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Type-based Verification of JavaScript Sandboxing

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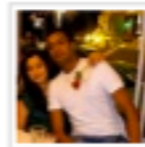
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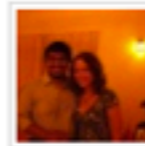
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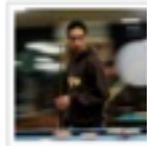
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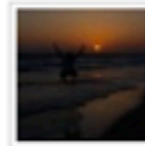
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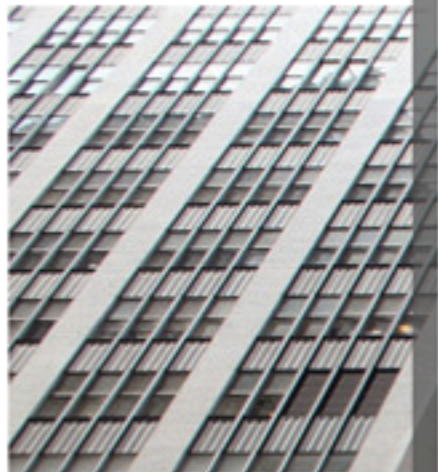
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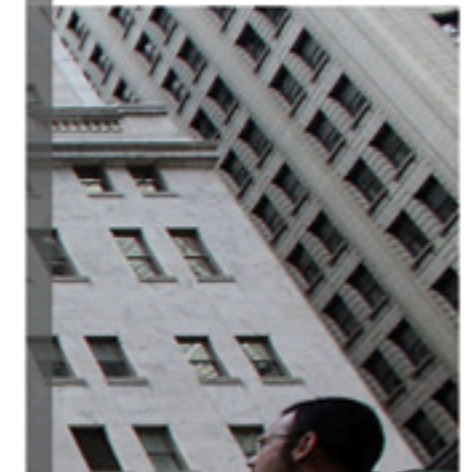
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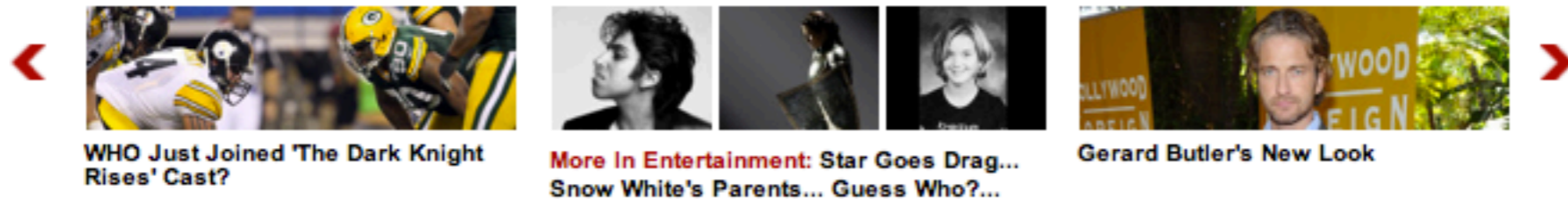
