

Concepts of Object-Oriented Programming

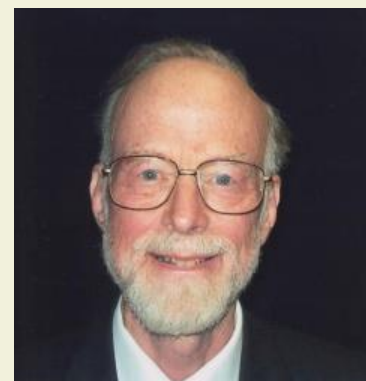
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My Billion Dollar Mistake



“I call it my billion-dollar mistake. It was the invention of the null reference in 1965. [...]

This has led to innumerable errors, vulnerabilities, and system crashes, which have probably caused a billion dollars of pain and damage in the last forty years. [...]

More recent programming languages like Spec# have introduced declarations for non-null references. This is the solution, which I rejected in 1965.” [Hoare, 2009]

6. Initialization

6.1 Simple Non-Null Types

6.2 Object Initialization

6.3 Initialization of Global Data

Main Usages of Null-References

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    }  
}
```

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void add( Object k, Object v ) {  
    if( key.equals( k ) )  
        value = v;  
    else if( next == null )  
        next = new Map( k, v );  
    else next.add( k, v );  
}  
  
Object get( Object k ) {  
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null indicates
absence of an
object

Main Usages of Null-References (cont'd)

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class Map {  
    Map next;  
    Object key;  
    Object value;
```

Most variables
hold non-null
values

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Non-Null Types

- **Non-null type $T!$** consists of references to T -objects
- **Possibly-null type $T?$** consists of references to T -objects **plus null**
 - Corresponds to T in most languages
- A language designer would choose a default

```
class Map {  
    Map? next;  
    Object! key;  
    Object! value;  
  
    Map( Object! k, Object! v ) {  
        key = k;  
        value = v;  
    }  
  
    ...  
}
```

Type Safety

- Type invariant:
If the static type of an expression *e* is a non-null type then *e*'s value at run time is different from **null**

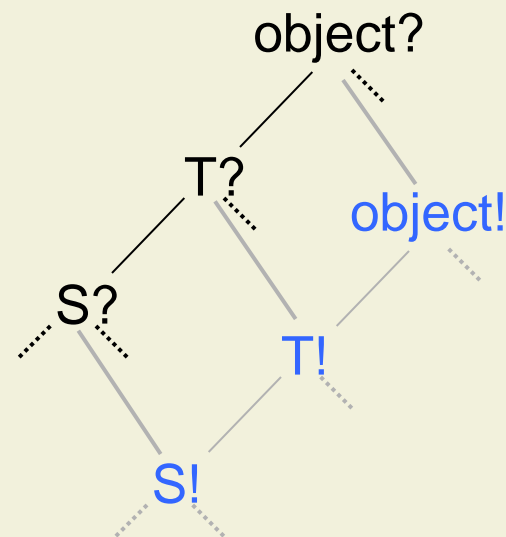
- Goal: prevent null-dereferencing statically
 - Require non-null types for the receiver of each field access, array access, method call
 - Analogous to preventing “message not understood” errors with classical type systems

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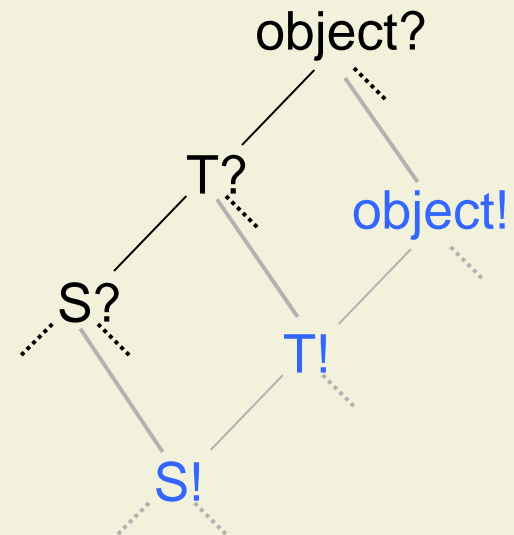


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T? pnT = ...
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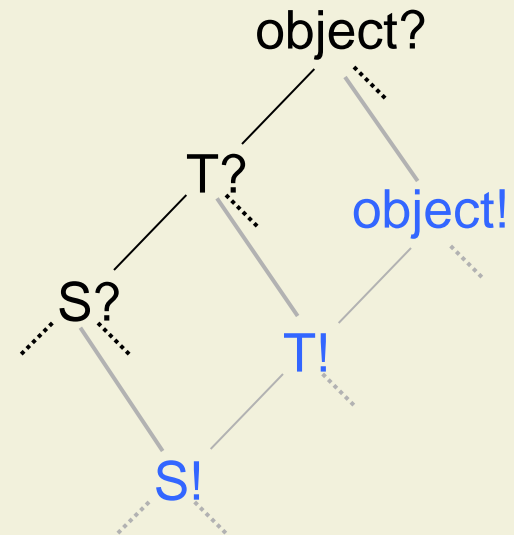
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- **Downcasts** from possibly-null types to non-null types **require run-time checks**

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nnT = ( T! ) pnT;
```

```
class T { ... }
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```
class S extends T { ... }
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Type Rules

- Most type rules of Java remain unchanged
- Additional requirement:
expressions whose value gets dereferenced at run time must have a non-null type
 - Receiver of field access
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 - Expression of a **throw** statement

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    return ( (Map!) n ).get( k );  
  }  
}
```

Dataflow Analysis

- *Data-flow analysis is a technique for gathering information about the possible set of values calculated at various points in a computer program. A program's control flow graph is used to determine those parts of a program to which a particular value assigned to a variable might propagate.* [Wikipedia]

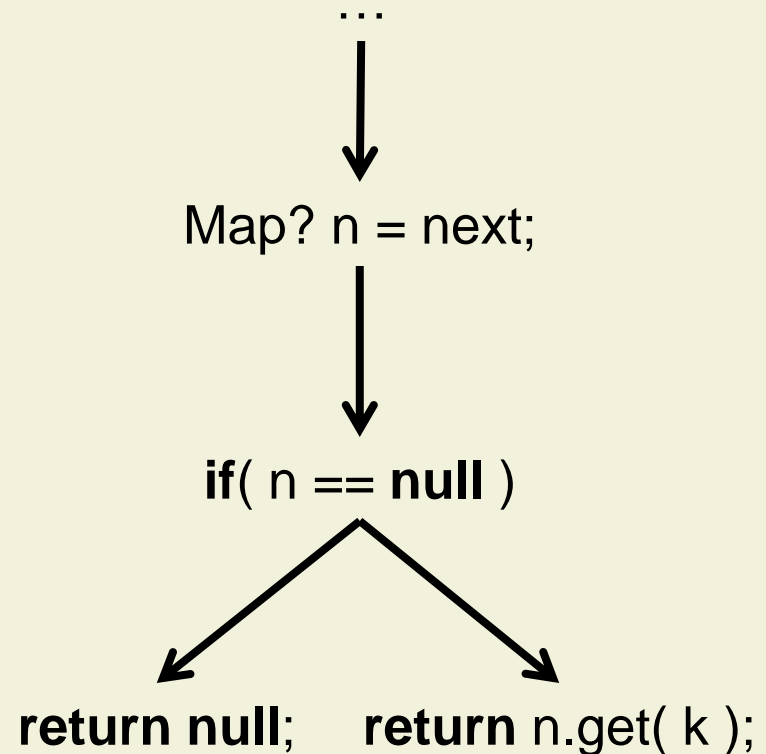
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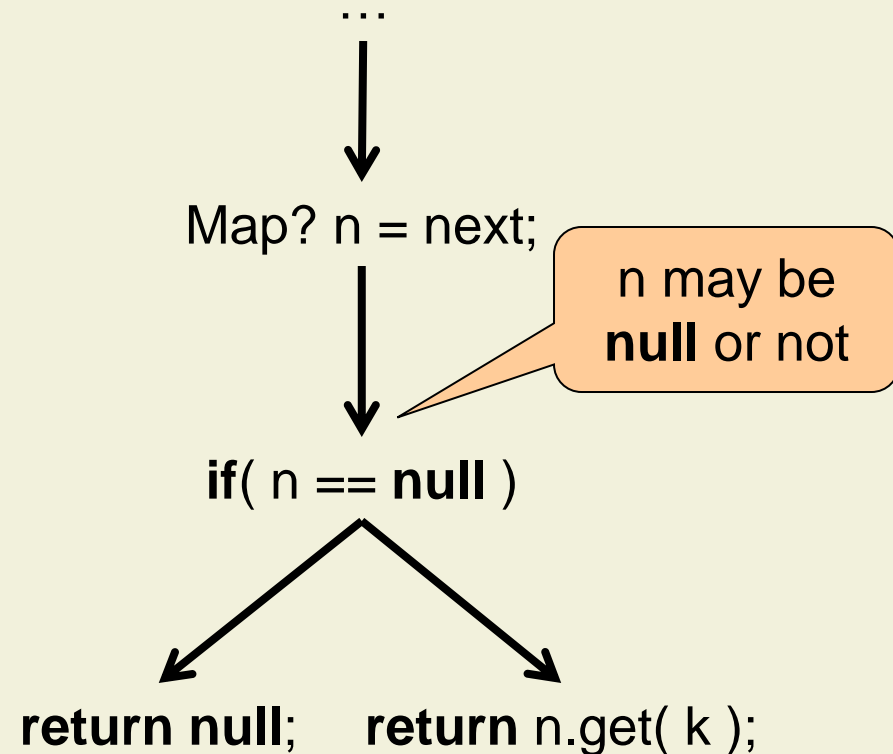
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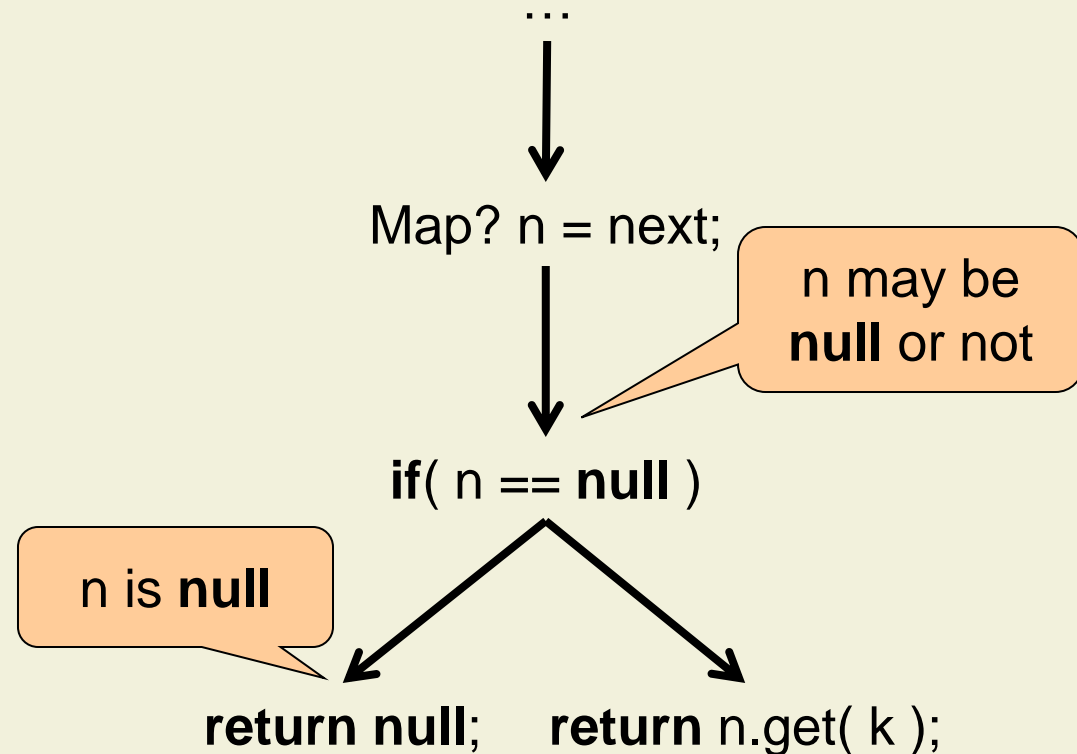
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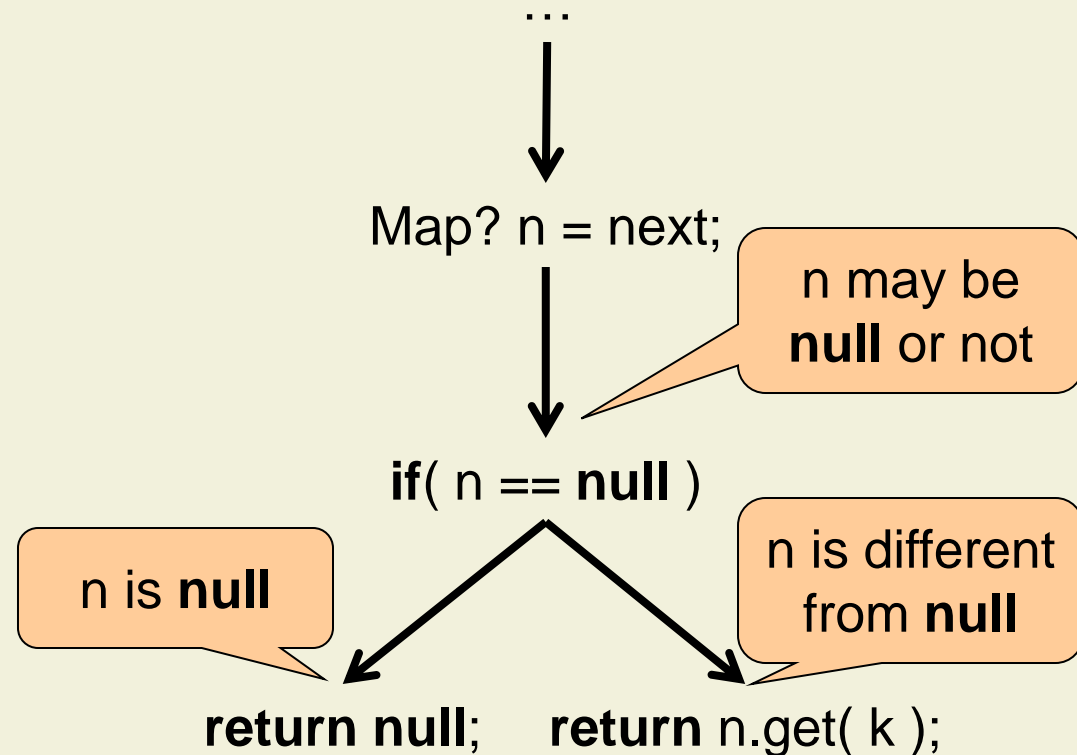
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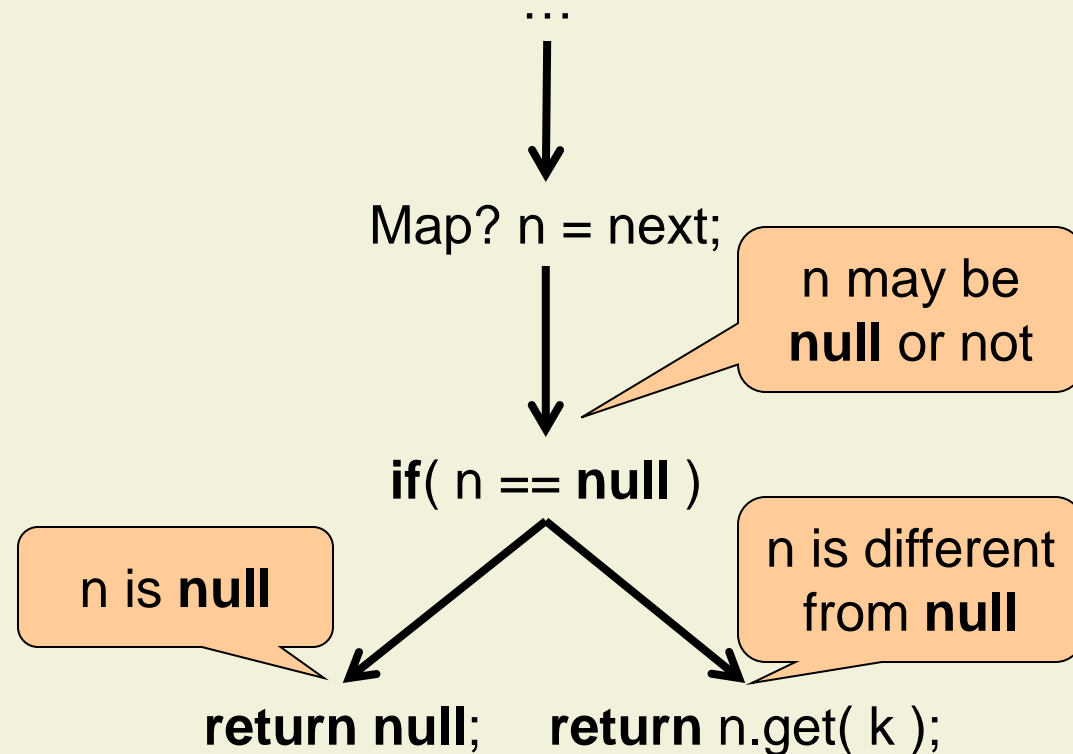


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Dataflow analysis
guarantees that
this call is safe

Control Flow Graph



Limitations of Data Flow Analysis

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class Map {  
  Map? next;  
  ...  
  Object? get( Object! k ) {  
    ...  
    if( next == null ) return null;  
    someObject.foo( this );  
    return next.get( k );  
  }  
}
```

```
void foo( Map! m ) {  
  m.next = null;  
}
```

- Data flow analysis tracks values of local variables, but not heap locations
 - Tracking heap locations is in general non-modular
- In concurrent programs, **other threads** could modify heap locations

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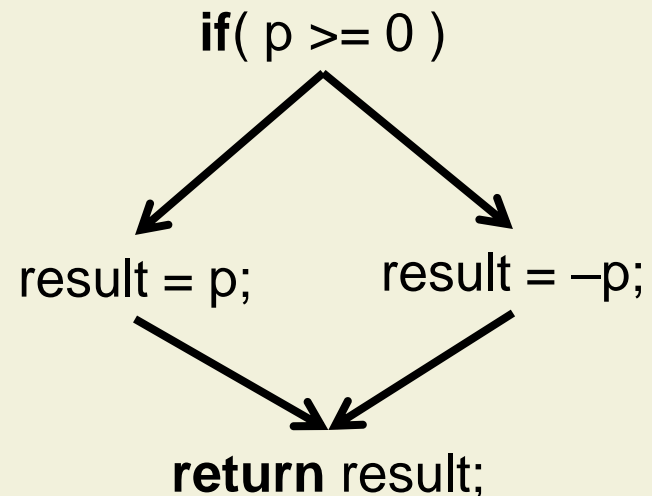
■ Idea:

- Make sure all non-null fields are initialized when the constructor terminates
- Do not rely on non-nullness of fields of objects under construction

Definite Assignment of Local Variables

- Java and C# do not initialize local variables
- **Definite assignment rule**: every local variable must be assigned to before it is first used
 - Checked by compiler using a data flow analysis
 - Also checked during bytecode verification

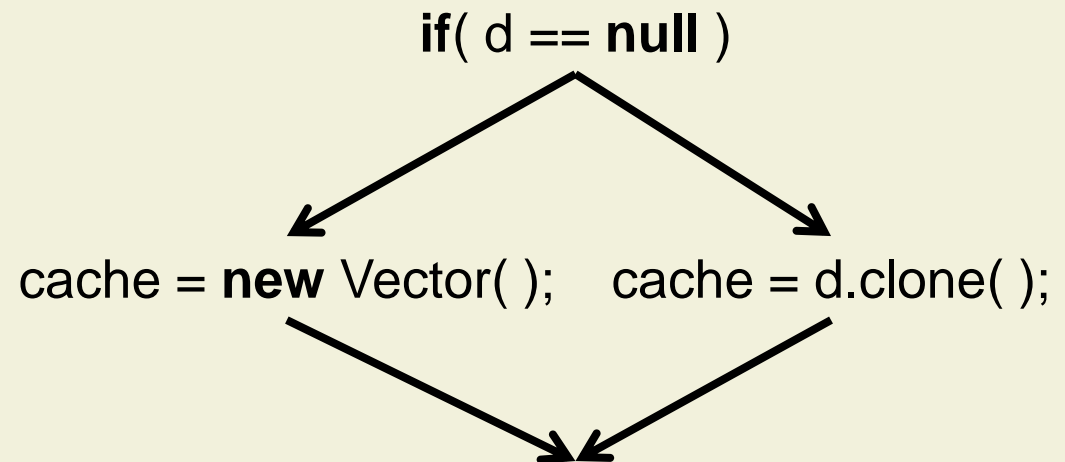
```
int abs( int p ) {  
    int result;  
    if( p >= 0 ) result = p;  
    else result = -p;  
    return result;  
}
```



Definite Assignment of Fields

- Idea: apply definite assignment rule for fields in constructor

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class Demo {  
  Vector! cache;  
  Demo( Vector? d ) {  
    if( d == null )  
      cache = new Vector( );  
    else  
      cache = d.clone( );  
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Problem 1: Method Calls

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class Demo {  
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    Demo( ) {  
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    Demo( ) {  
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    }  
  
    void update( ... ) { }  
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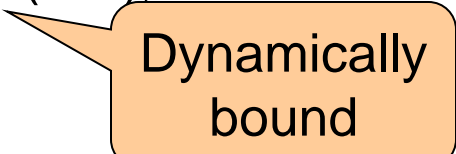
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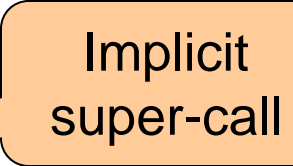
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Problem 3: Escaping via Method Calls

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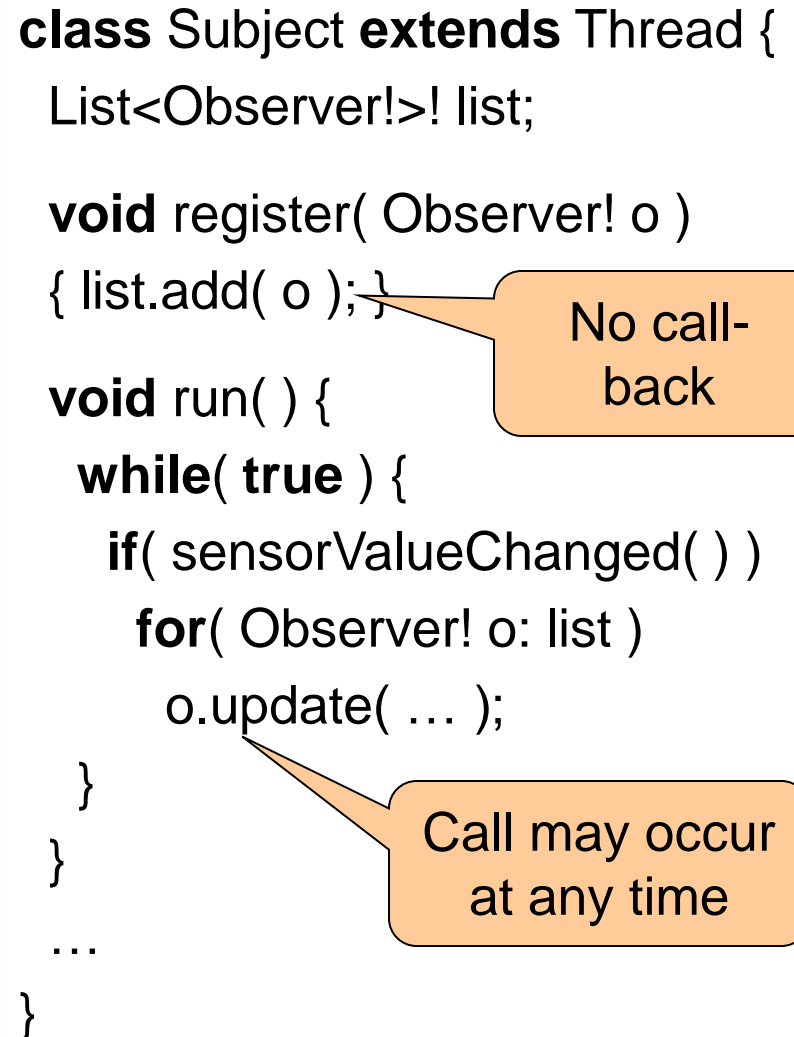
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        after.next = this;  
        proc = p;  
    }  
}
```

