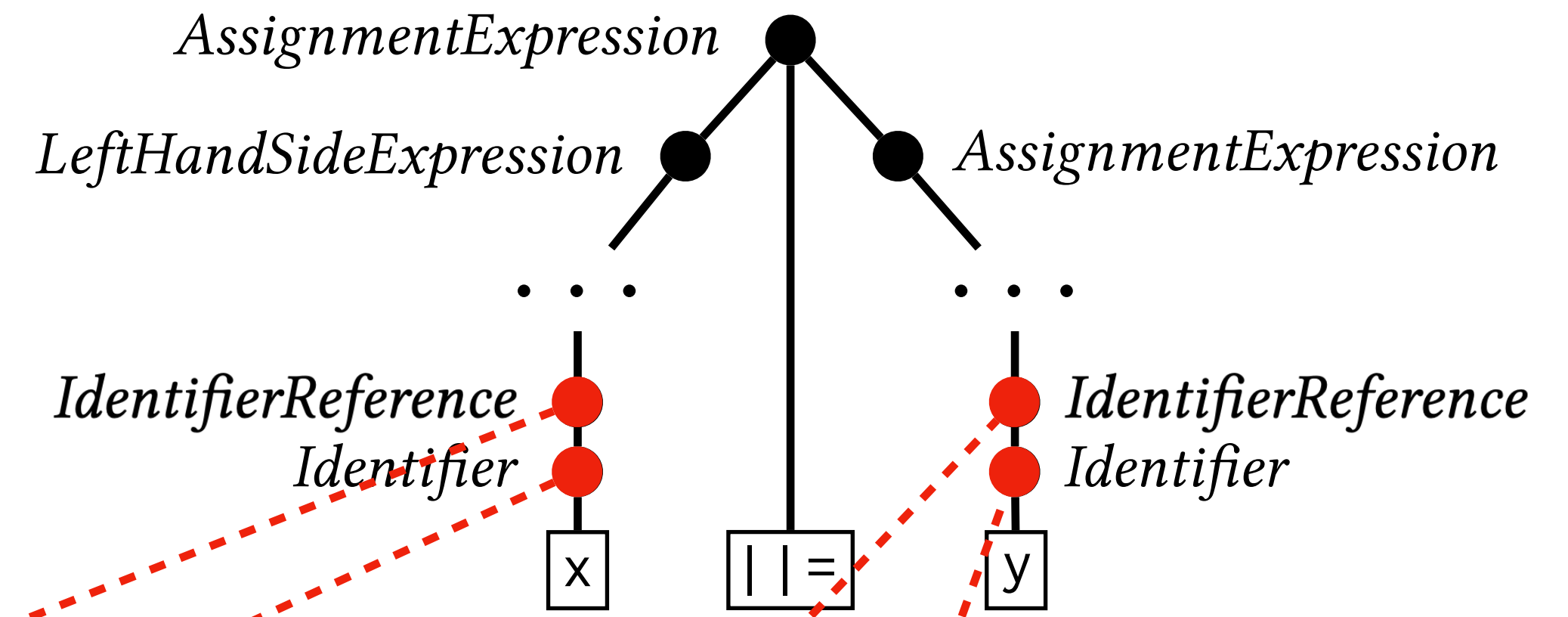
defining-language
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k-callsite sensitivity	$\delta^{\text{js-k-cfa}}([t_1, \dots, t_n]) = \{\sigma = (_, _, \bar{c}, _) \in \mathbb{S} \mid$ $n \leq k \wedge (n = k \vee \text{js-ctxt}^{n+1}(\bar{c}) = \perp) \wedge$ $\forall 1 \leq i \leq n. \text{ast} \circ \text{js-ctxt}^i(\bar{c}) = t_i\}$