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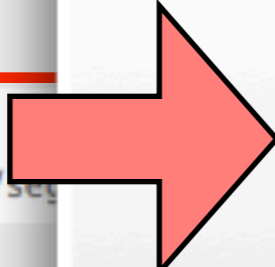
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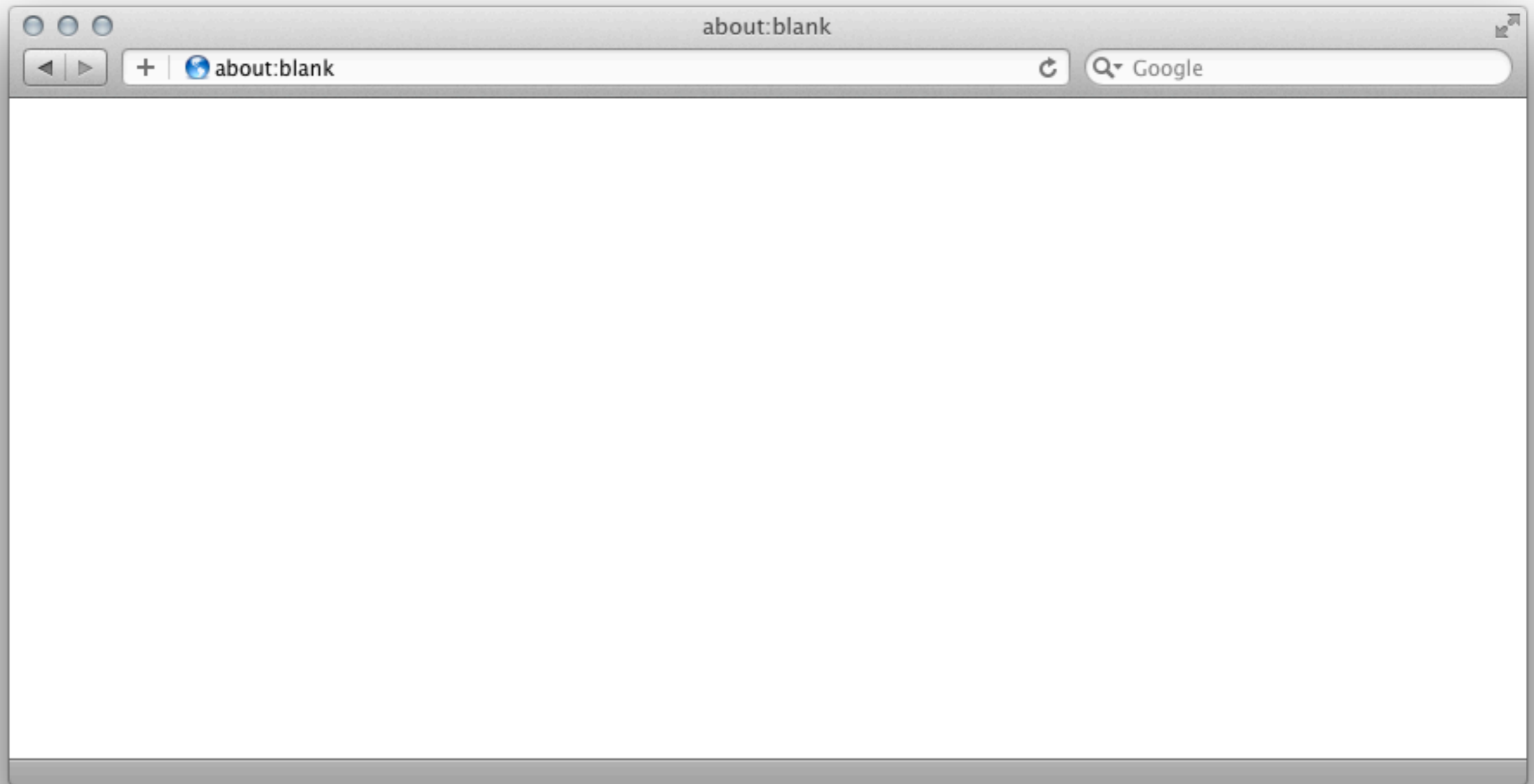
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