```
class Scheduler extends Thread {  
    Node! current;  
  
    void run( ) {  
        while( true ) {  
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            current.proc.resume( );  
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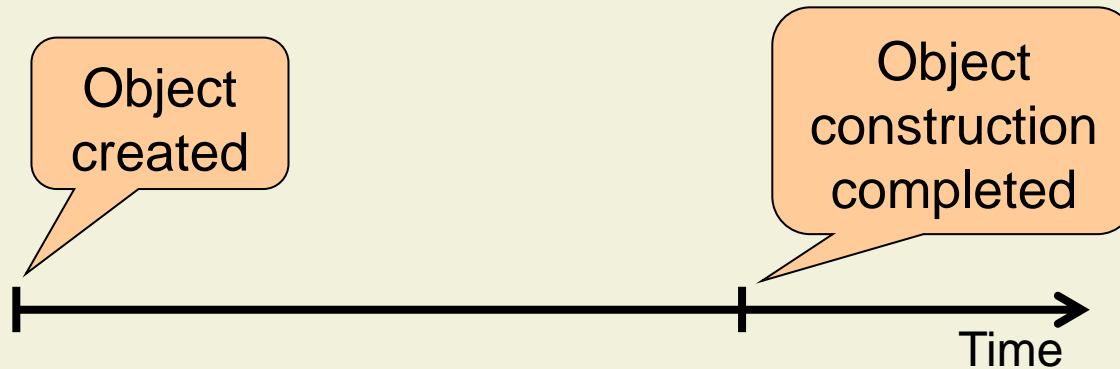
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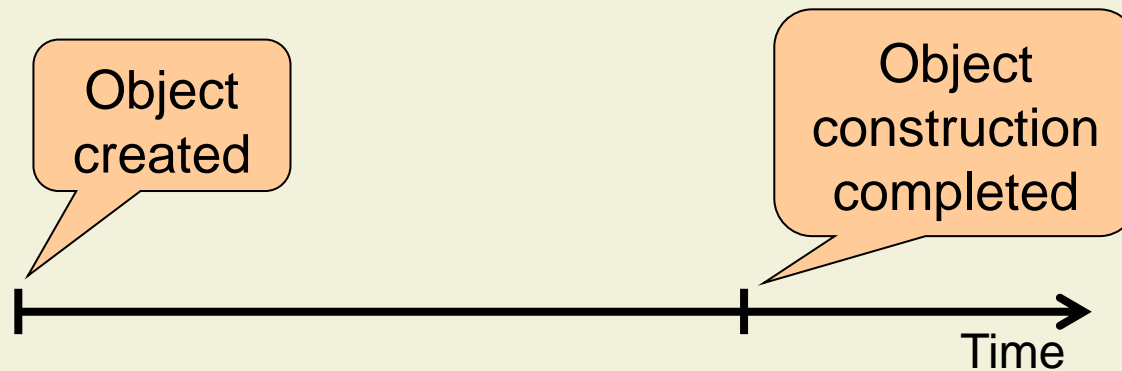
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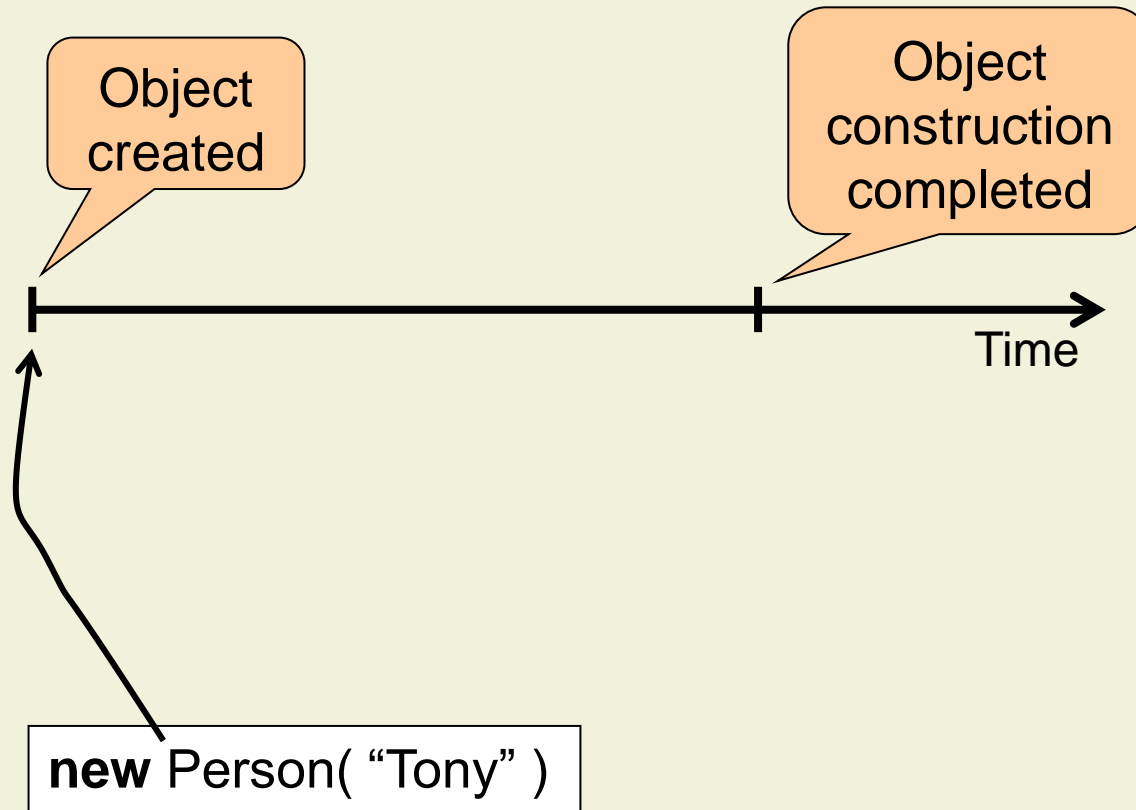


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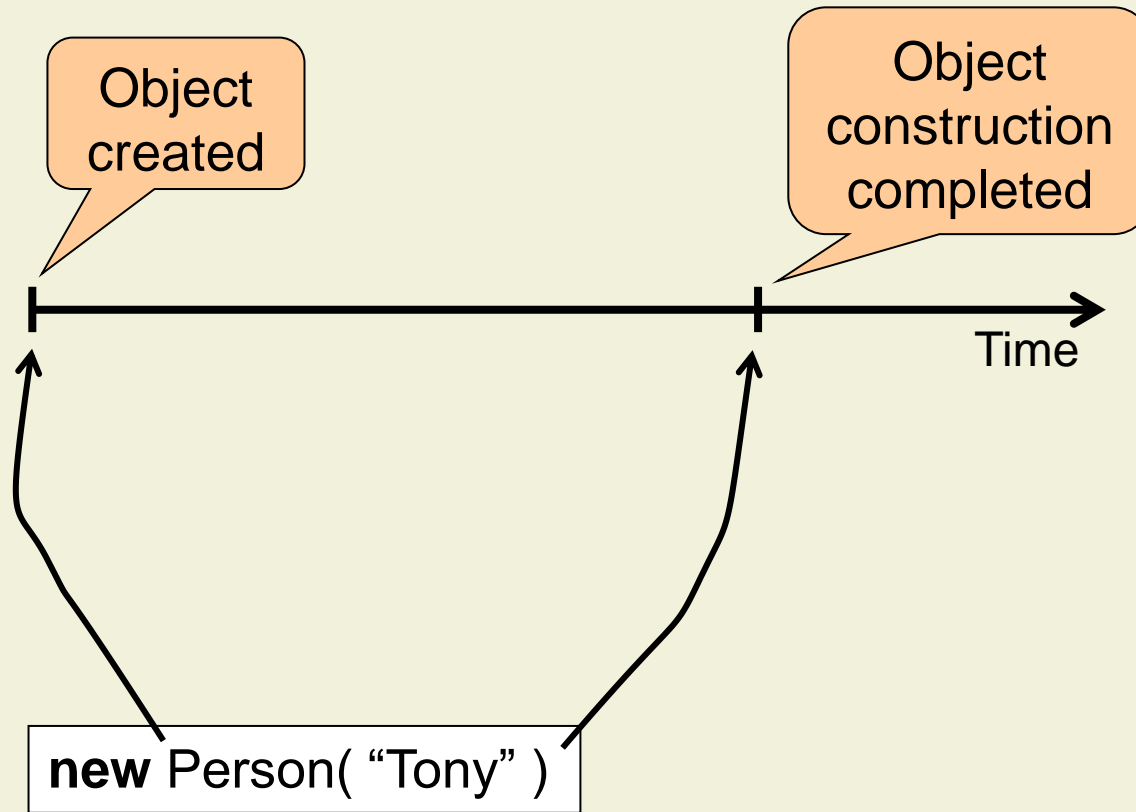


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new Person( "Tony" )
```

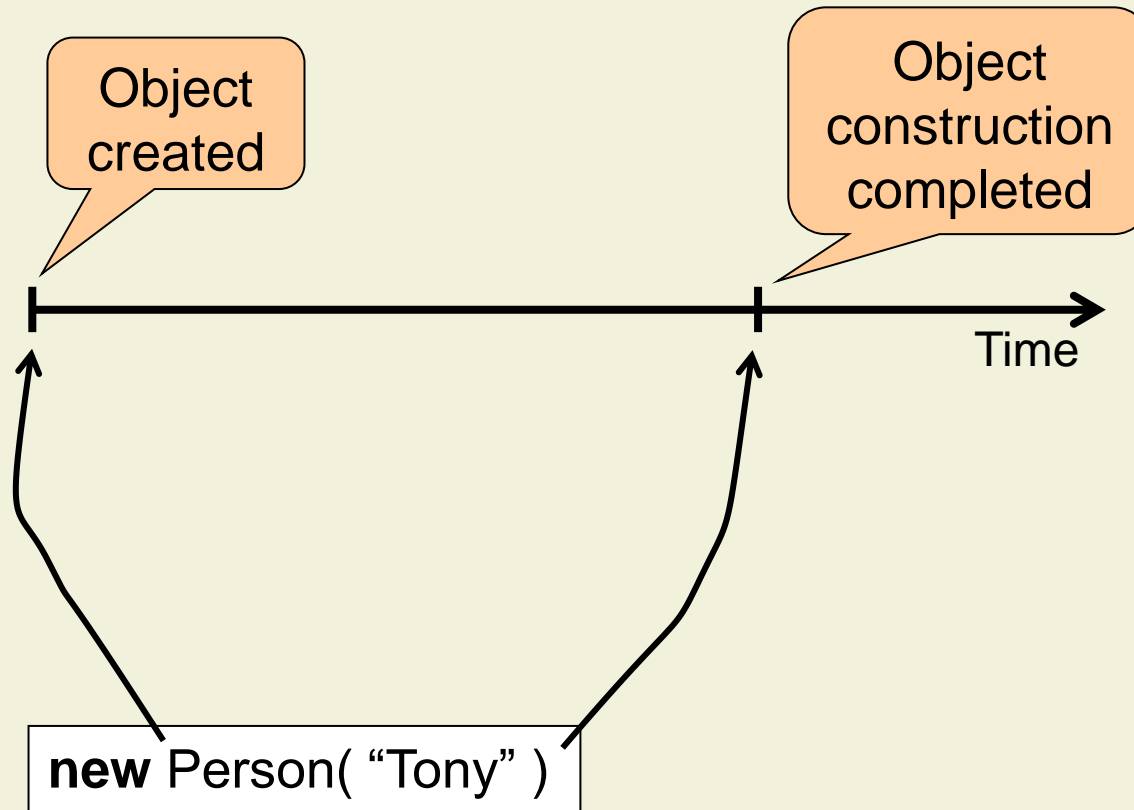
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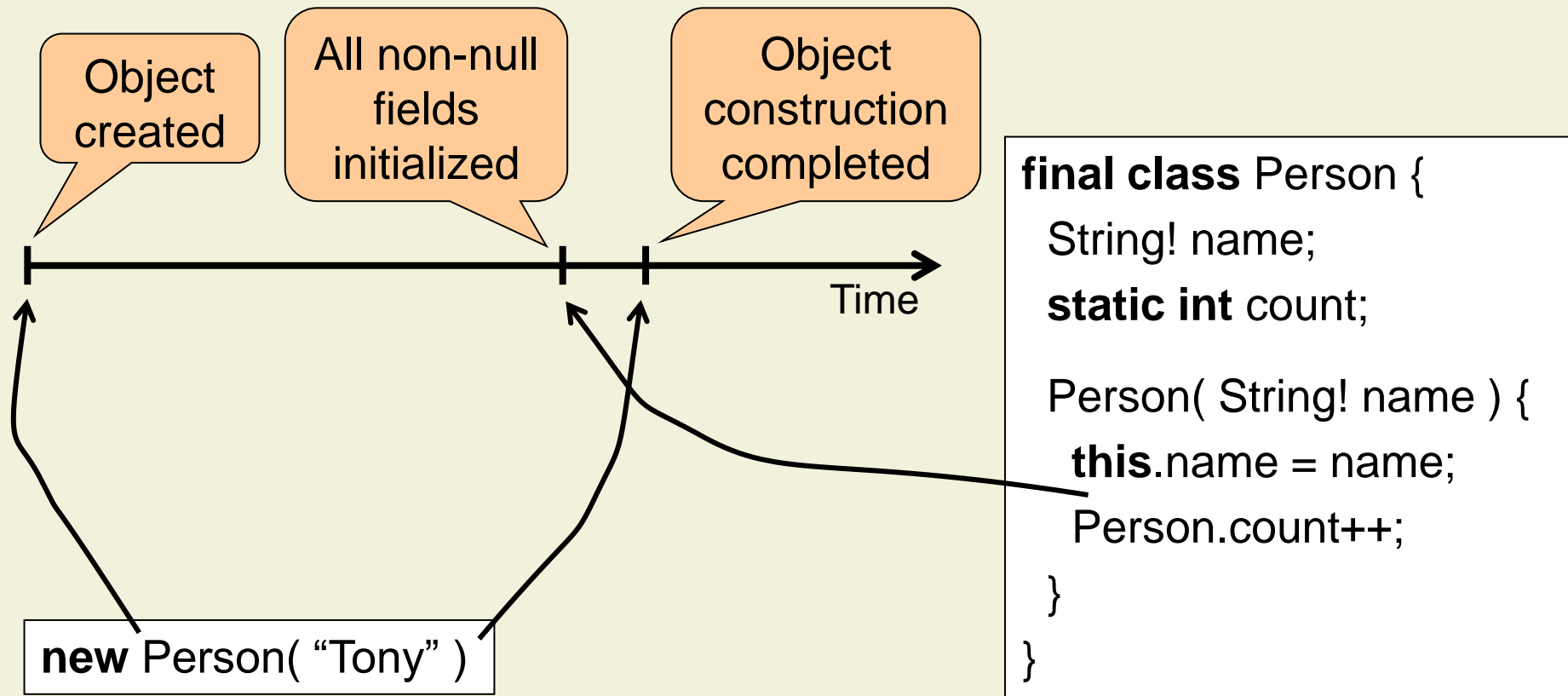


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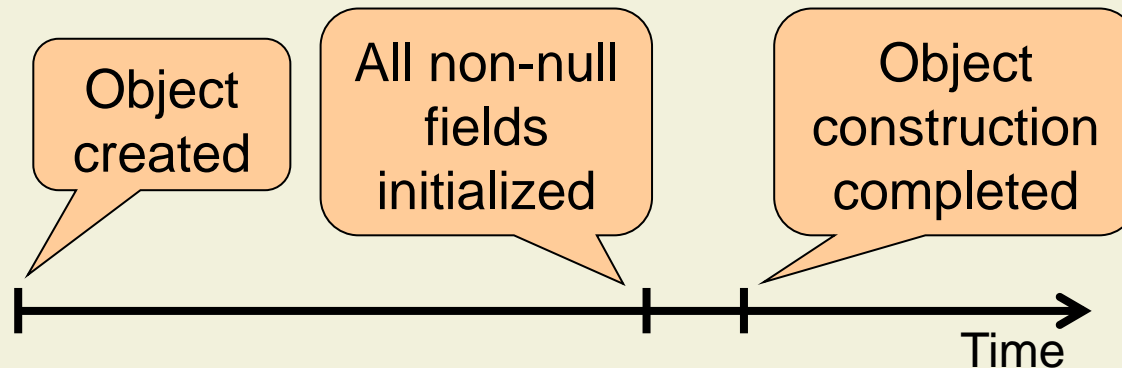


```
final class Person {  
    String! name;  
    static int count;  
  
    Person( String! name ) {  
        this.name = name;  
        Person.count++;  
    }  
}
```

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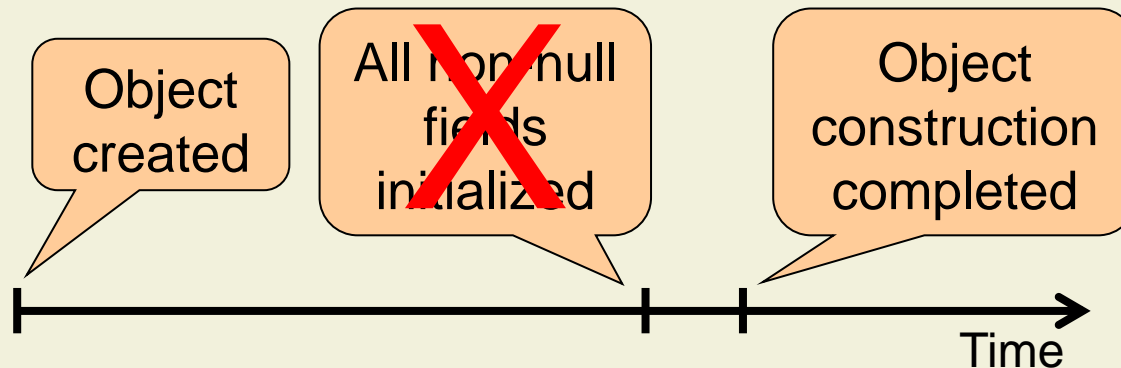


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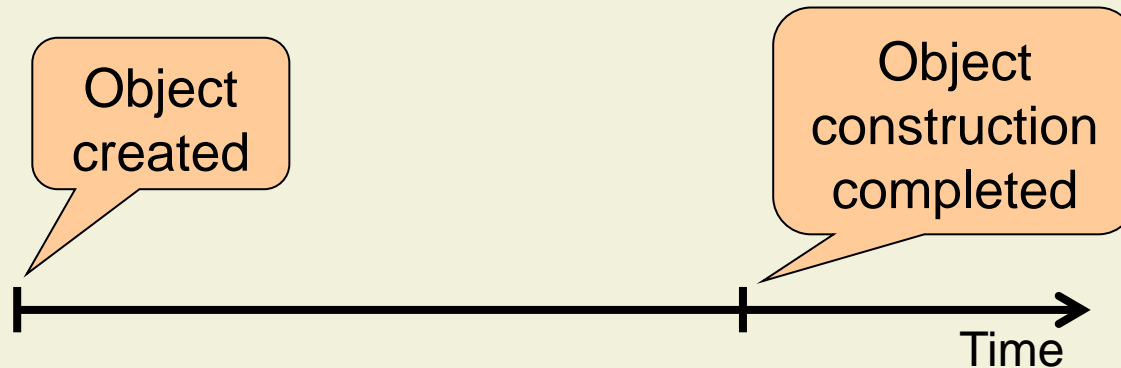
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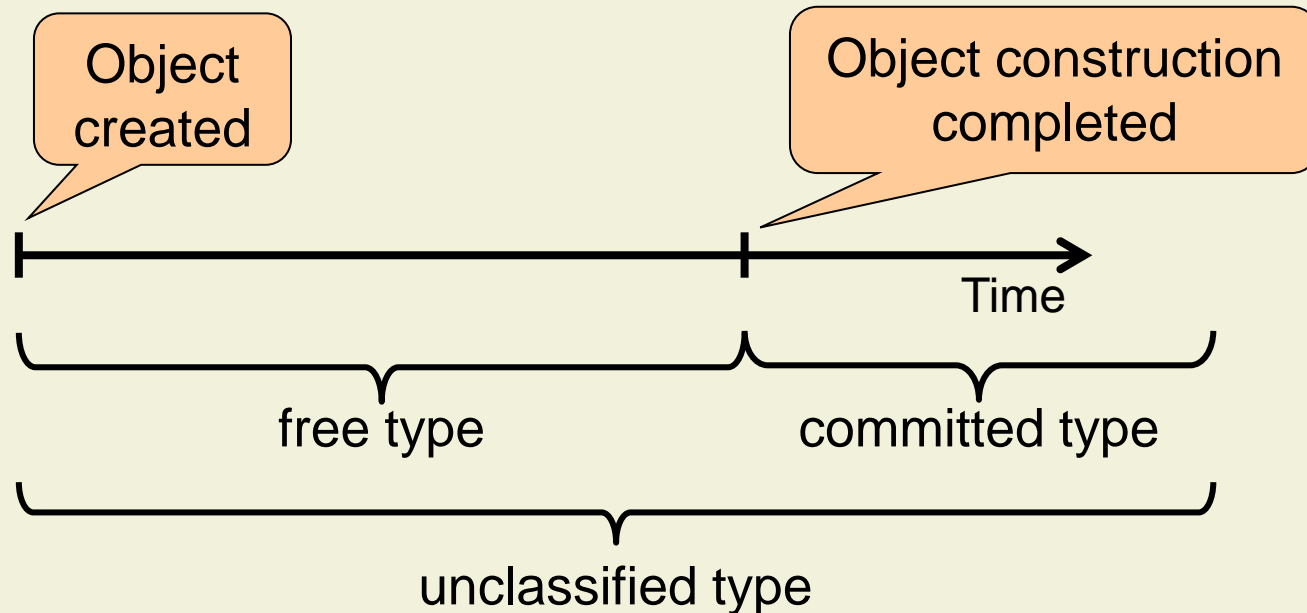
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Construction Types

- For every class or interface T , we introduce **different types** for references:
 - to objects under construction
 - to objects whose construction is completed



Construction Types: Details

- For a class or interface T , we introduce six types
 - $T!$ and $T?$ (committed types)
 - **free** $T!$ and **free** $T?$ (free types)
 - **unc** $T!$ and **unc** $T?$ (unclassified types)
- Subtyping
 - $T!$ and **free** $T!$ are subtypes of **unc** $T!$
 - $T?$ and **free** $T?$ are subtypes of **unc** $T?$
 - No casts from unclassified to free or committed types

$T! \text{ c}T = \dots$
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unc $T? \text{ u}T = \dots$

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 $\text{c}T = (T!) \text{ u}T;$
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Requirement 1: Local Initialization

- An object is **locally initialized** if its **non-null fields have non-null values**
- If the static type of an expression e is a **committed** type then e 's value at run time is **locally initialized**
- Non-null type of a field read $e.f$

		non-null type of f	
		!	?
construction type of e	committed	!	?
	free	?	?
	unc	?	?

Heap Traversal


```
class Node {  
    Node! next; // a cyclic list  
    Object! elem;  
  
    boolean contains( Object! e ) {  
        _____ Node! ptr = this.next;  
        while( ptr != this ) {  
            if( ptr.elem.equals( e ) )  
                return true;  
            ptr = ptr.next;  
        }  
        return false;  
    }  
}
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}
```



ptr has to be committed

Requirement 2: Transitive Initialization

- An object is **transitively initialized** if **all reachable objects are locally initialized**
- If the static type of an expression e is a **committed** type then e 's value at run time is **transitively initialized**

Requirement 3: Cyclic Structures

```
class Node {  
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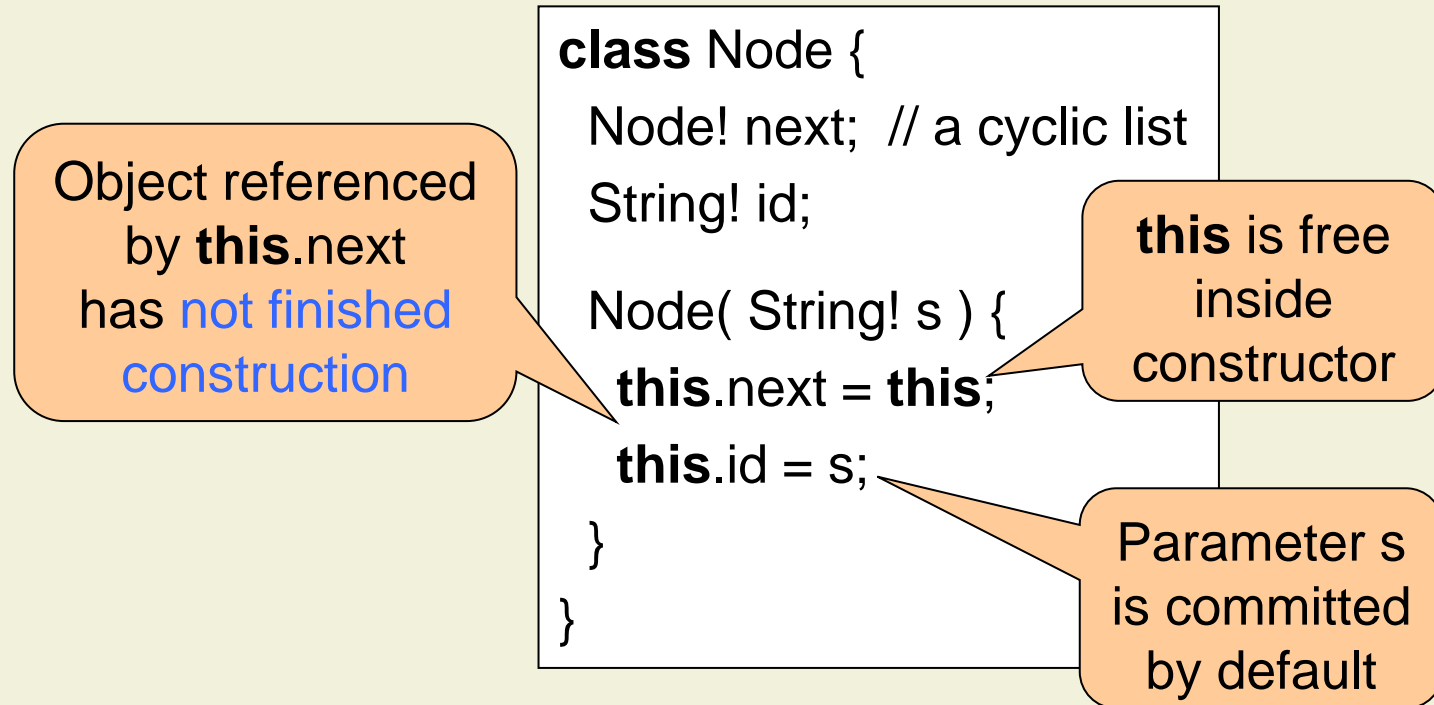
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Object referenced
by **this.next**
has **not finished**
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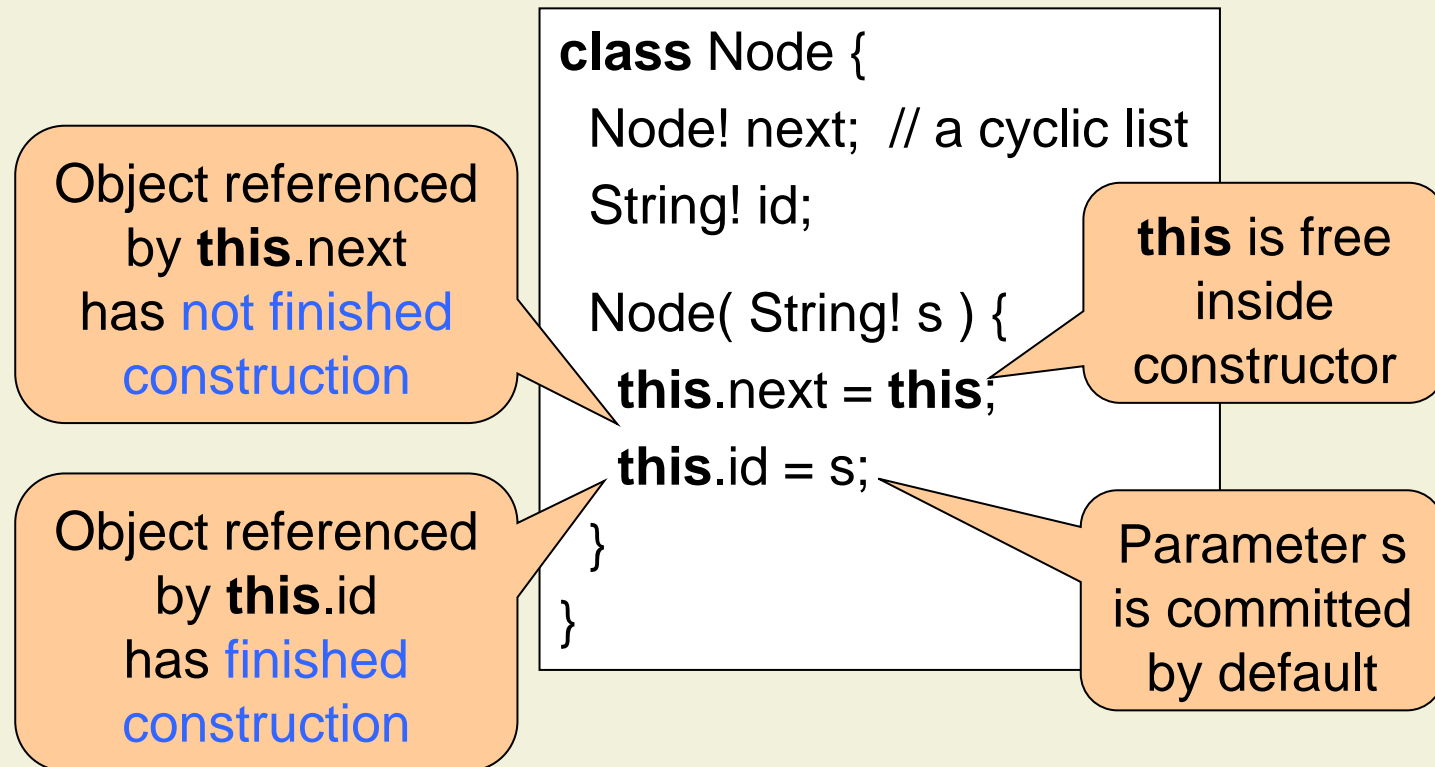
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 - e_1 and e_2 are well-typed
 - e_1 's type is a non-null type
 - e_2 's class and non-null type conform to the type of f
 - e_1 's type is free or e_2 's type is committed

		Type of e_2		
		committed	free	unc
Type of e_1	committed	✓	✗	✗
	free	✓	✓	✓
	unc	✓	✗	✗

Type Rules: Field Read

- A field read expression $e.f$ is well-typed if
 - e is well-typed
 - e 's type is a non-null type
- The type of $e.f$ is

		Declared type of f	
		$T!$	$T?$
Type of e	$S!$	$T!$	$T?$
	free $S!$	unc $T?$	unc $T?$
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Definite
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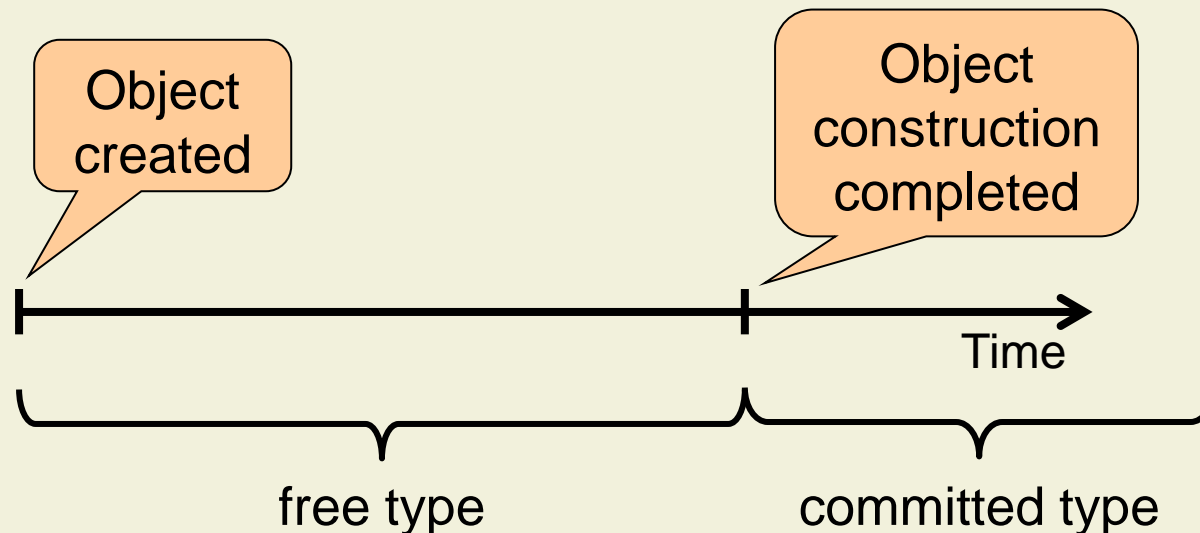
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Object Construction

- We have not yet defined **when** the construction of a new object completes



Object Construction (cont'd)

- Is construction finished when the constructor terminates?

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        data = new Vector( );  
    }  
}
```

Object Construction (cont'd)

- Is construction finished when the constructor terminates?
- Not if there are subclass constructors, which have not yet executed
 - In general not known modularly