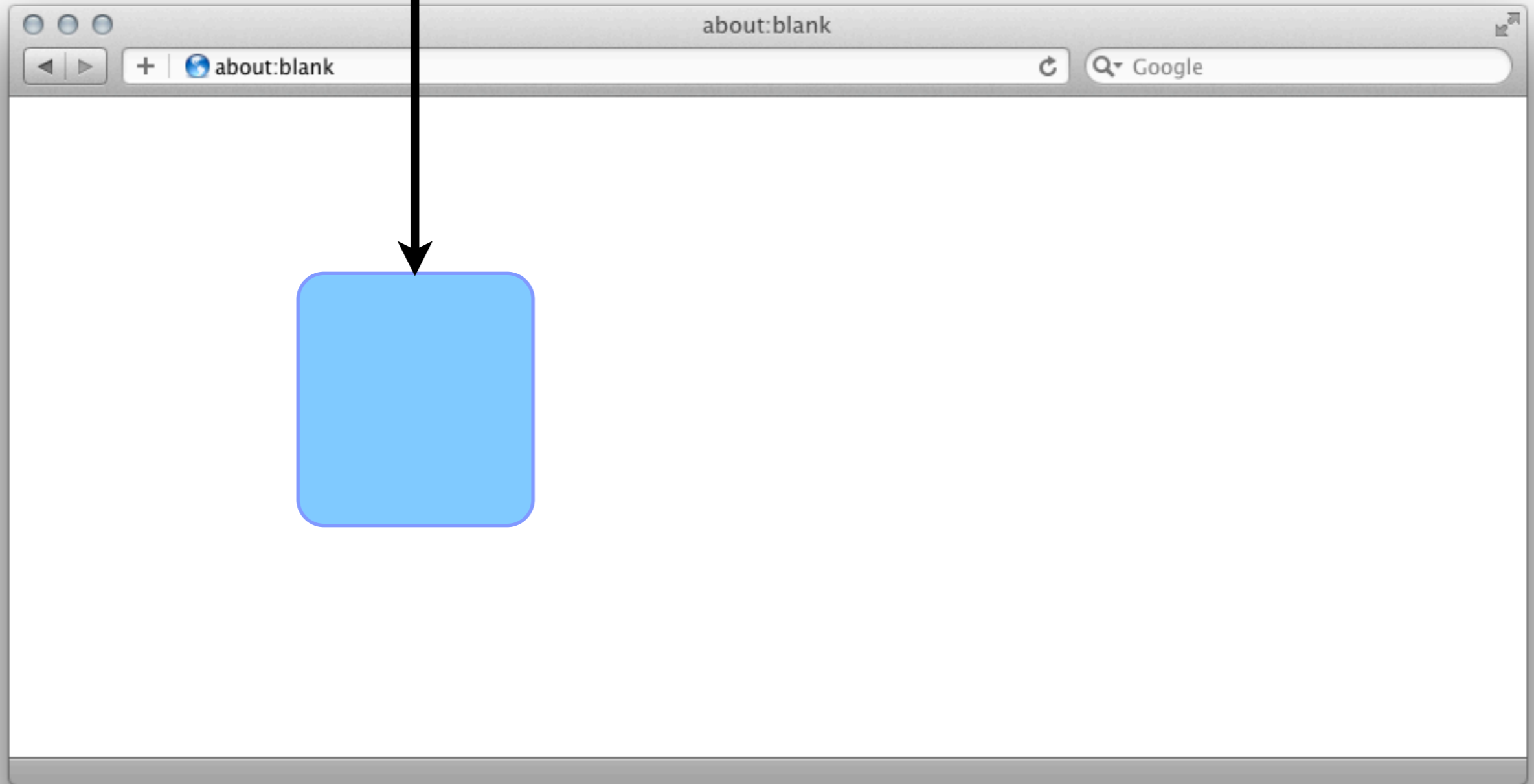


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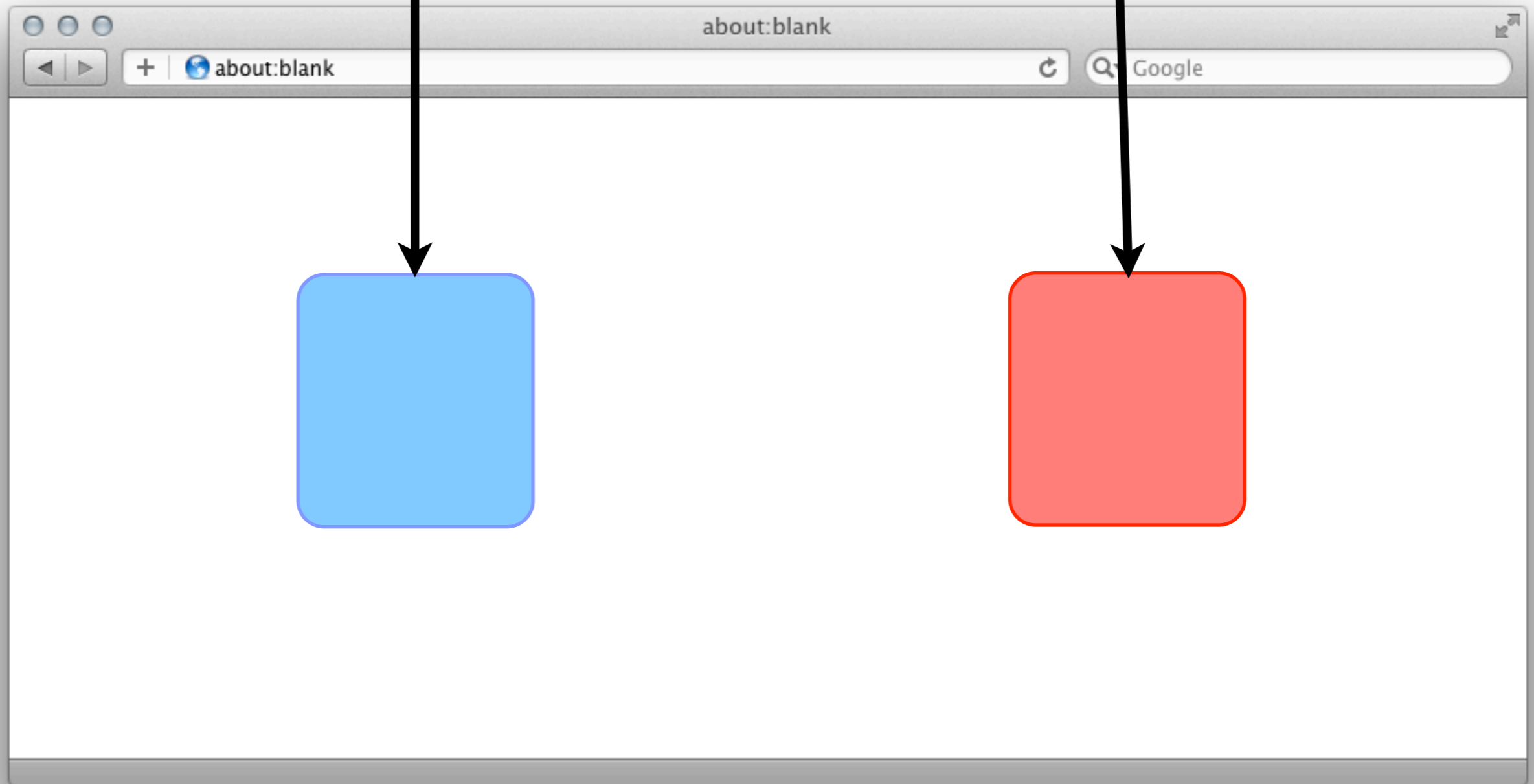




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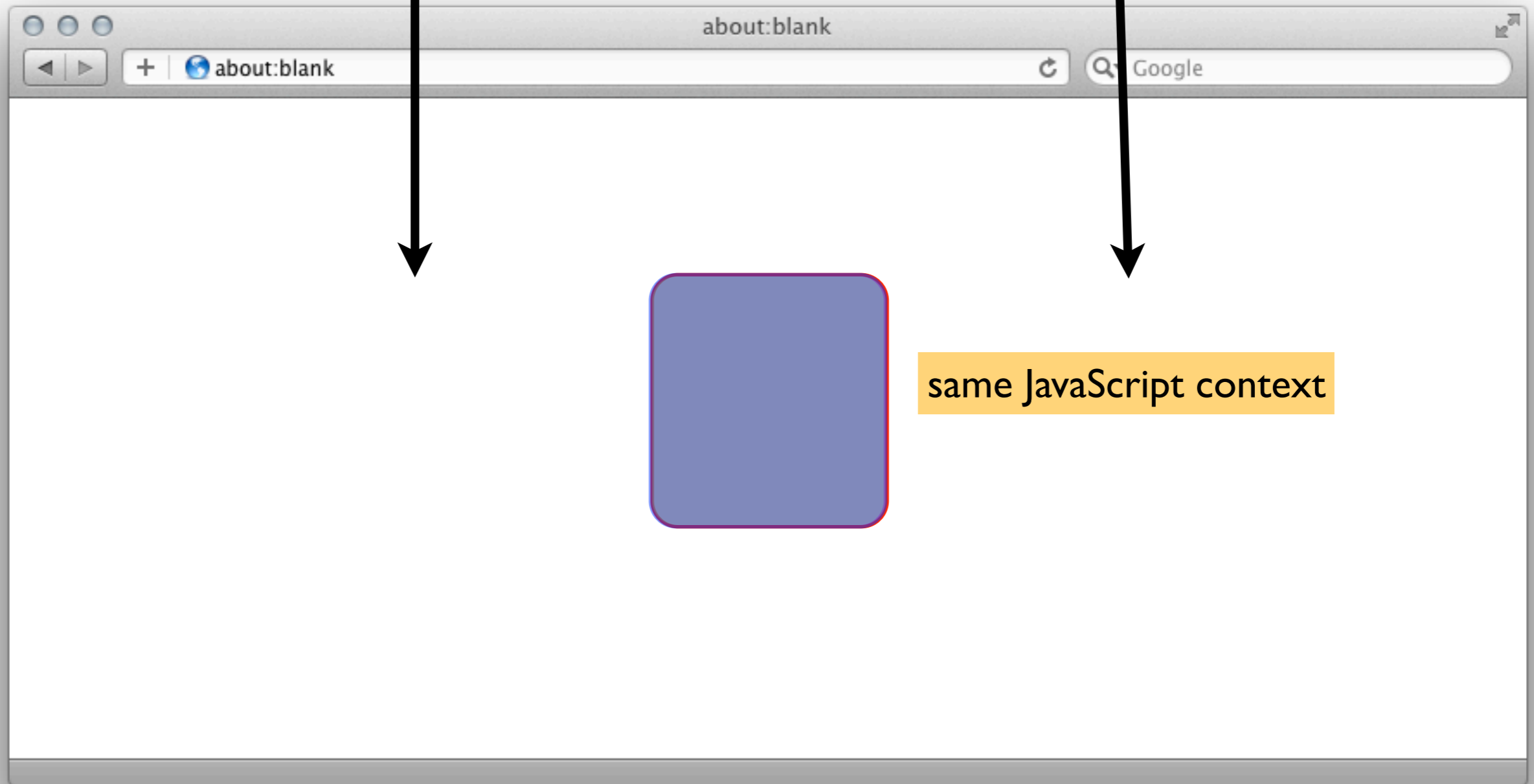