```
class Demo {  
    String! name;  
    Demo( ) {  
        name = "Tony";  
    }  
}
```

this is **not**
completely
constructed

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NullPointerException

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- Is construction finished when the **new**-expression terminates?
- Not if constructor initializes fields with free references

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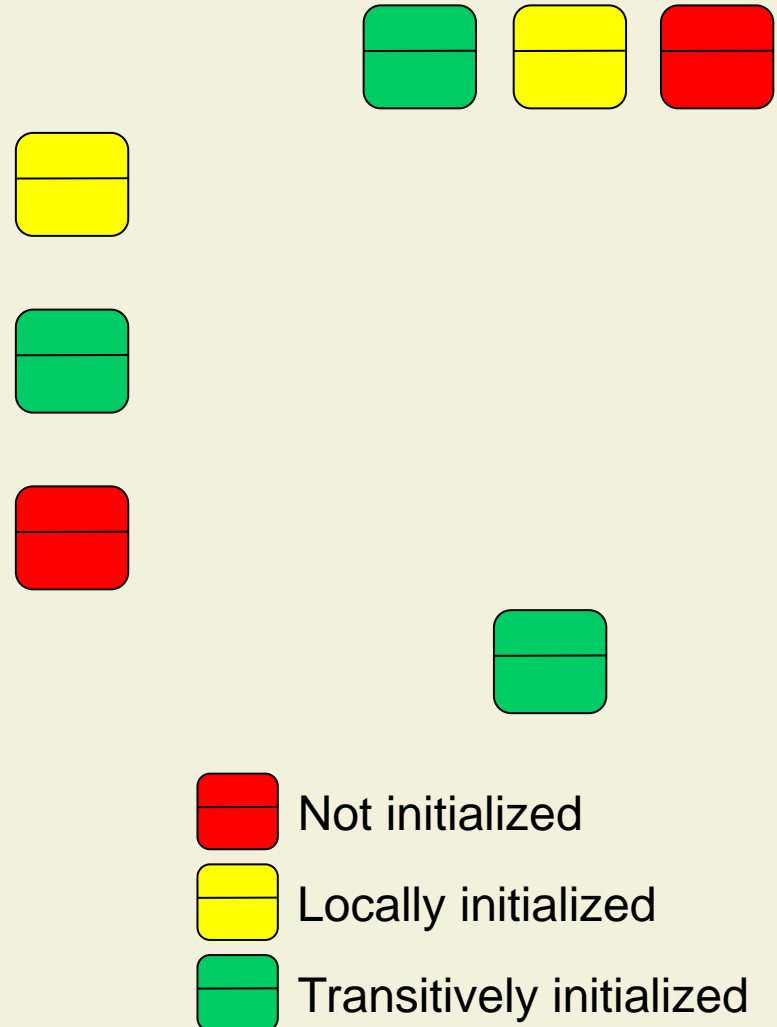
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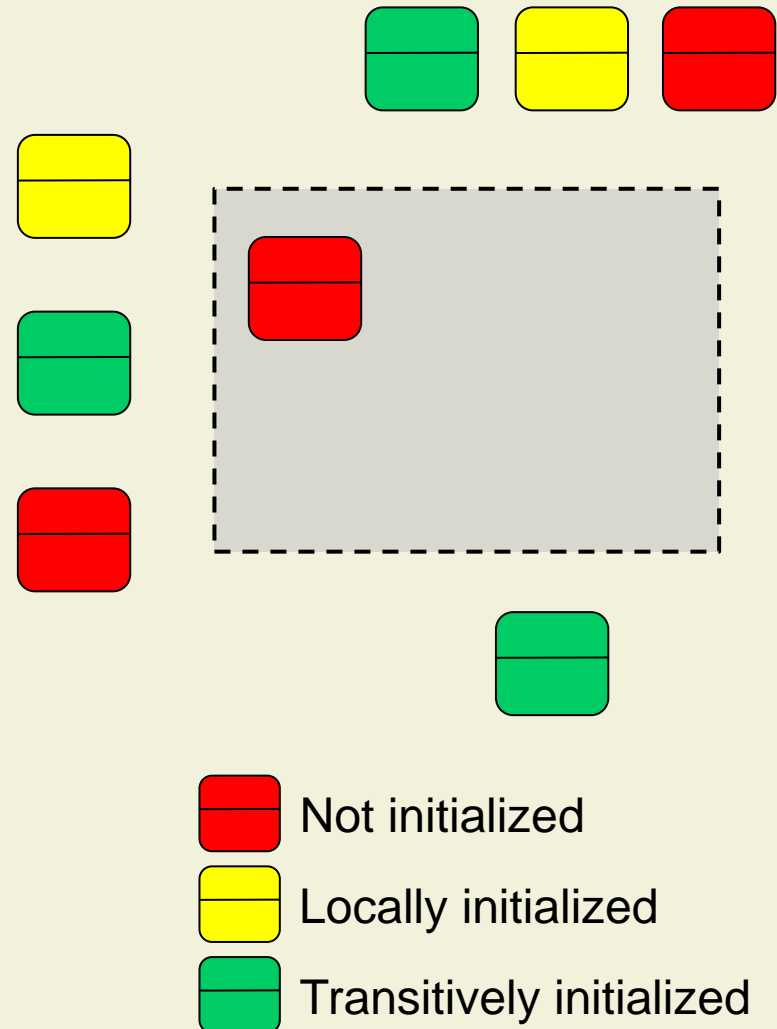
- new-expression takes **only committed arguments**
- Nested new-expressions take **arbitrary arguments**



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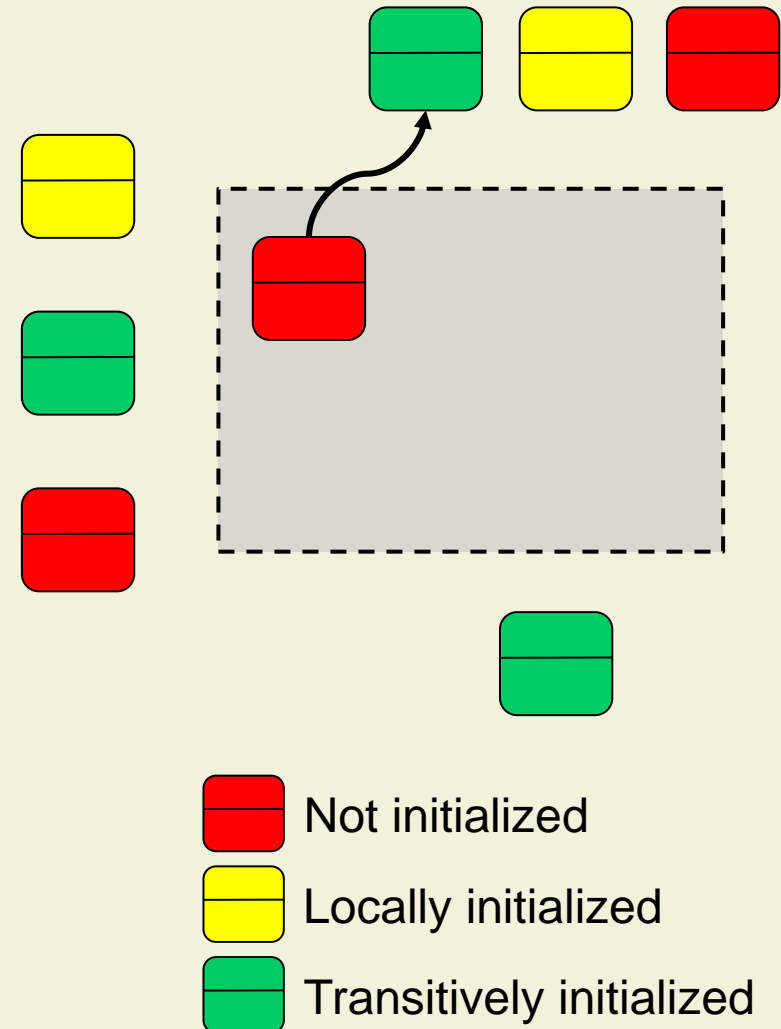
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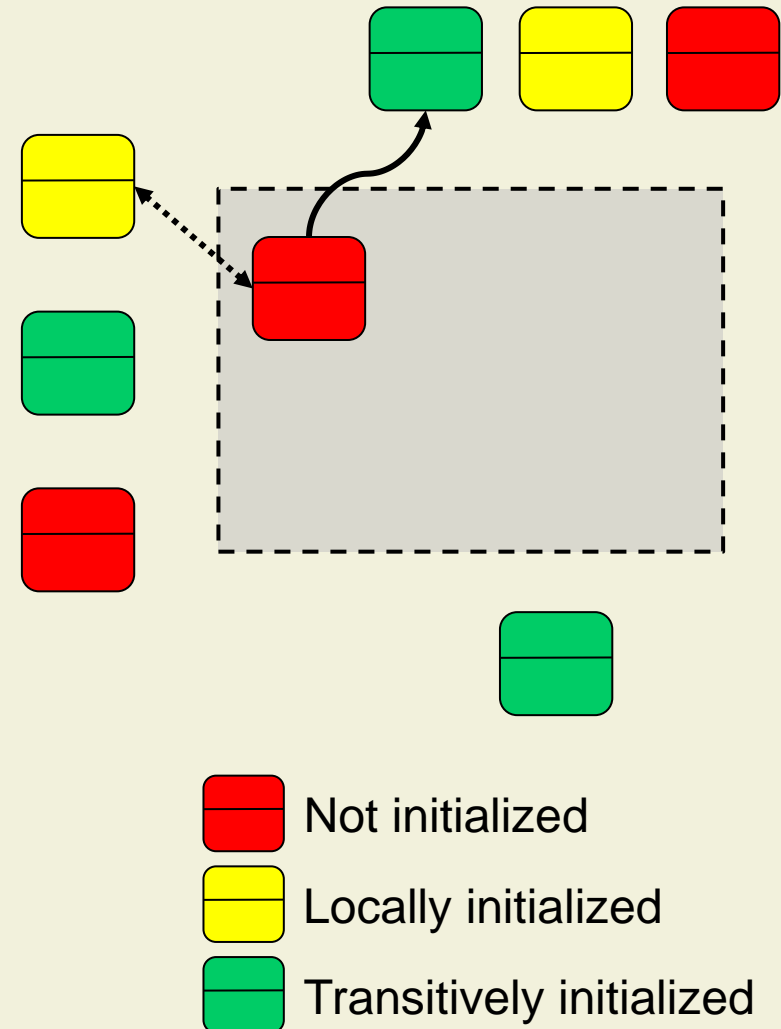
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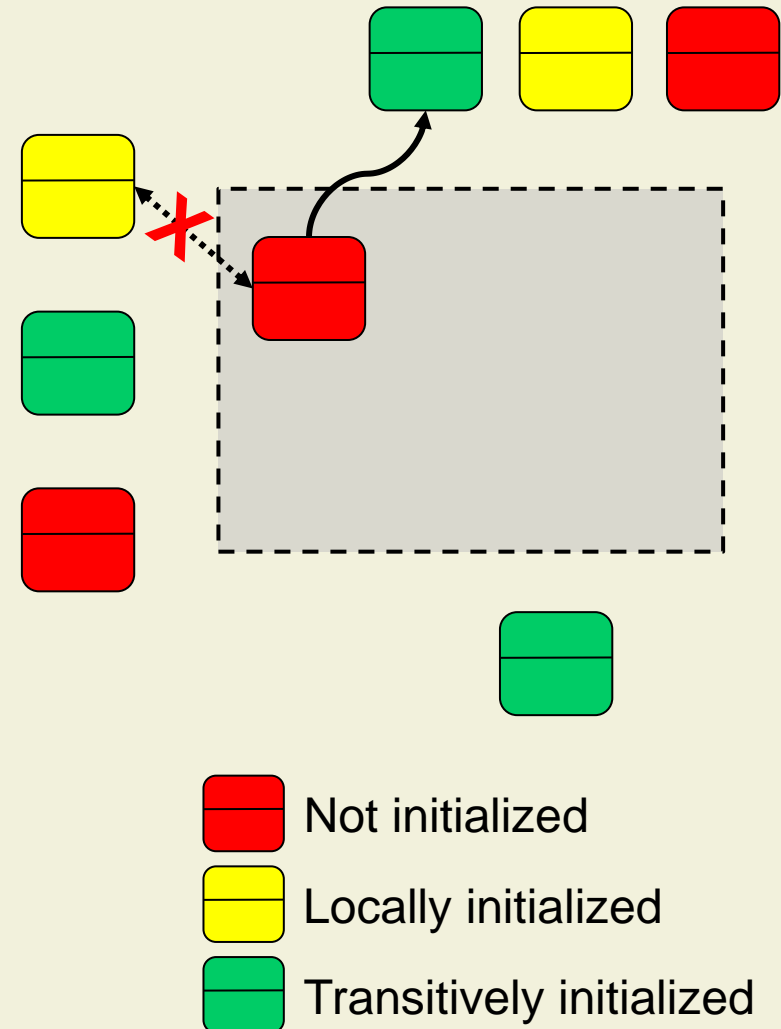
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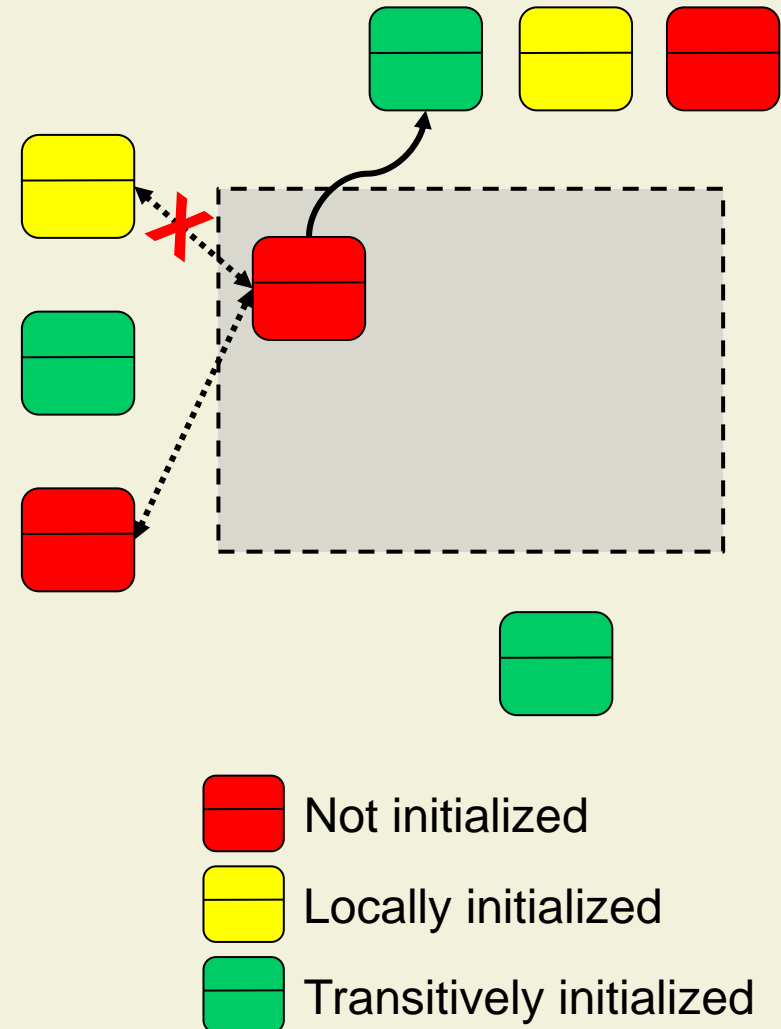
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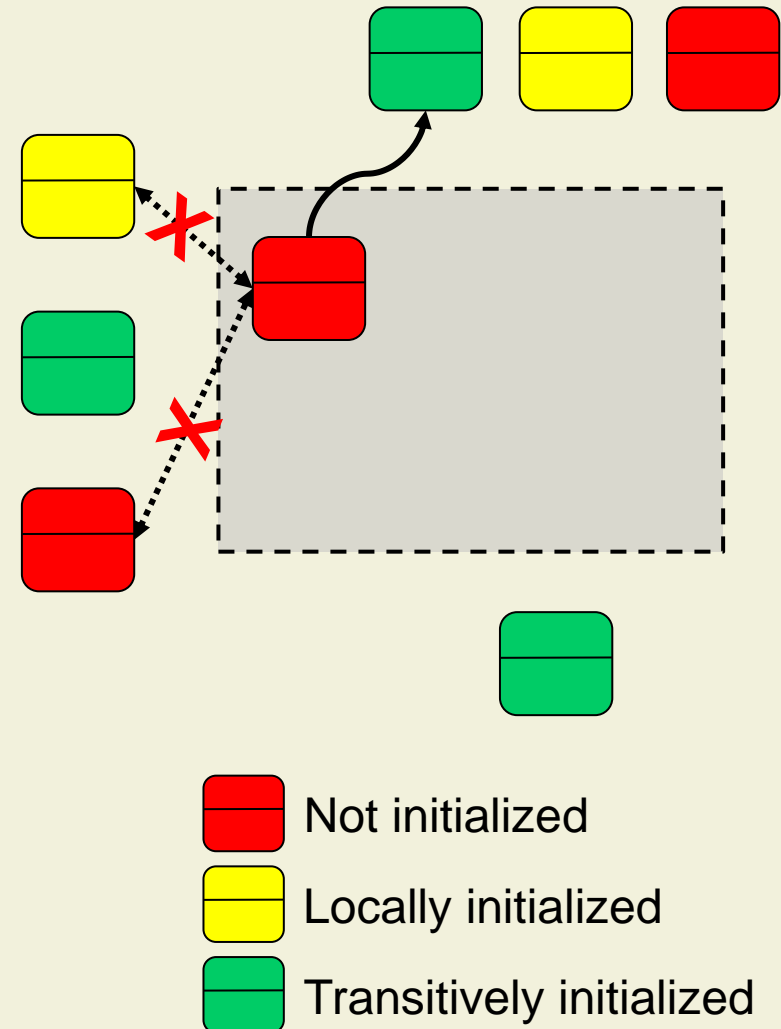
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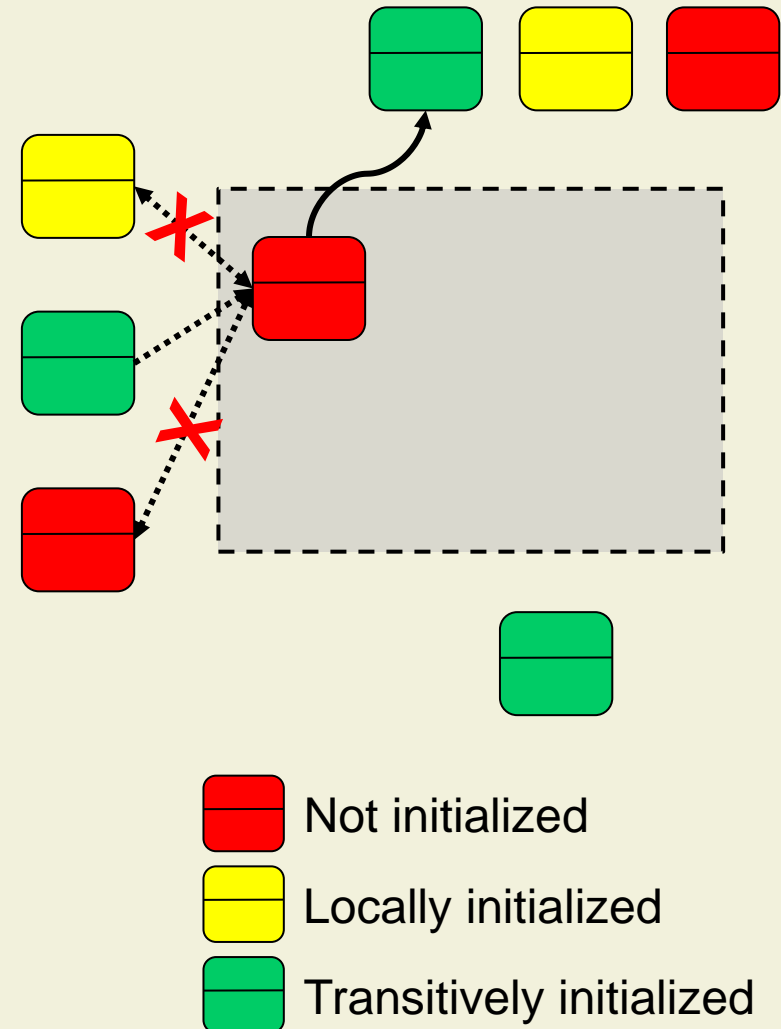
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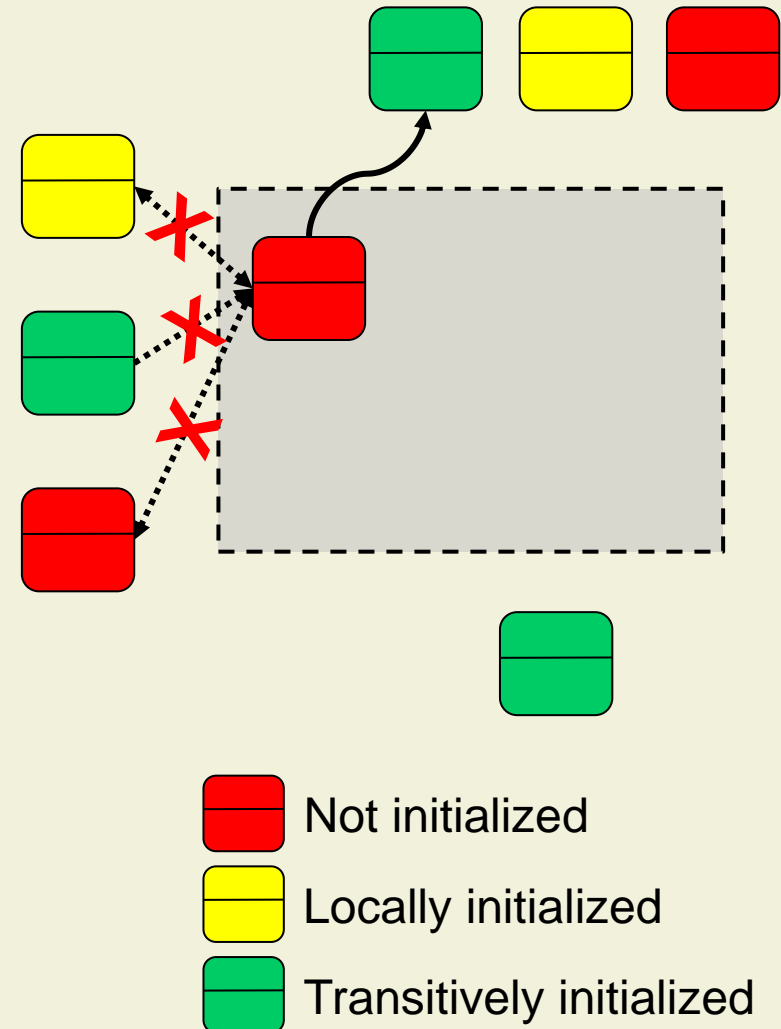
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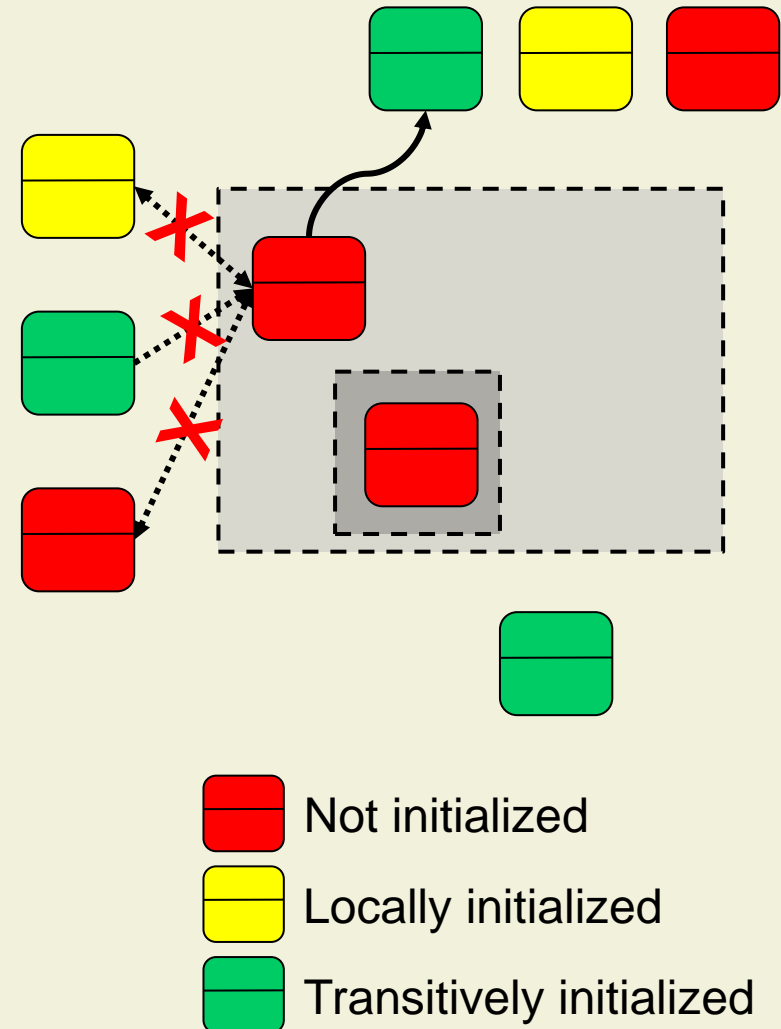
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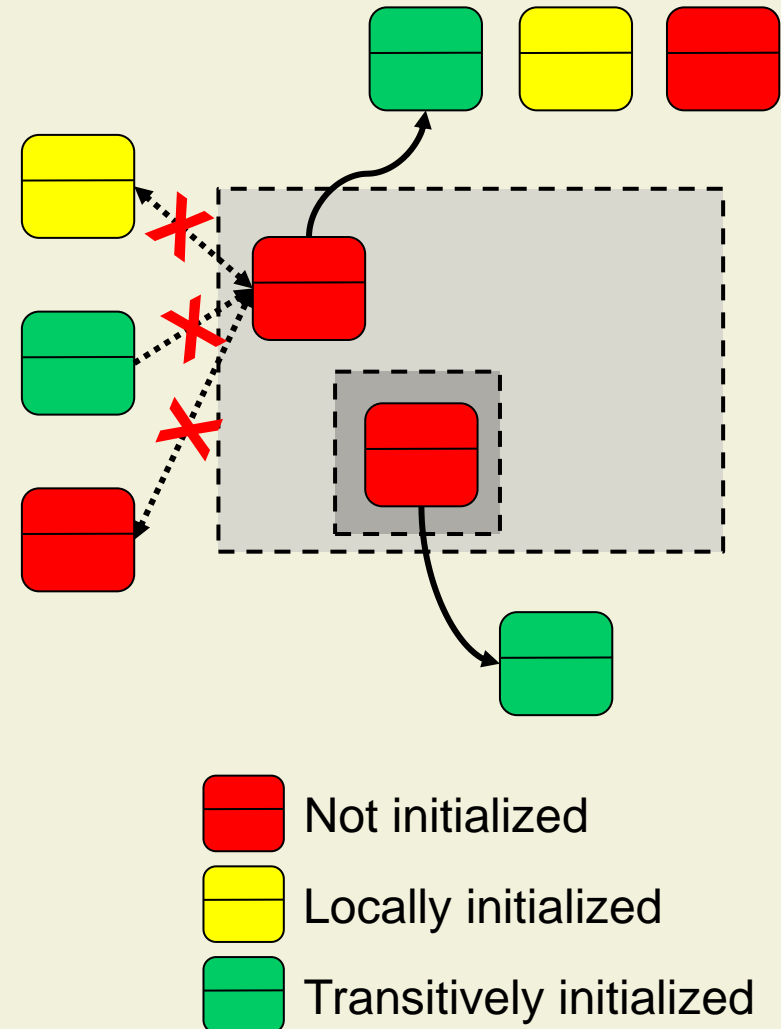
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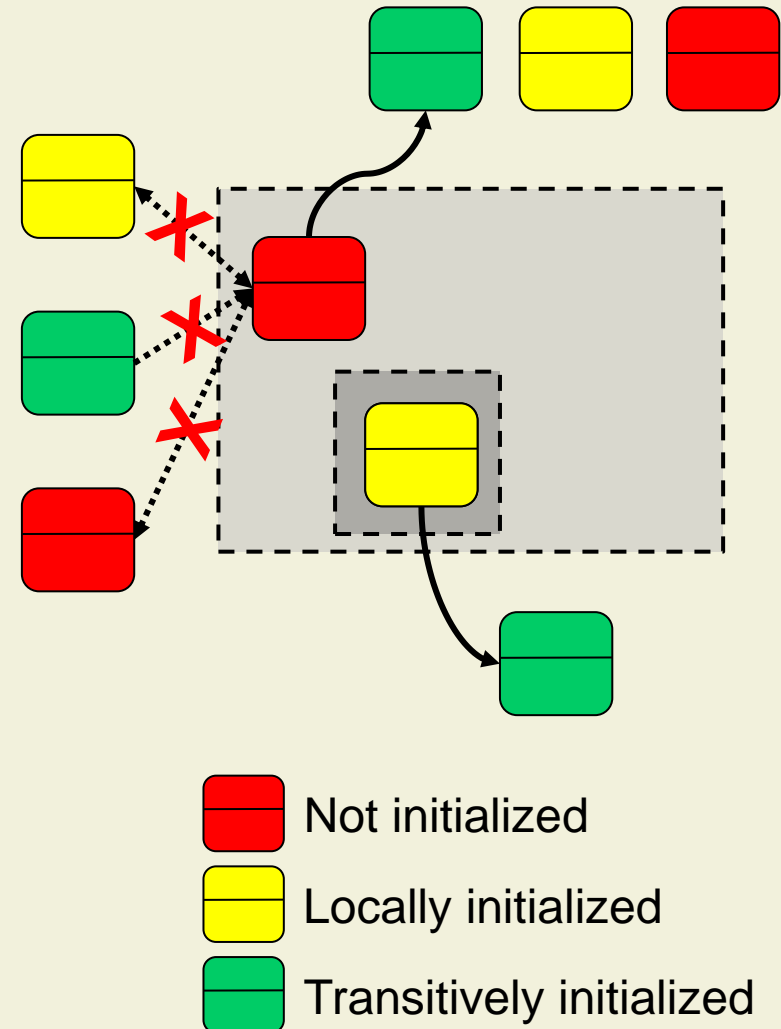
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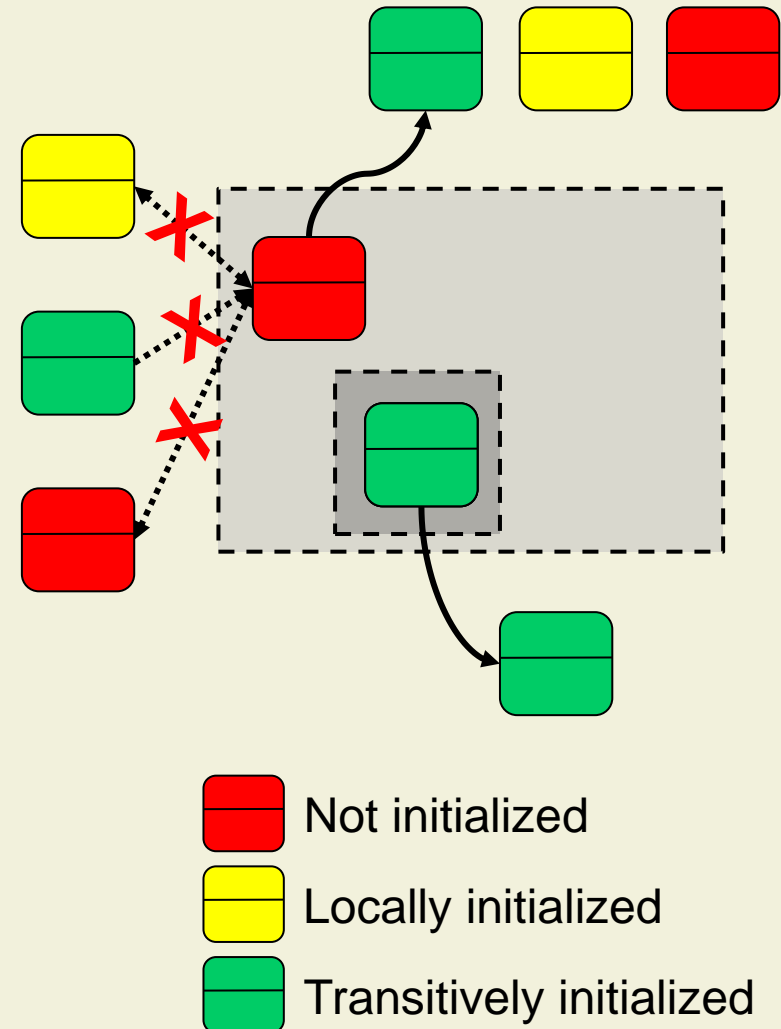
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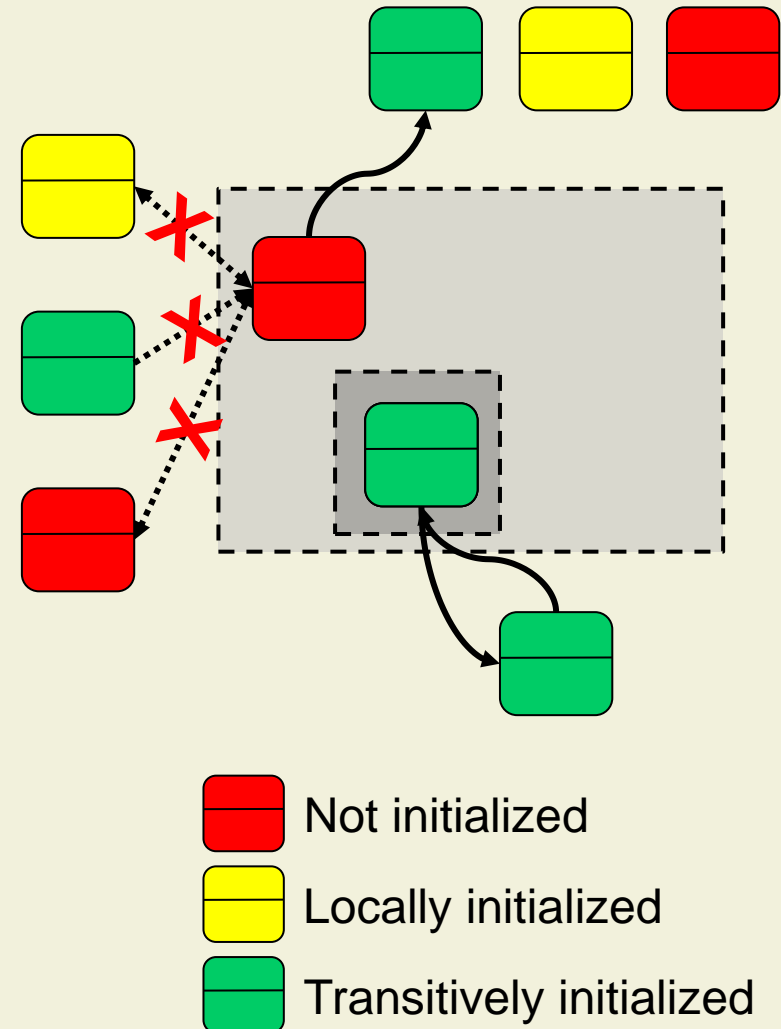
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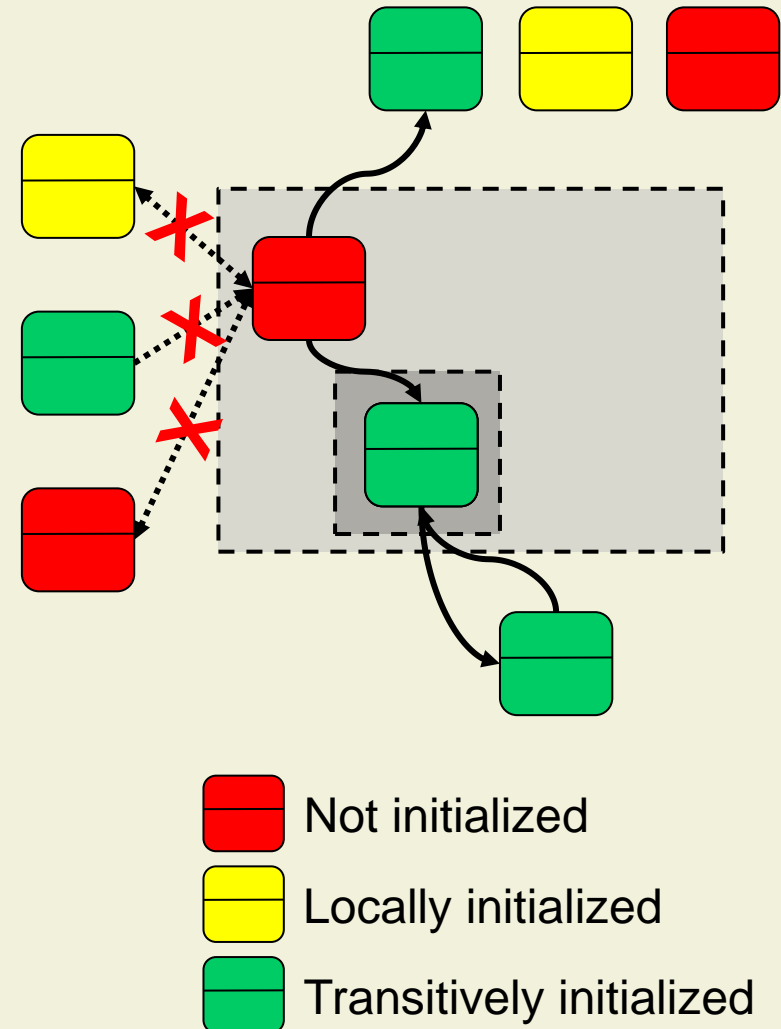
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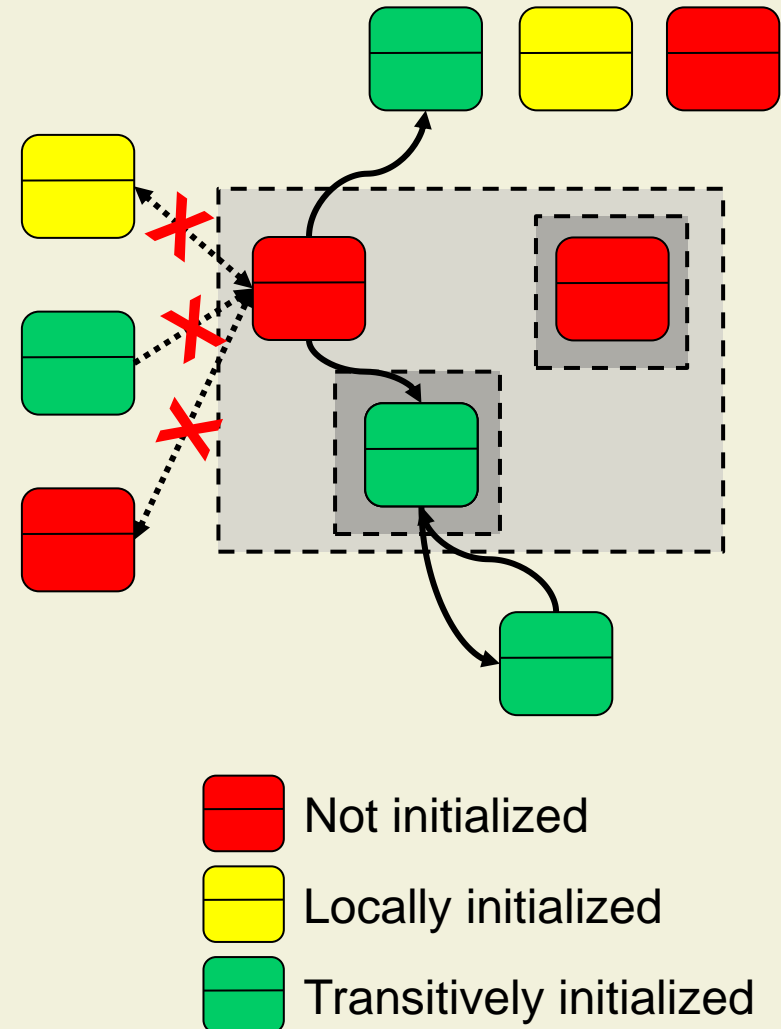
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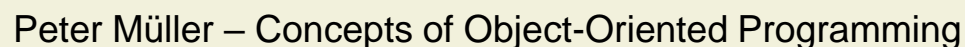
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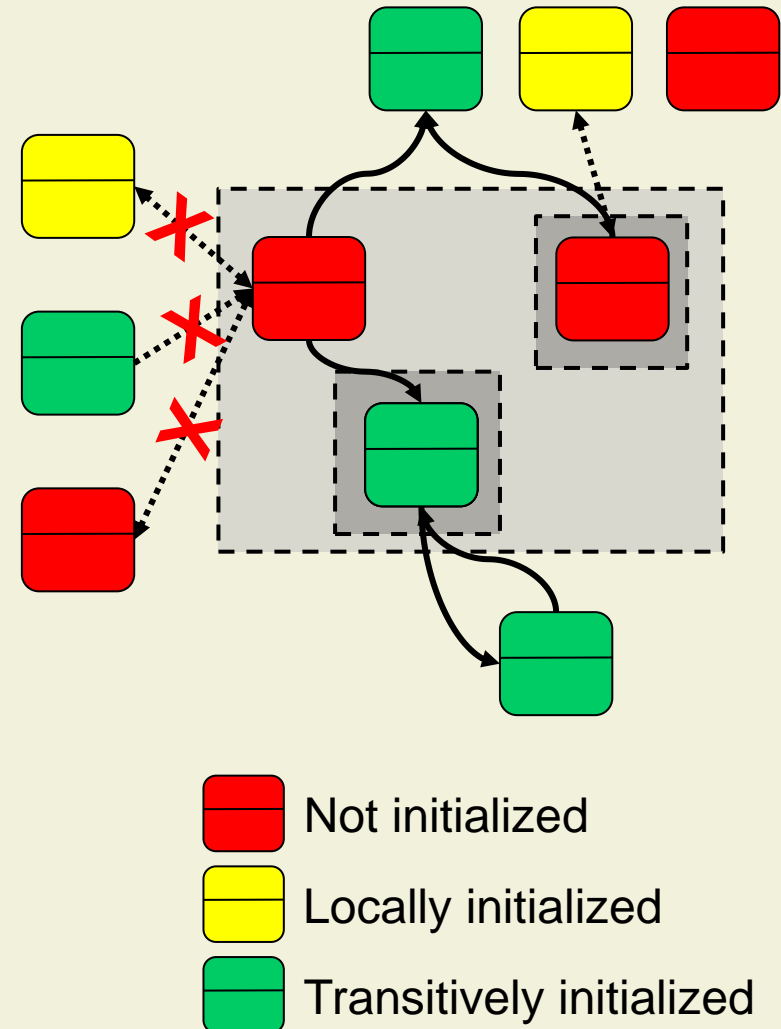
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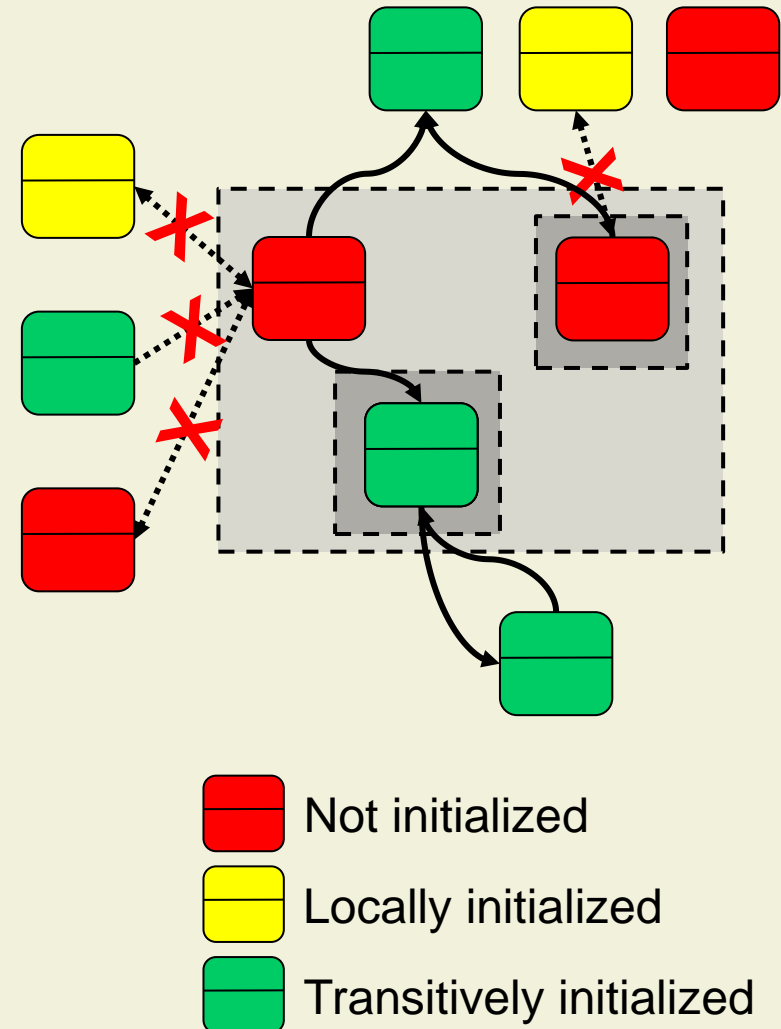
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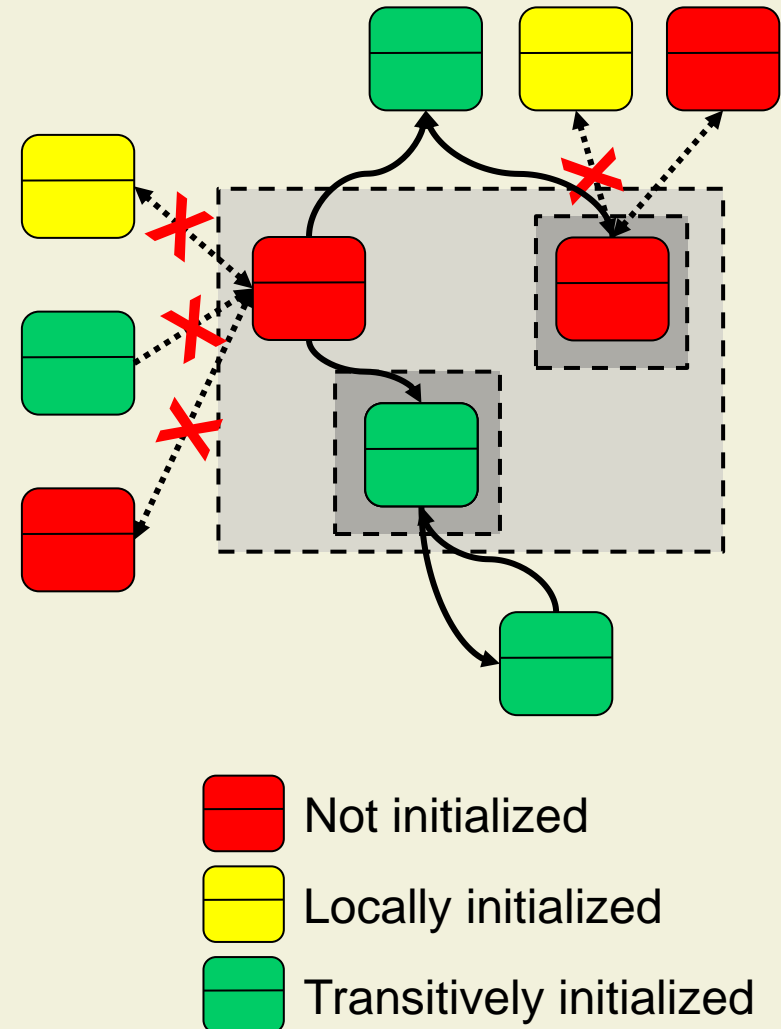
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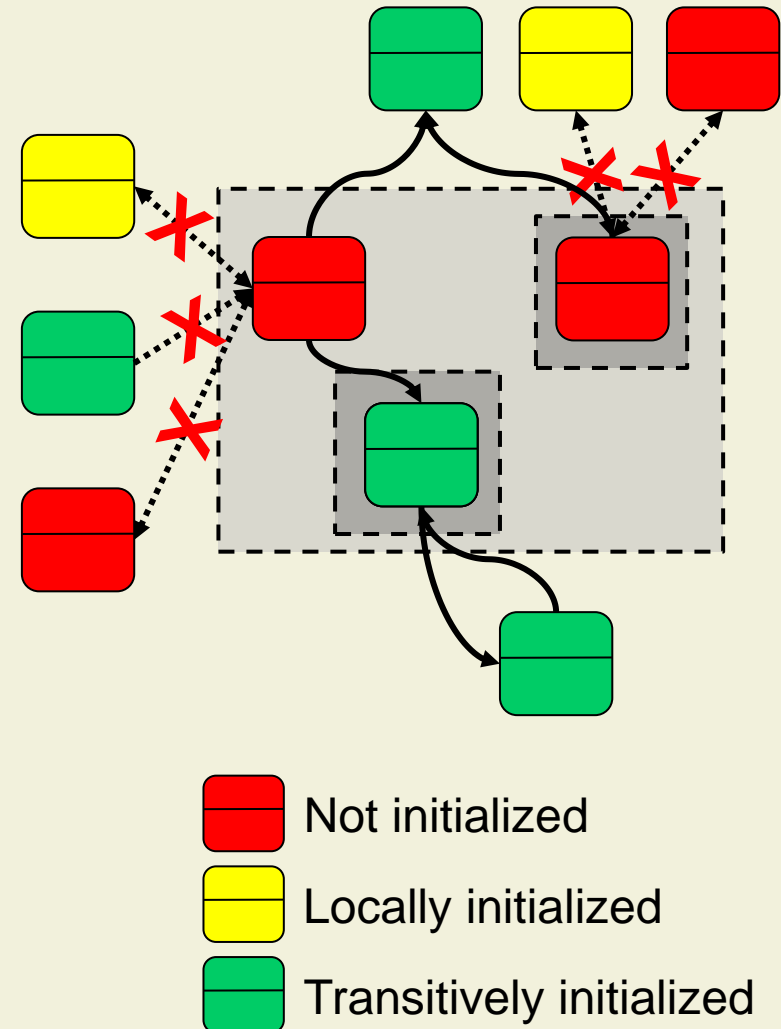
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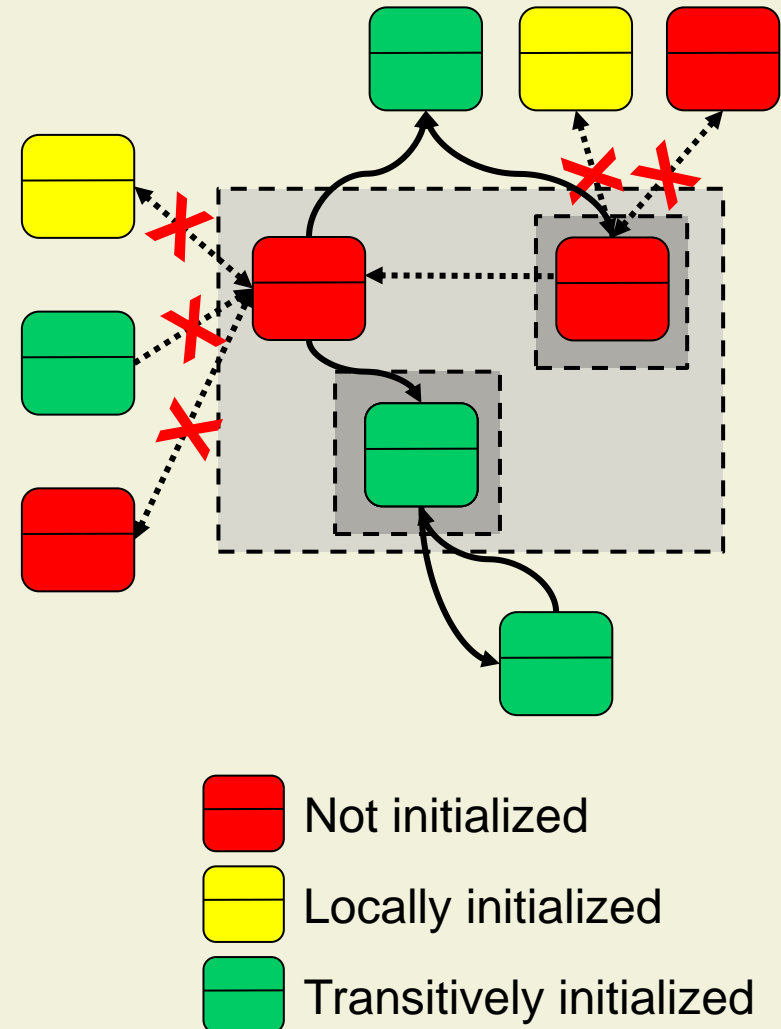
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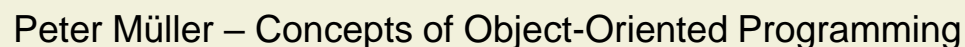
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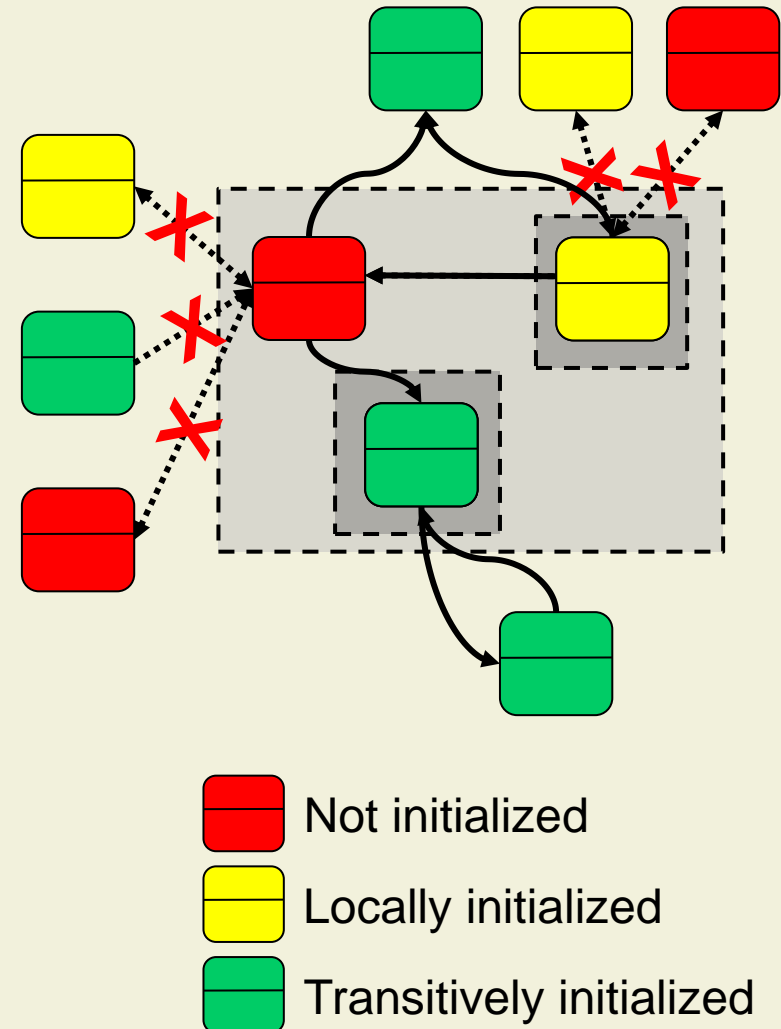
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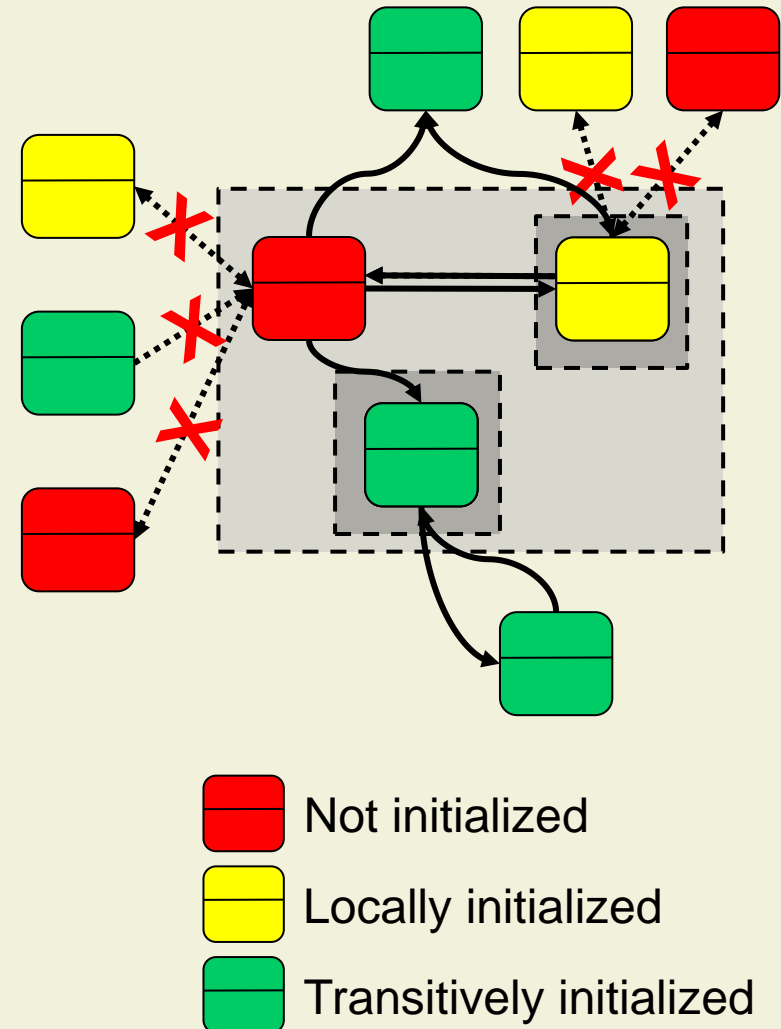
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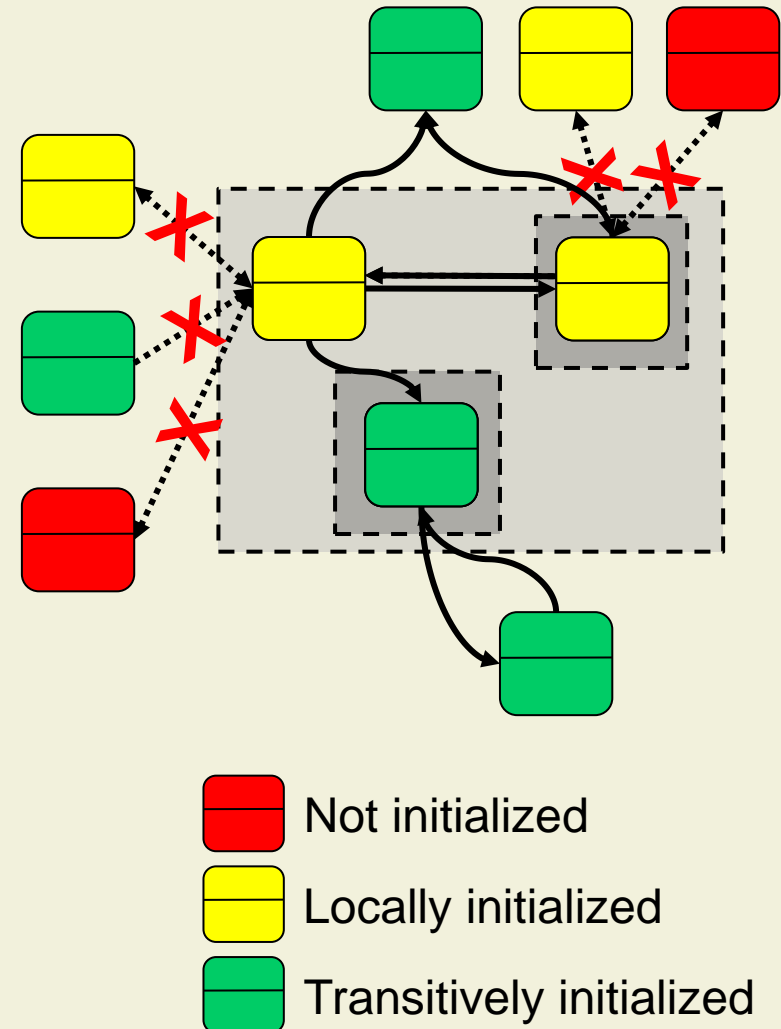
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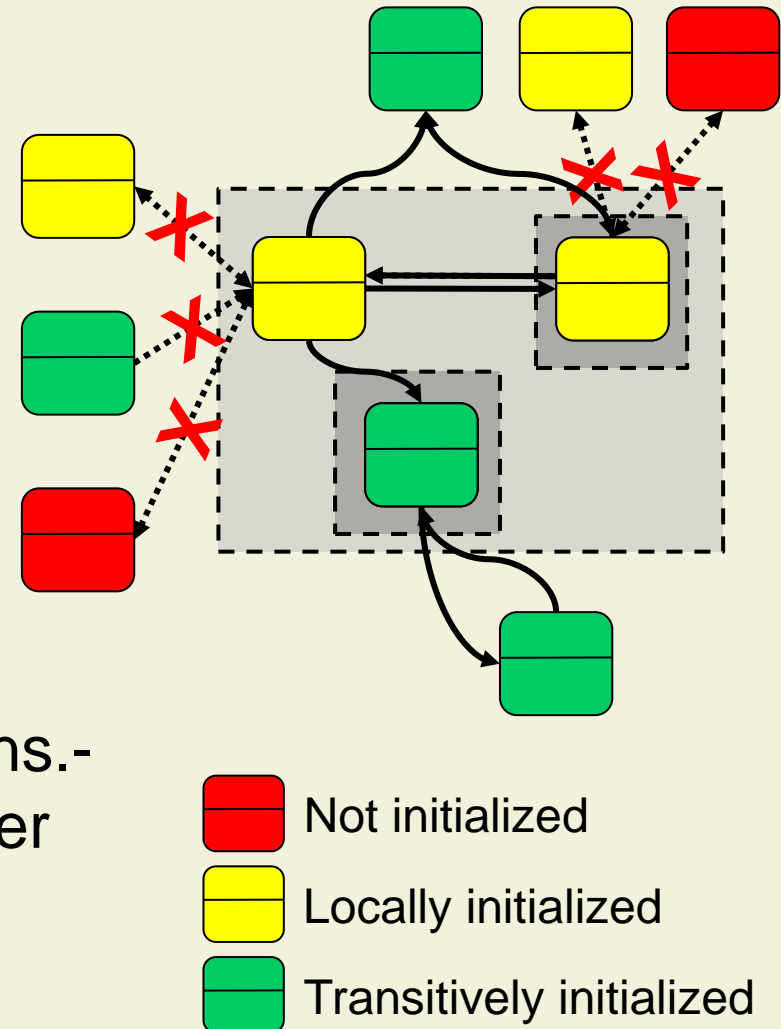
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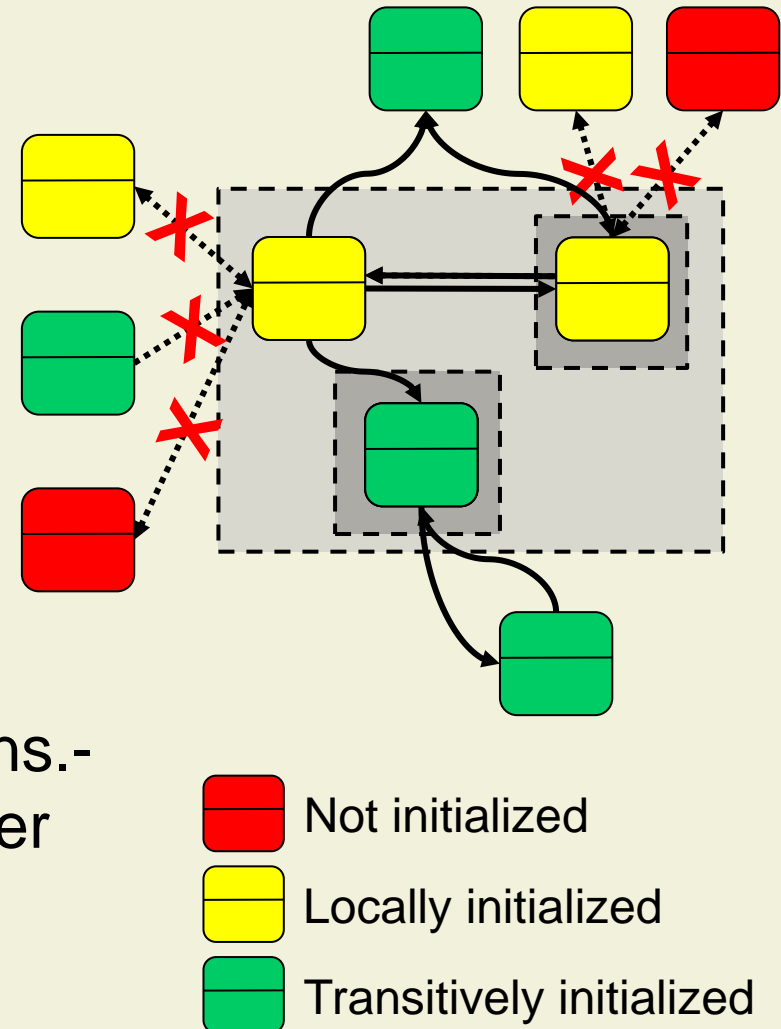
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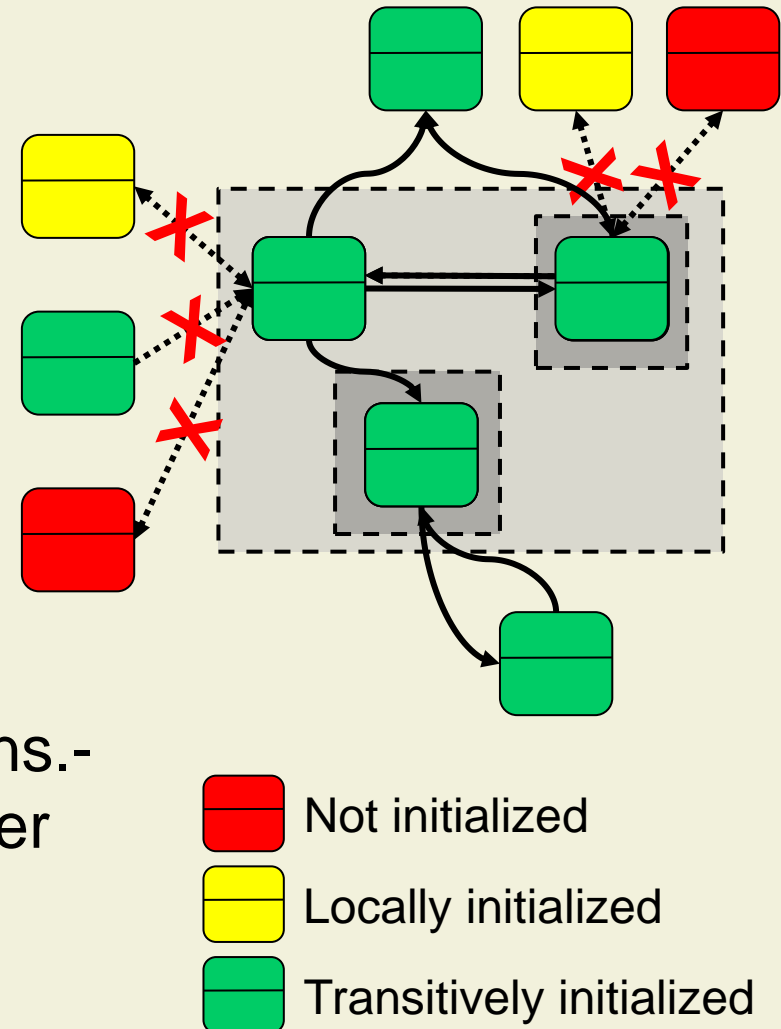
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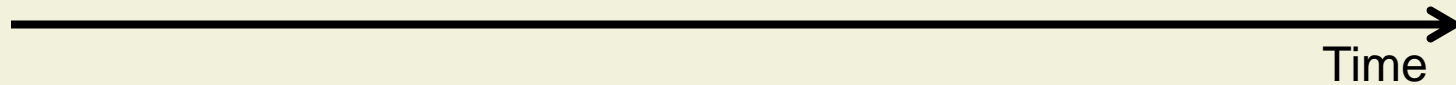


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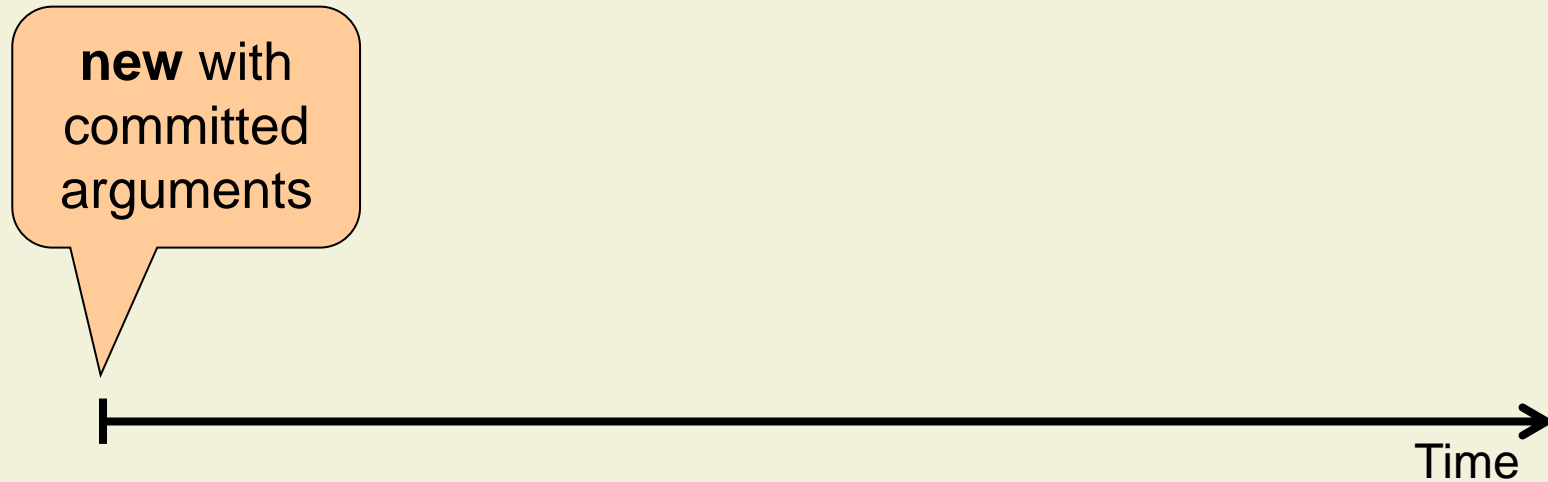
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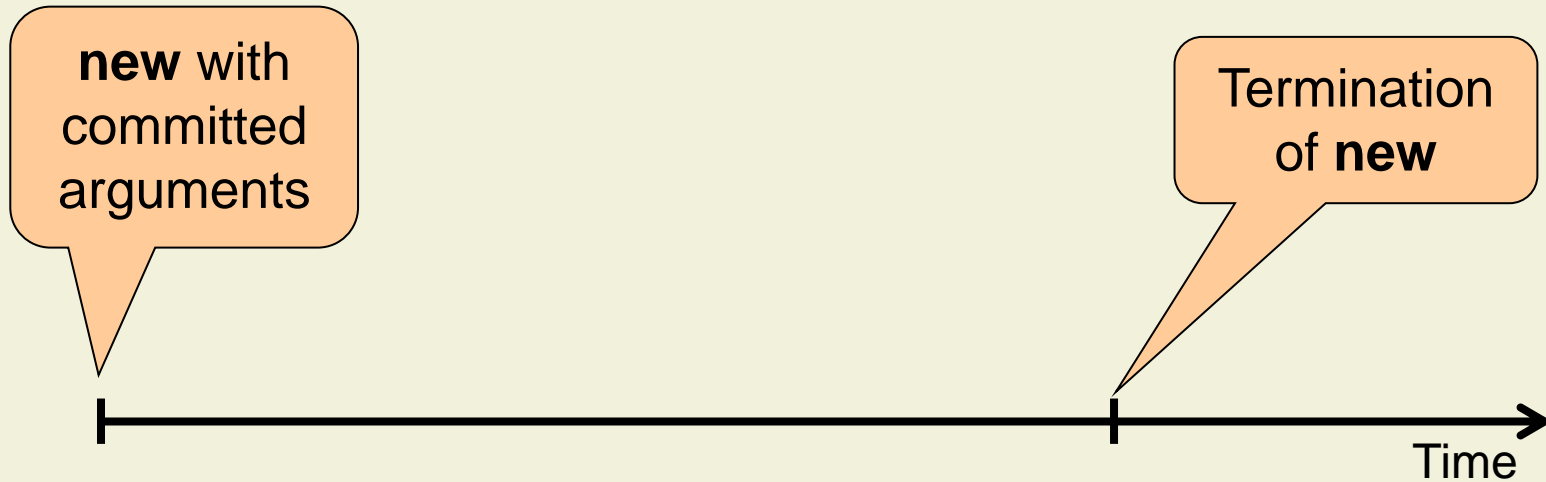
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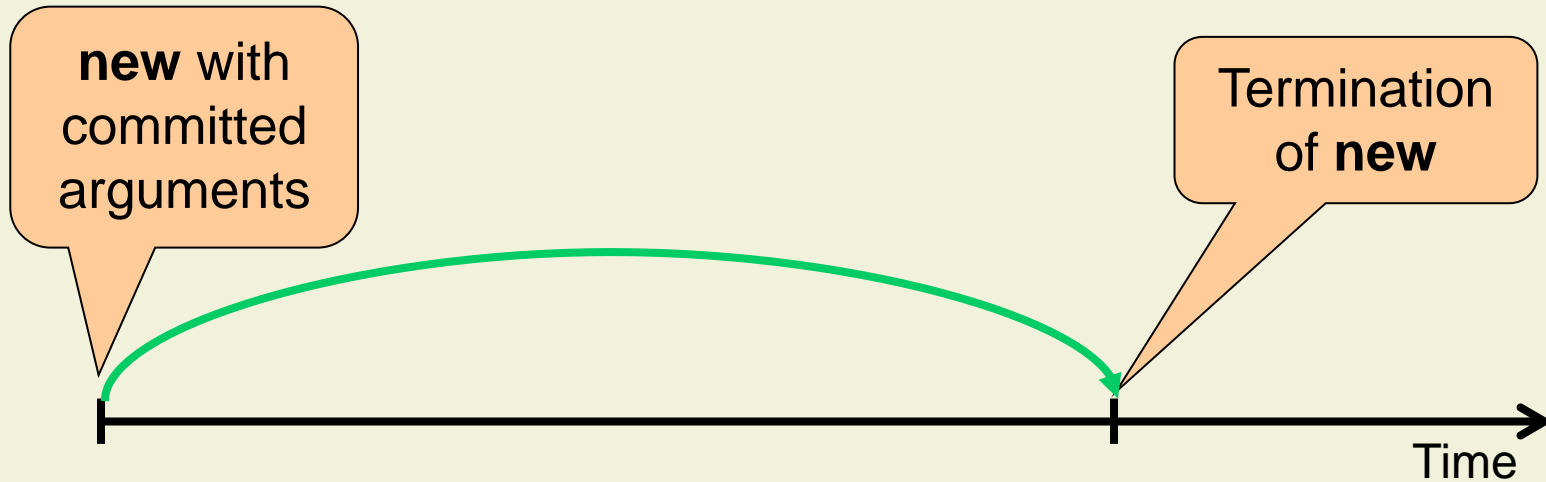
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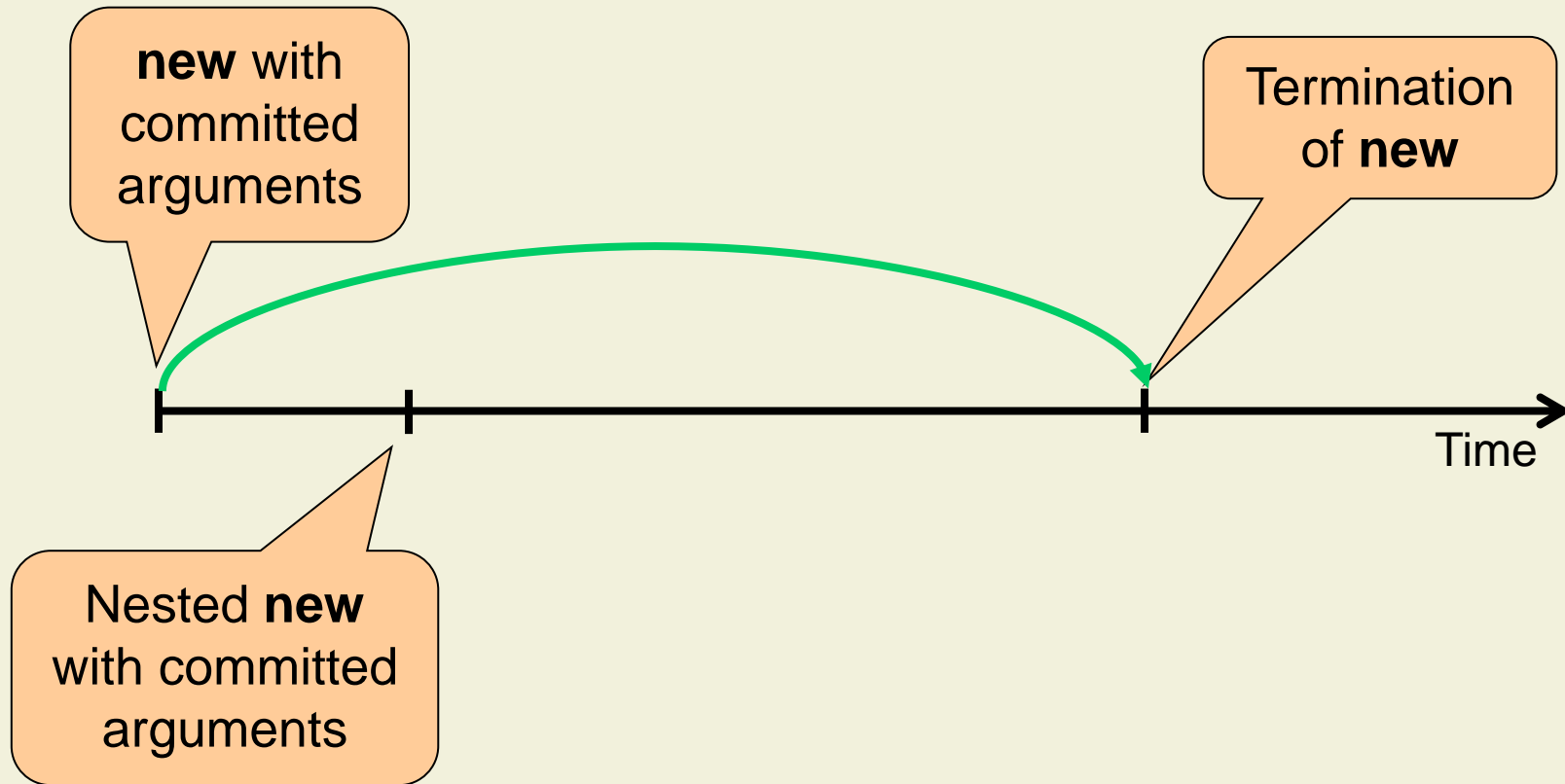
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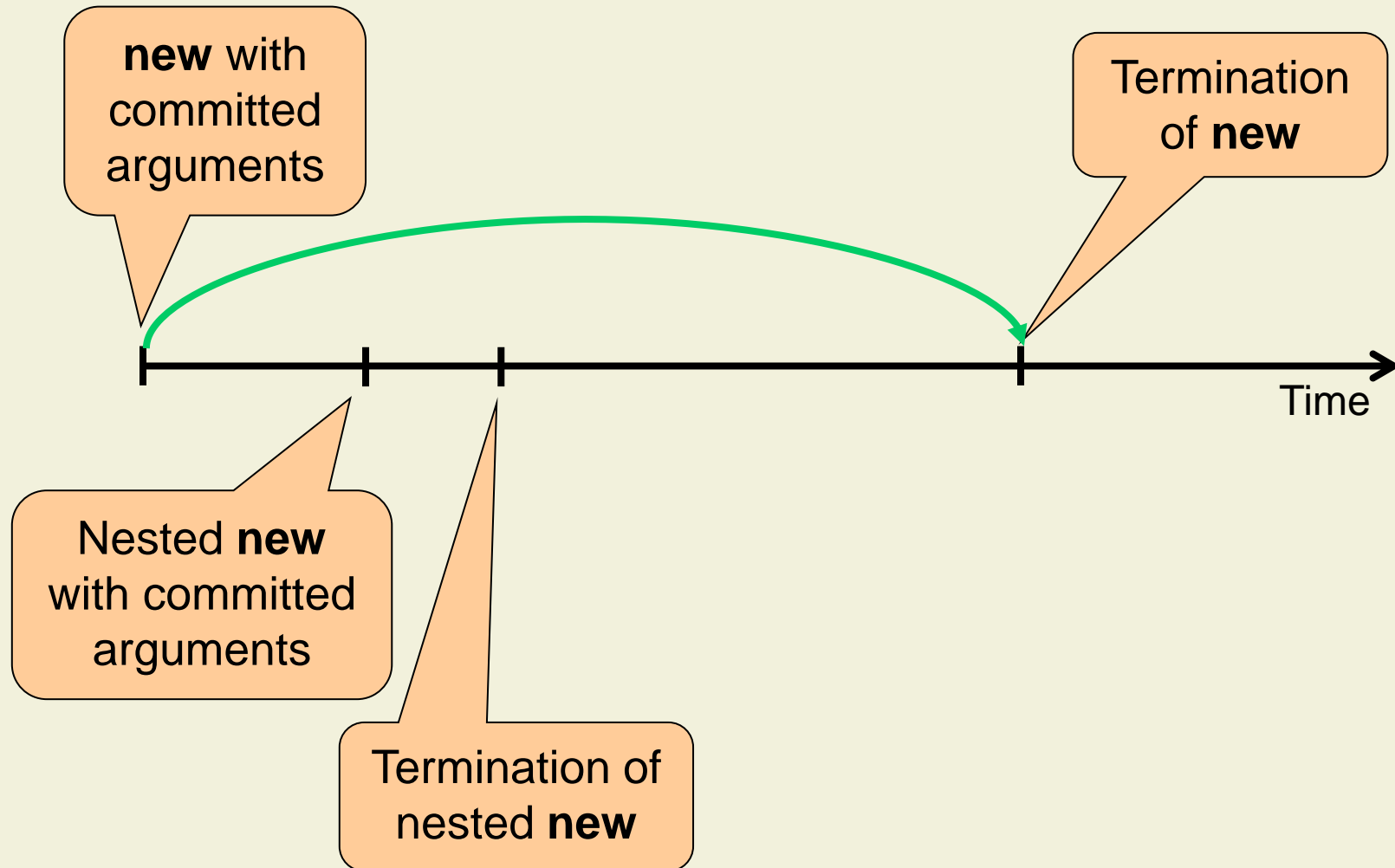
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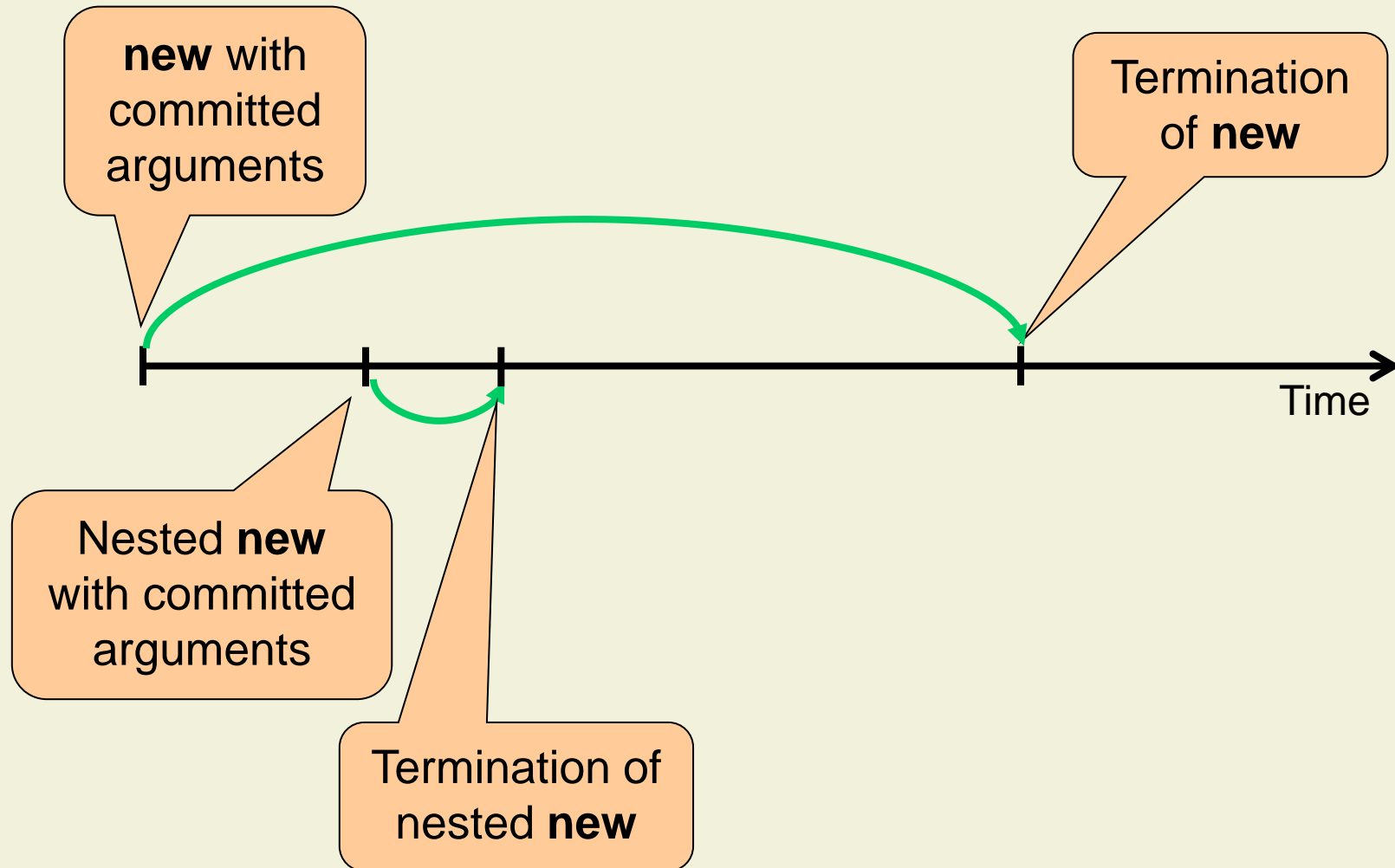
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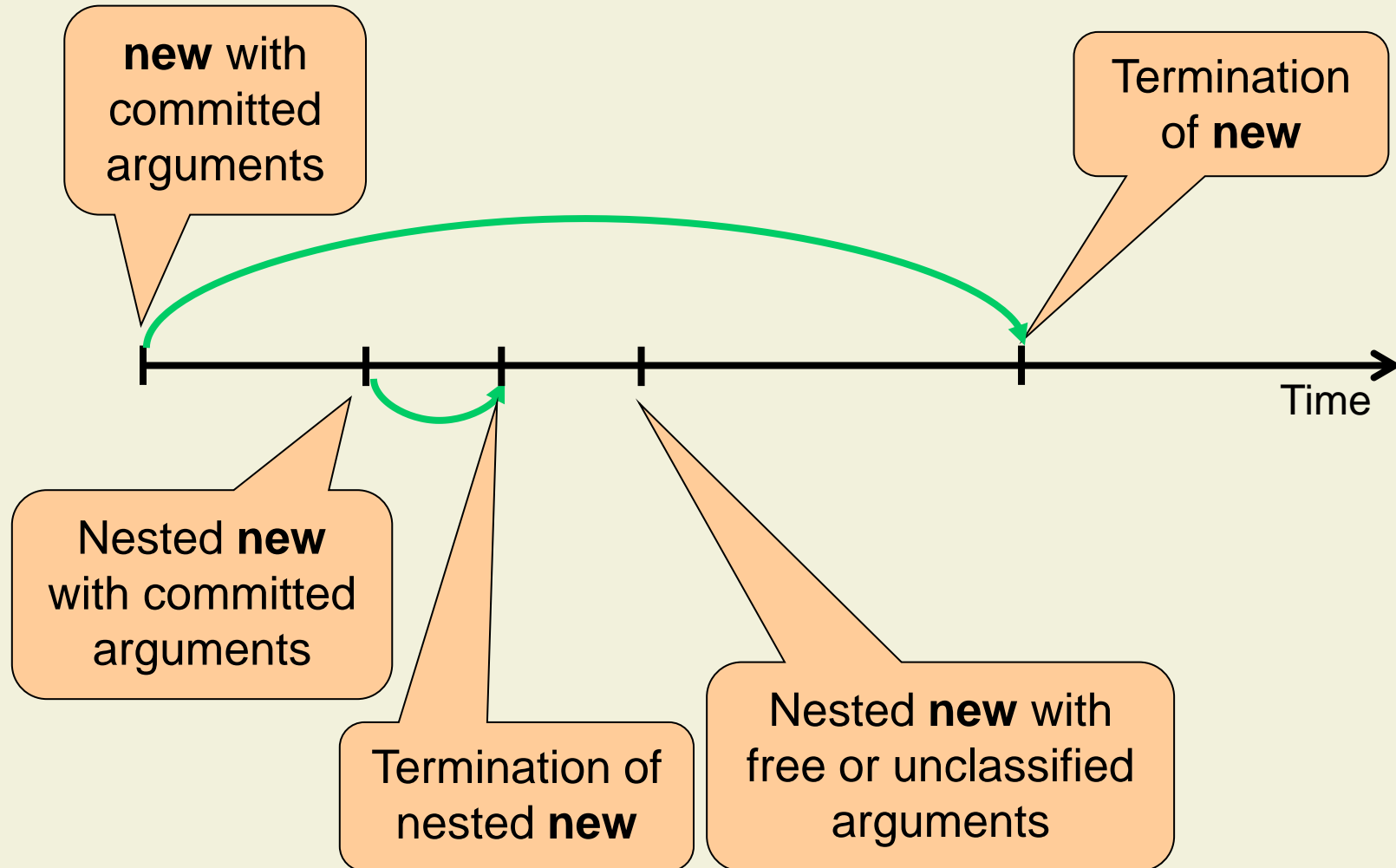
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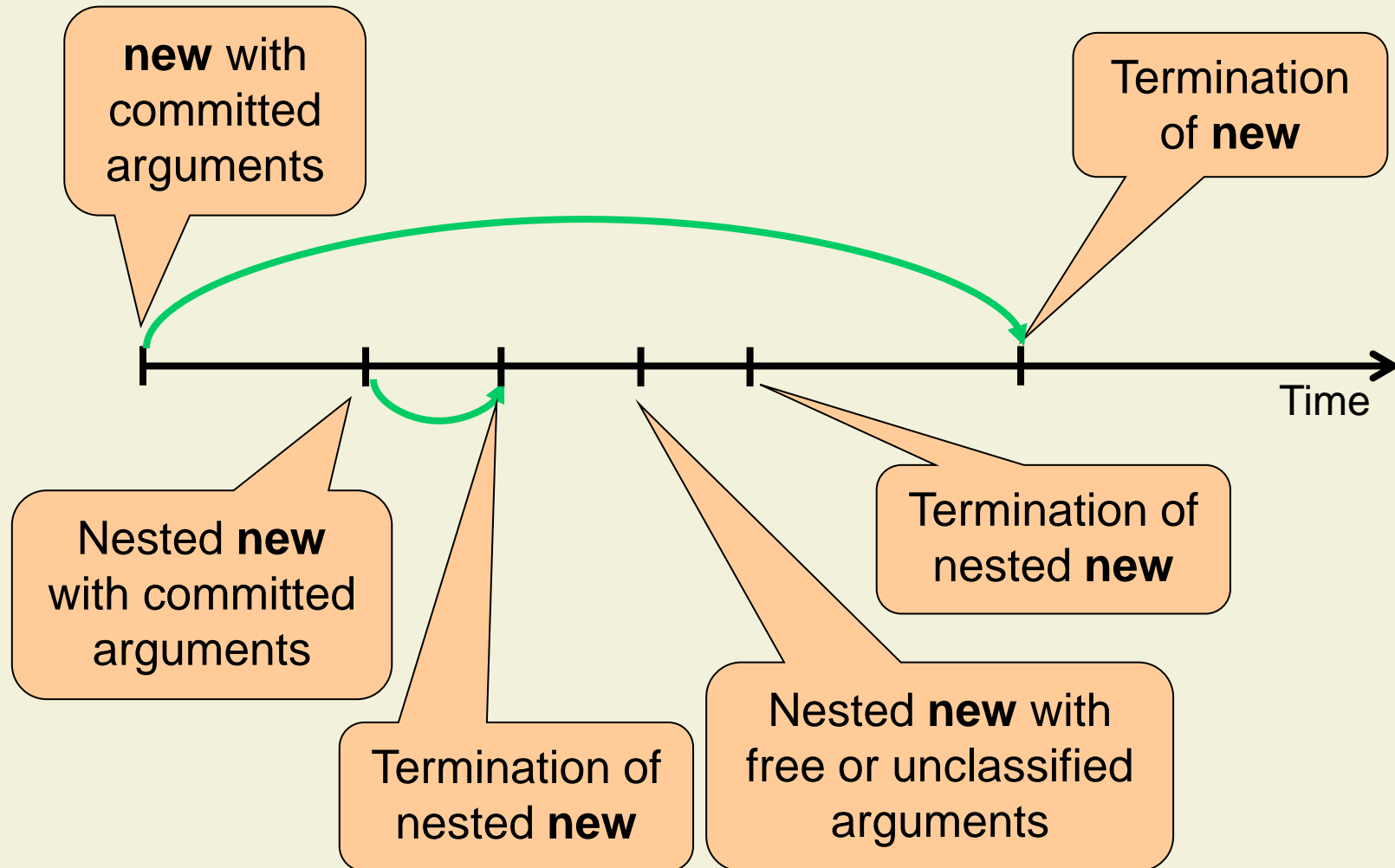
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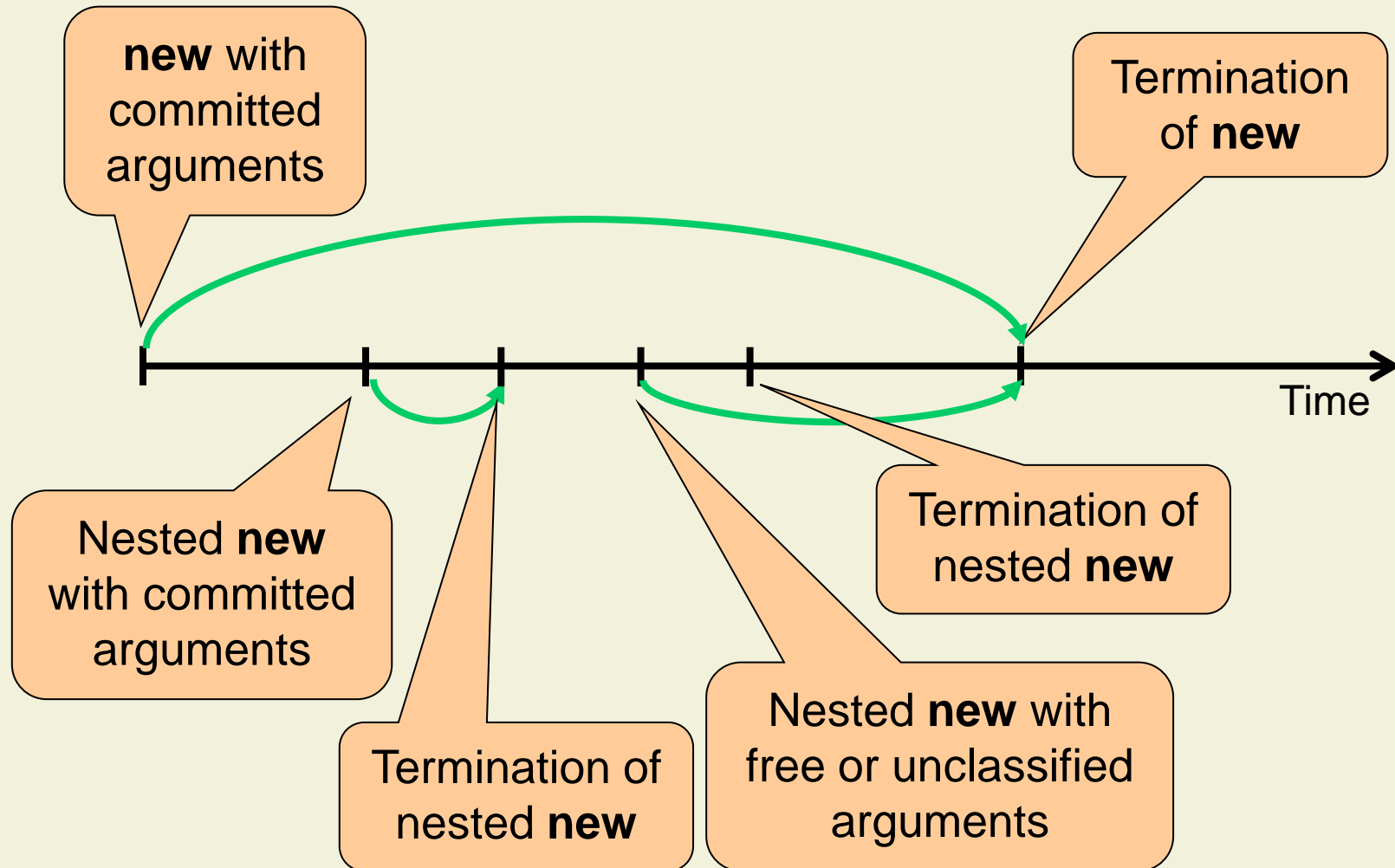
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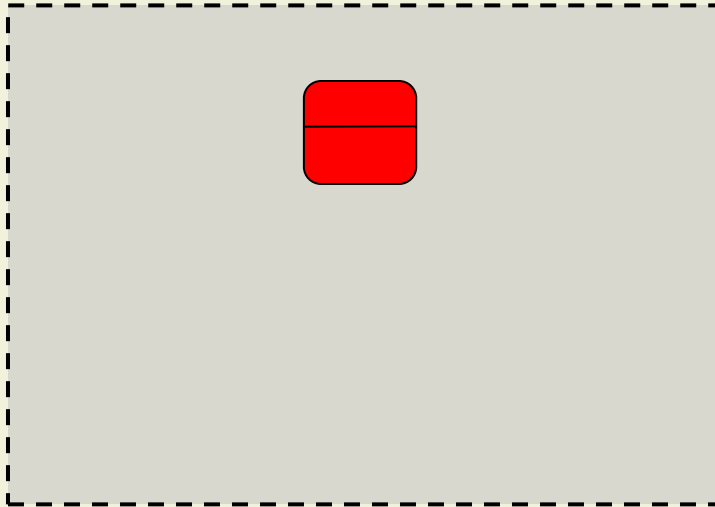
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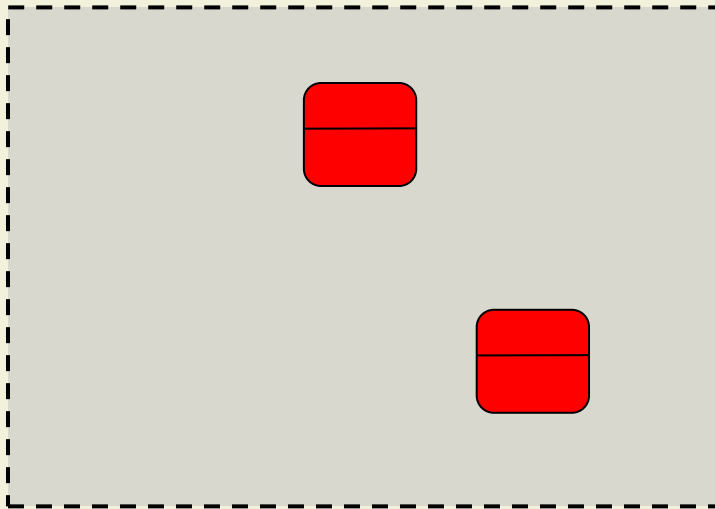
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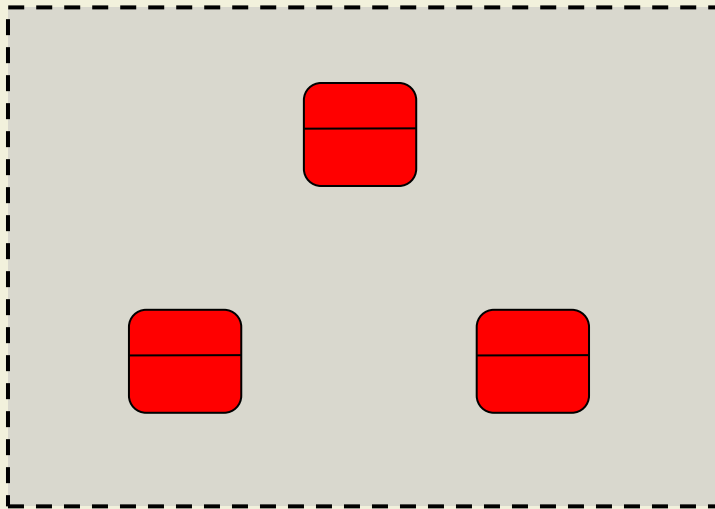
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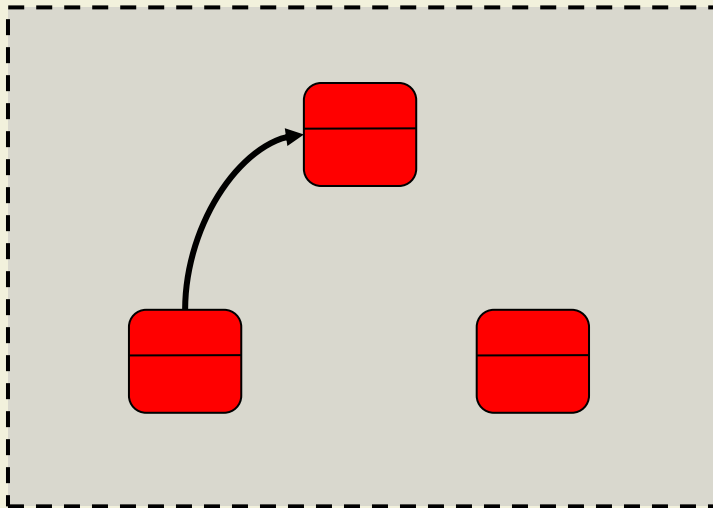
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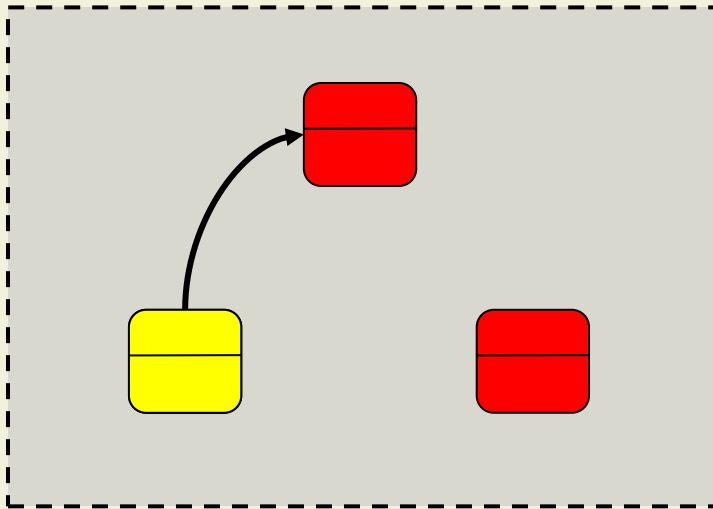
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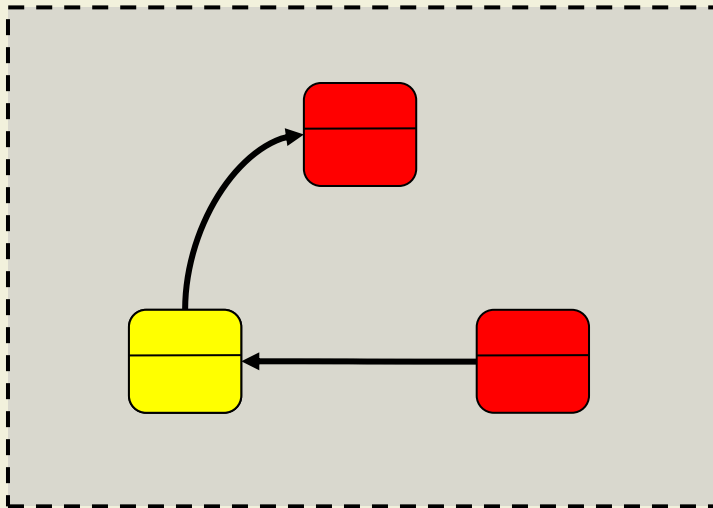
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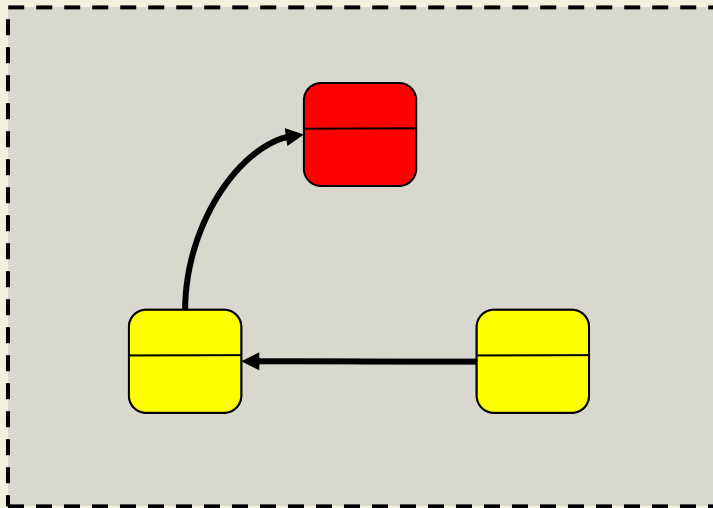
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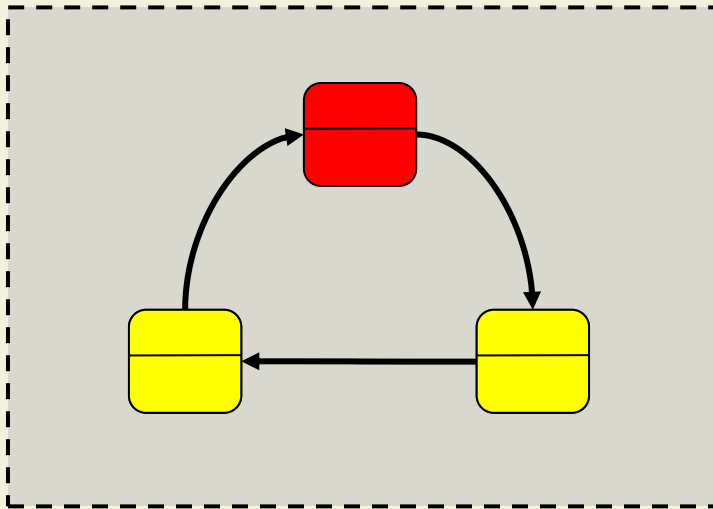
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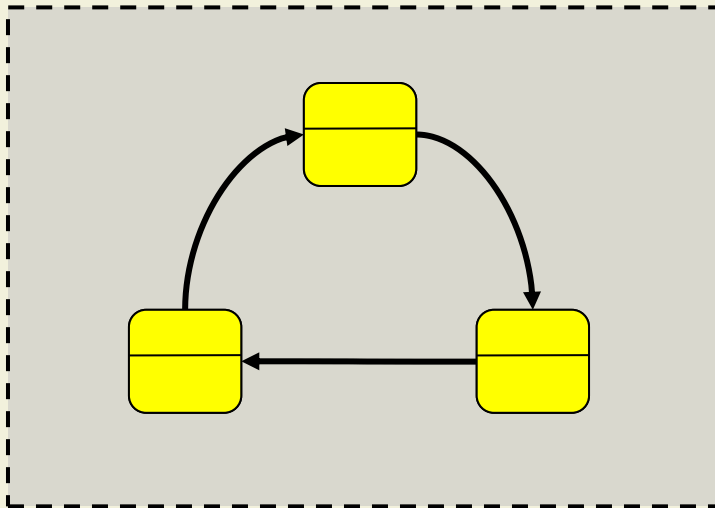
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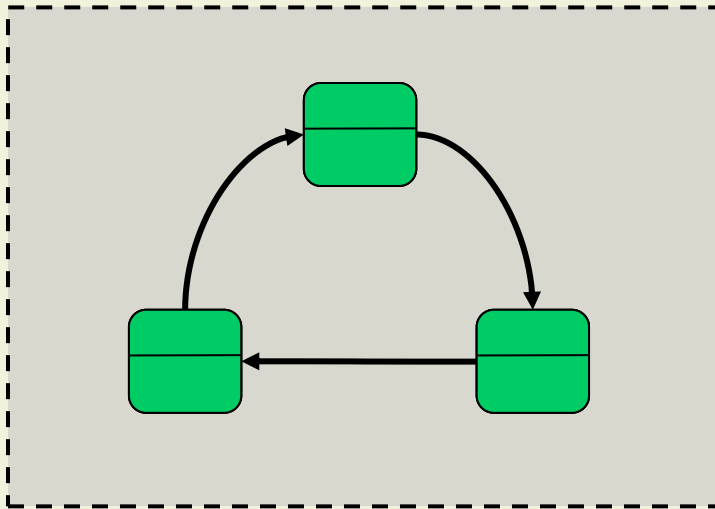
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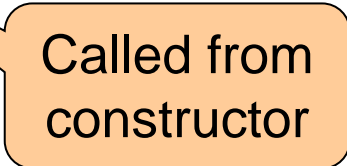
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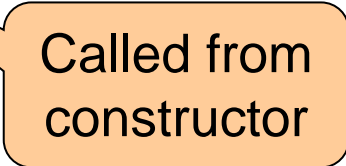


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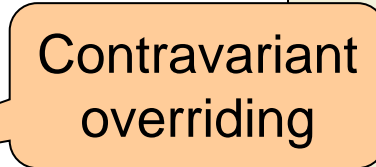
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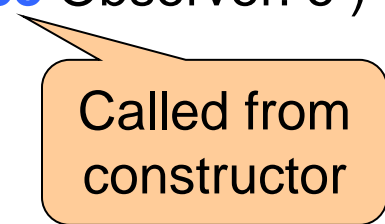
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class Subject extends Thread {  
    List<Observer!>! list;  
  
    void register( Observer! o )  
    { list.add( o ); }  
  
    void run( ) {  
        while( true ) {  
            if( sensorValueChanged( ) )  
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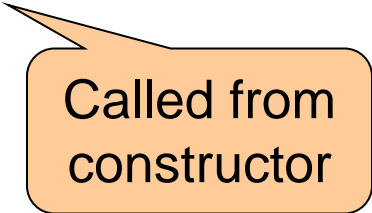
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add requires committed argument

Problem 4: Escaping via Fields Revisited

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    Node( Node! after, Process! p ) {  
        this.next = after.next;  
        after.next = this;  
        proc = p;  
    }  
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```
class Scheduler extends Thread {  
    Node! current;  
  
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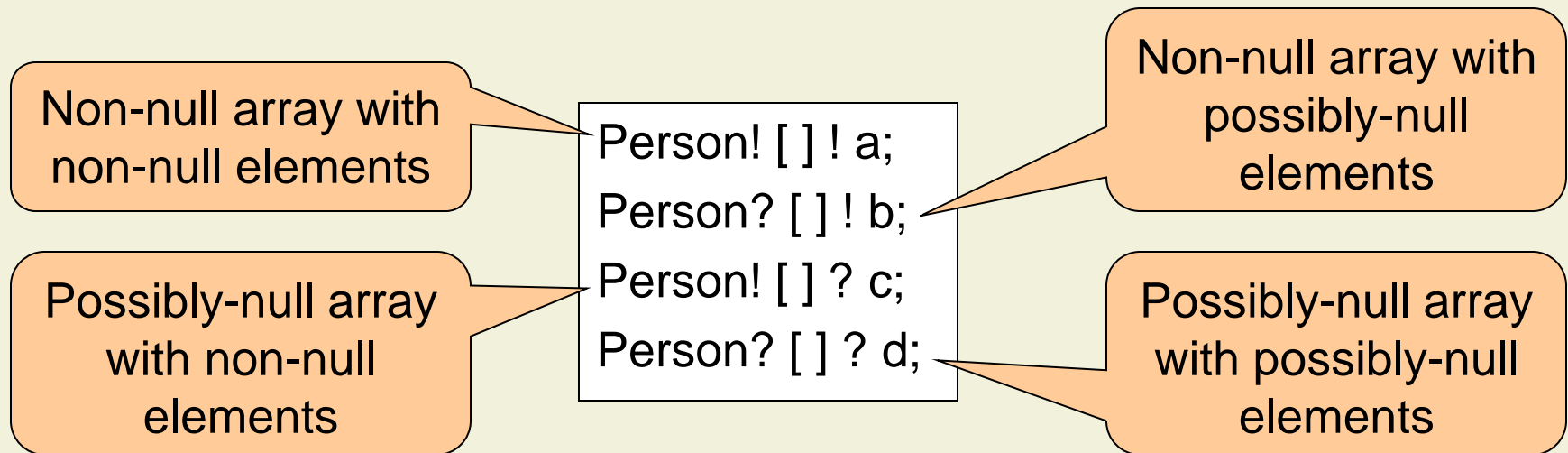
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Spec#

Summary

- Object initialization has to establish invariants
 - Non-nullness of fields is just an example

- General guidelines for writing constructors
 - Avoid calling dynamically-bound methods on **this**
 - Be careful when new object escapes from constructor
 - Be aware of subclass constructors that have not run yet

- Non-null types were prototyped in Spec#

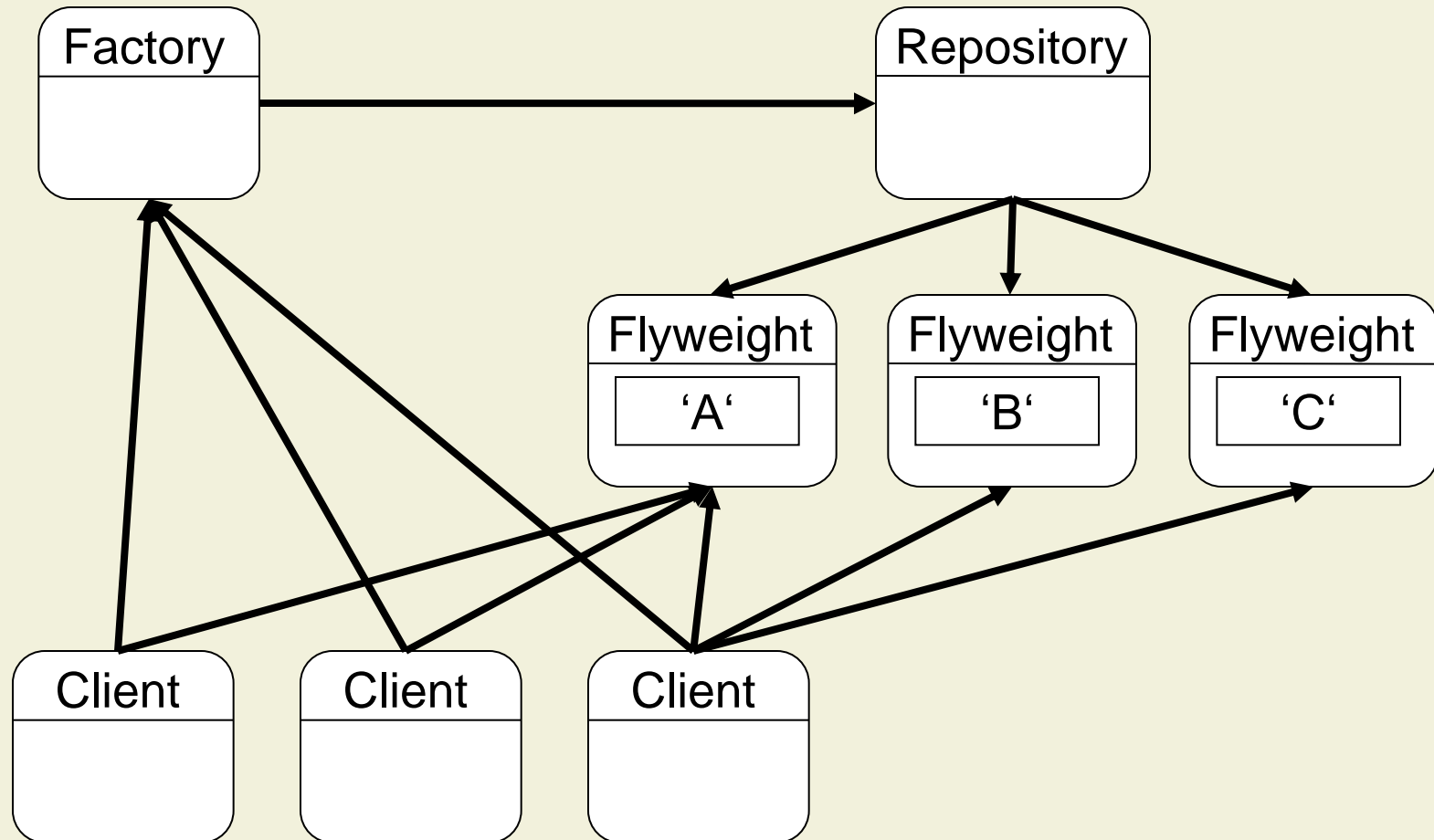
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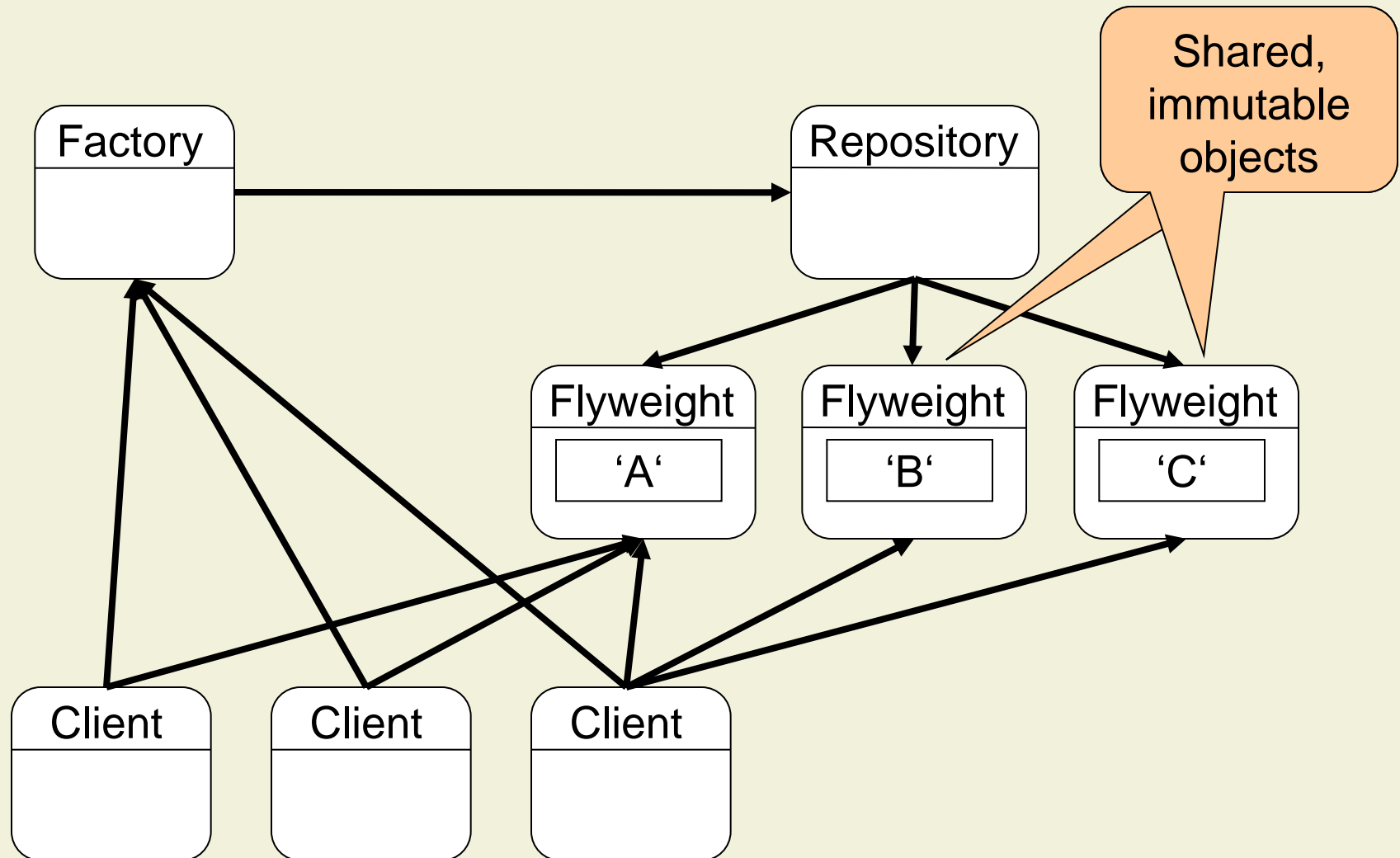
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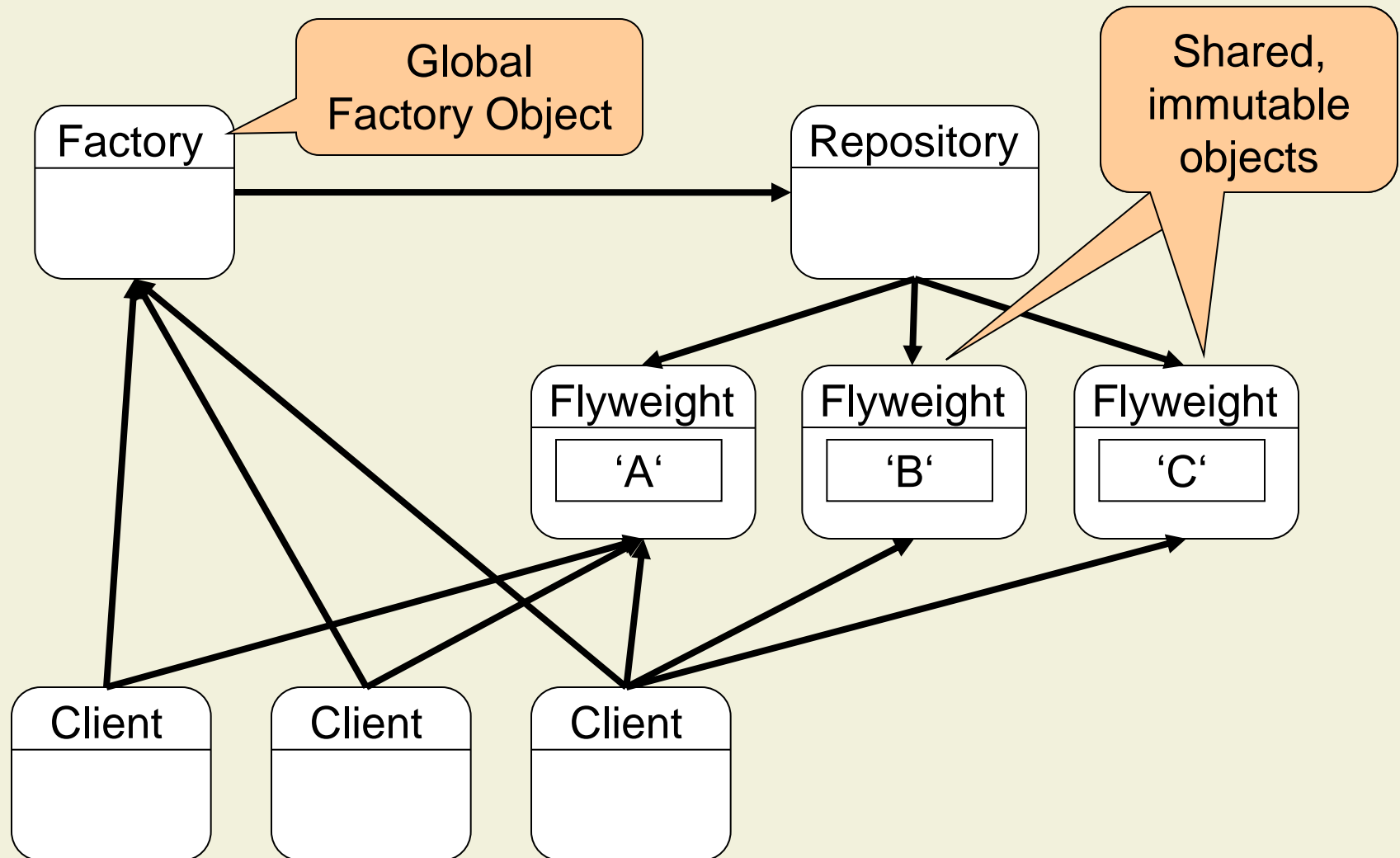
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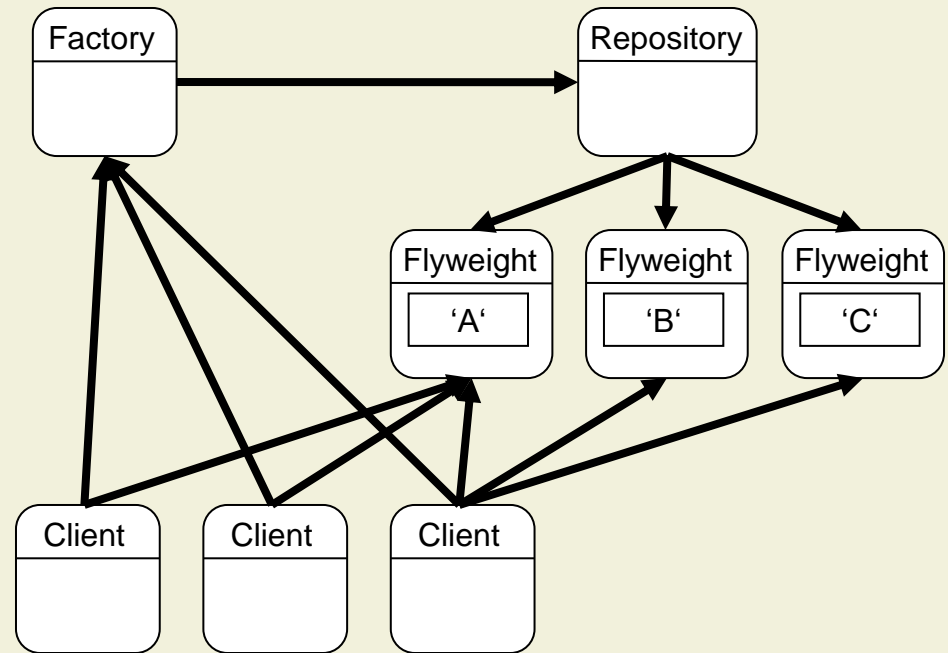


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Global Data

- Most software systems maintain global data
 - Factories
 - Caches
 - Flyweights
 - Singletons
- Main issues
 - How do clients access the global data?
 - How is the global data initialized?



Initialization of Globals: Design Goals

- Effectiveness
 - Ensure that global data is **initialized before first access**
 - Example: non-nullness
- Clarity
 - Initialization has a **clean semantics** and facilitates reasoning
- Laziness
 - Global data is **initialized lazily** to reduce start-up time

Solution 1: Global Vars and Init-Methods

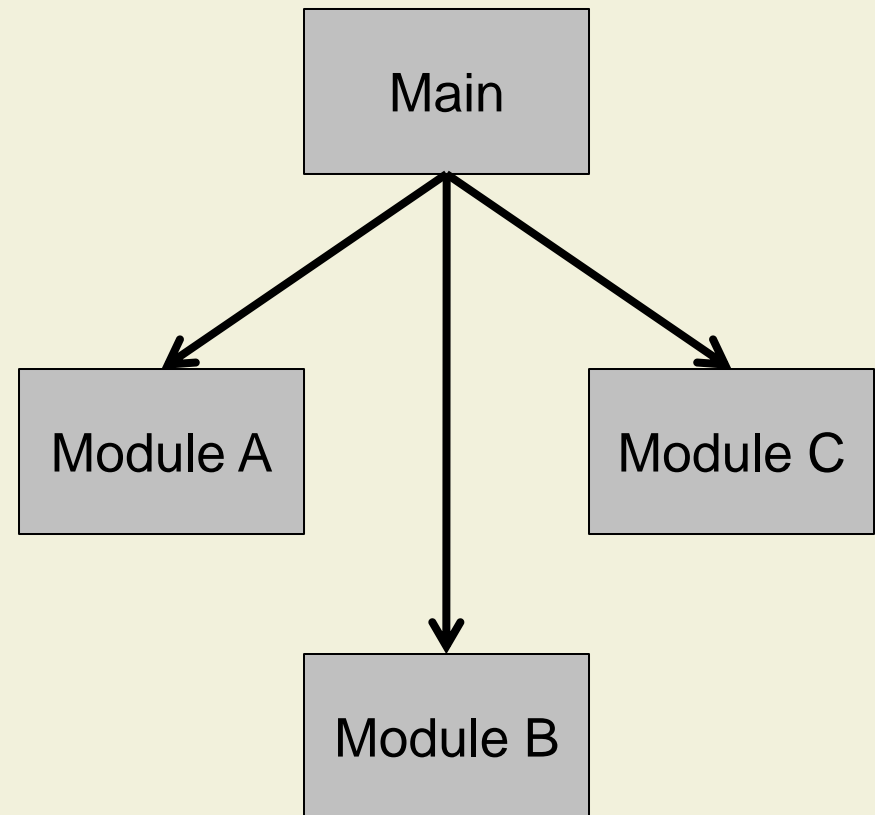
- **Global variables**
store references to
global data
- Initialization is done
by **explicit calls** to
init-methods

```
global Factory theFactory;  
  
void init( ) {  
    theFactory = new Factory( );  
}  
  
class Factory {  
    HashMap flyweights;  
  
    Flyweight create( Data d ) { ... }  
    ...  
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```

```
Flyweight f = theFactory.create( ... );
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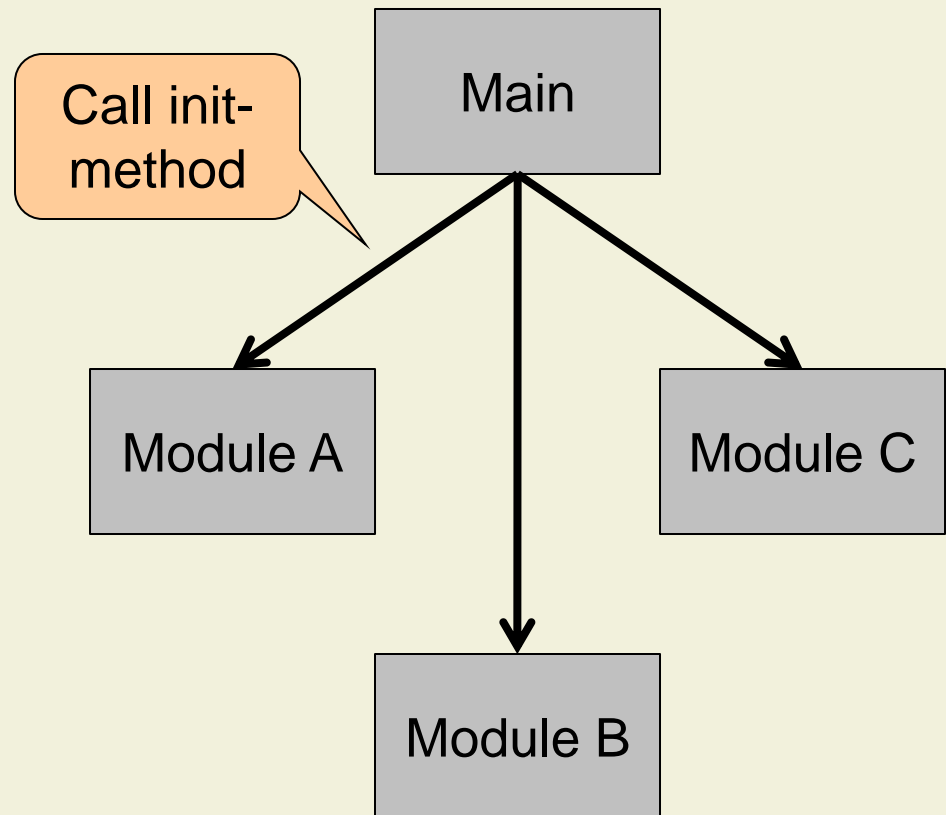
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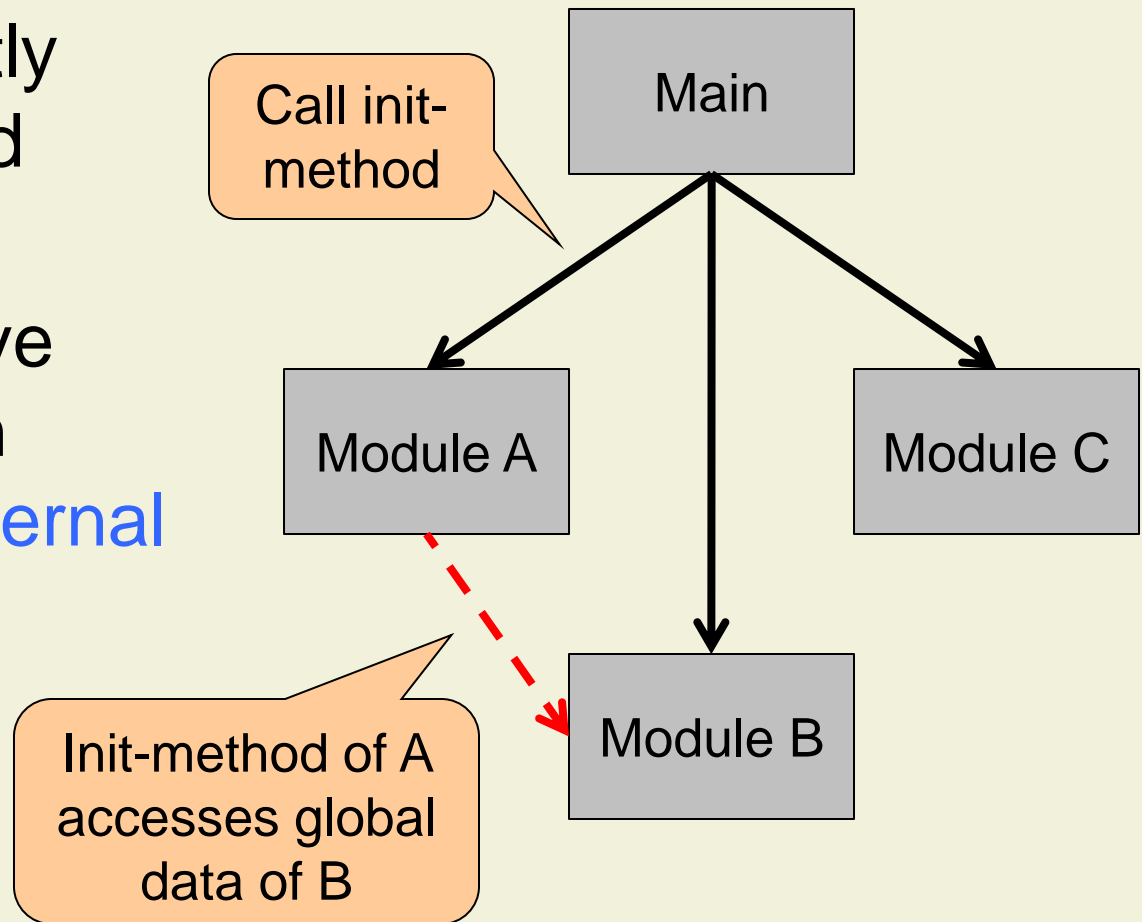
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 - Error-prone
- Clarity
 - Dependency information **compromises information hiding**
- Laziness
 - Needs to be **coded manually**

Variation: C++ Initializers

- Global variables can have initializers
- Initializers are executed before execution of main-method
 - No explicit calls needed
 - No support for lazy initialization
- Order of execution determined by order of appearance in the source code
 - Programmer has to manage dependencies

```
class Factory {  
    HashMap* flyweights;  
  
    Flyweight* create( Data* d ) { ... }  
  
    ...  
};  
  
Factory* theFactory = new Factory( );
```

C++

Solution 2: Static Fields and Initializers

- **Static fields** store references to global data
- Static initializers are executed by the system **immediately before a class is used**

```
class Factory {  
    static Factory theFactory;  
    HashMap flyweights;  
  
    static {  
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Java

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Initialization triggered here

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Static Initializers: Mutual Dependencies

```
class Debug {  
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    static Vector logfile;  
  
    static {  
        session = UniqueID.getID( );  
        logfile = new Vector( );  
    }  
  
    static void log( String msg ) {  
        logfile.add( msg );  
    }  
}
```

```
class UniqueID {  
    static int next;  
  
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        next = 1;  
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Java

Static Initializers: Mutual Dependencies

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    static int session;  
    static Vector logfile;  
  
    static {  
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        logfile = new Vector( );  
    }  
  
    static void log( String msg ) {  
        logfile.add( msg );  
    }  
}
```

Initialize
Debug

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Initialize
UniqueID

Initialize
Debug

NullPointerException

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    }  
}
```

Initialization
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Java

Static Initializers: Side Effects

```
class C {  
    static int x;  
  
    ...  
}
```

```
class D {  
    static char y;  
  
    ...  
}
```

```
C.x = 0;  
D.y = '?';  
assert C.x == 0;
```

Static Initializers: Side Effects

- Static initializers may have **arbitrary side effects**

```
class C {  
    static int x;  
  
    ...  
}
```

```
class D {  
    static char y;  
  
    static { C.x = C.x + 1; }  
}
```

```
C.x = 0;  
D.y = '?';  
assert C.x == 0;
```

Static Initializers: Side Effects

- Static initializers may have **arbitrary side effects**
- Reasoning about programs with static initializers is **non-modular**
 - Need to know when initializers run

```
class C {  
    static int x;  
  
    ...  
}
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```
class D {  
    static char y;  
  
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Static Initializers: Summary

- Effectiveness
 - Static initializers may be **interrupted**
 - **Reading un-initialized fields** is possible
- Clarity
 - Reasoning requires to **keep track** of which initializers have run already
 - **Side effects through implicit executions** of static initializers can be surprising
- Laziness
 - Static initializers are not called upfront (but also not as late as possible)

Scala's Singleton Objects

- Scala provides language support for **singletons**
- Initialization is **defined by translation to Java**
 - Inherits all pros and cons of static initializers

```
object Factory {  
  val flyweights: HashMap[ ... ]  
  
  def  
  create( d: Data ): Flyweight =  
    ...  
  ...  
}
```

Scala

Solution 3: Eiffel's Once Methods

- Once methods are **executed only once**
- **Result** of first execution **is cached** and returned for subsequent calls

```
class FlyweightMgr
feature
  theFactory: Factory
  once
    create Result
  end
  ...
end
```

Eiffel

```
o := manager.theFactory
f := o.createFlyweight( ... )
```

Once Methods: Mutual Dependencies

- Mutual dependencies lead to recursive calls
- Recursive calls return the **current value of Result**
 - Typically not a meaningful value

```
factorial ( i: INTEGER ): INTEGER
  require 0 <= i
  once
    if i <= 1 then Result := 1
    else
      Result := i * factorial ( i - 1 )
    end
  end
```

Eiffel

```
check factorial( 3 ) = 0 end
check factorial( 30 ) = 0 end
```

Once Methods: Parameters

- Arguments to once methods are used for the first execution
- Arguments to subsequent calls are ignored

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    if i <= 1 then Result := 1
    else
      Result := i * factorial ( i - 1 )
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  end
```

Eiffel

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check factorial( 3 ) = 0 end
check factorial( 30 ) = 0 end
check factorial( 1 ) = 0 end
```

```
check factorial( 1 ) = 1 end
check factorial( 3 ) = 1 end
check factorial( 30 ) = 1 end
```

Once Methods: Summary

- Effectiveness
 - Mutual dependencies lead to recursive calls
 - Reading un-initialized fields is possible
- Clarity
 - Reasoning requires to keep track of which once methods have run already (use of arguments, side effects)
- Laziness
 - Once methods are executed only when result is needed (as late as possible)

Initialization of Global Data: Summary

- No solution ensures that global data is initialized before it is accessed
 - How to establish invariants over global data?
 - For instance, solutions would not be suitable to ensure that global non-null variables have non-null values

- No solution handles mutual dependencies

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