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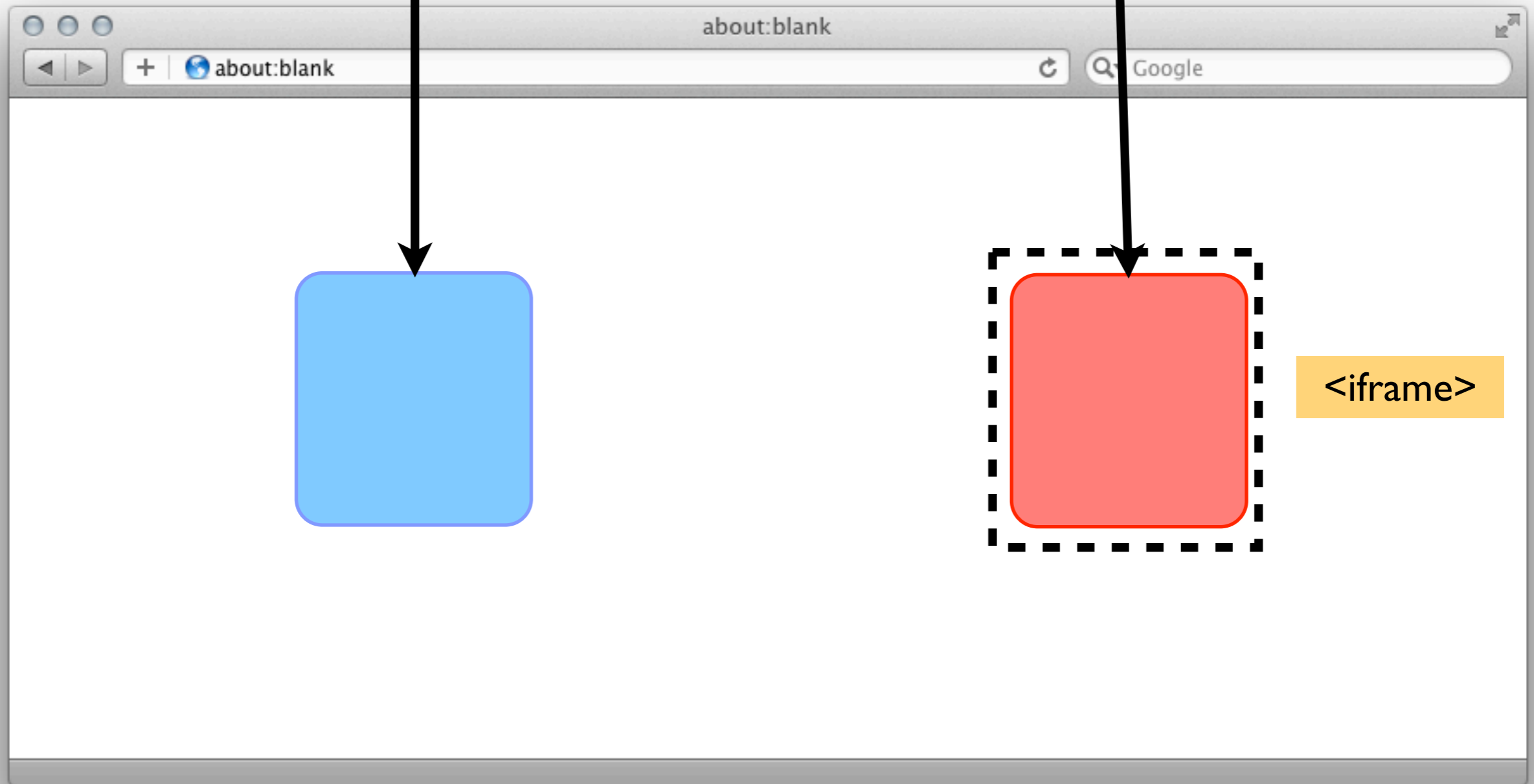




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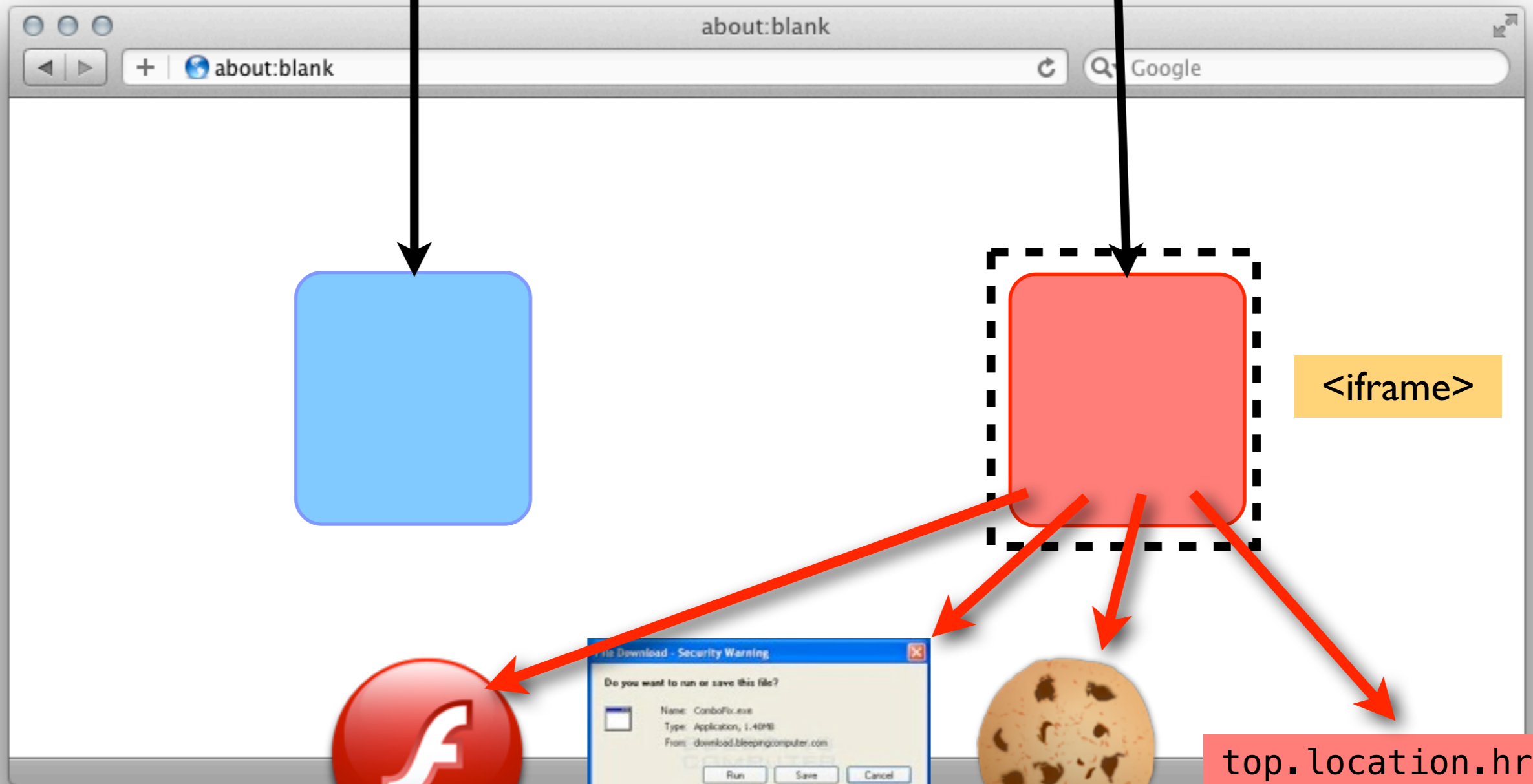




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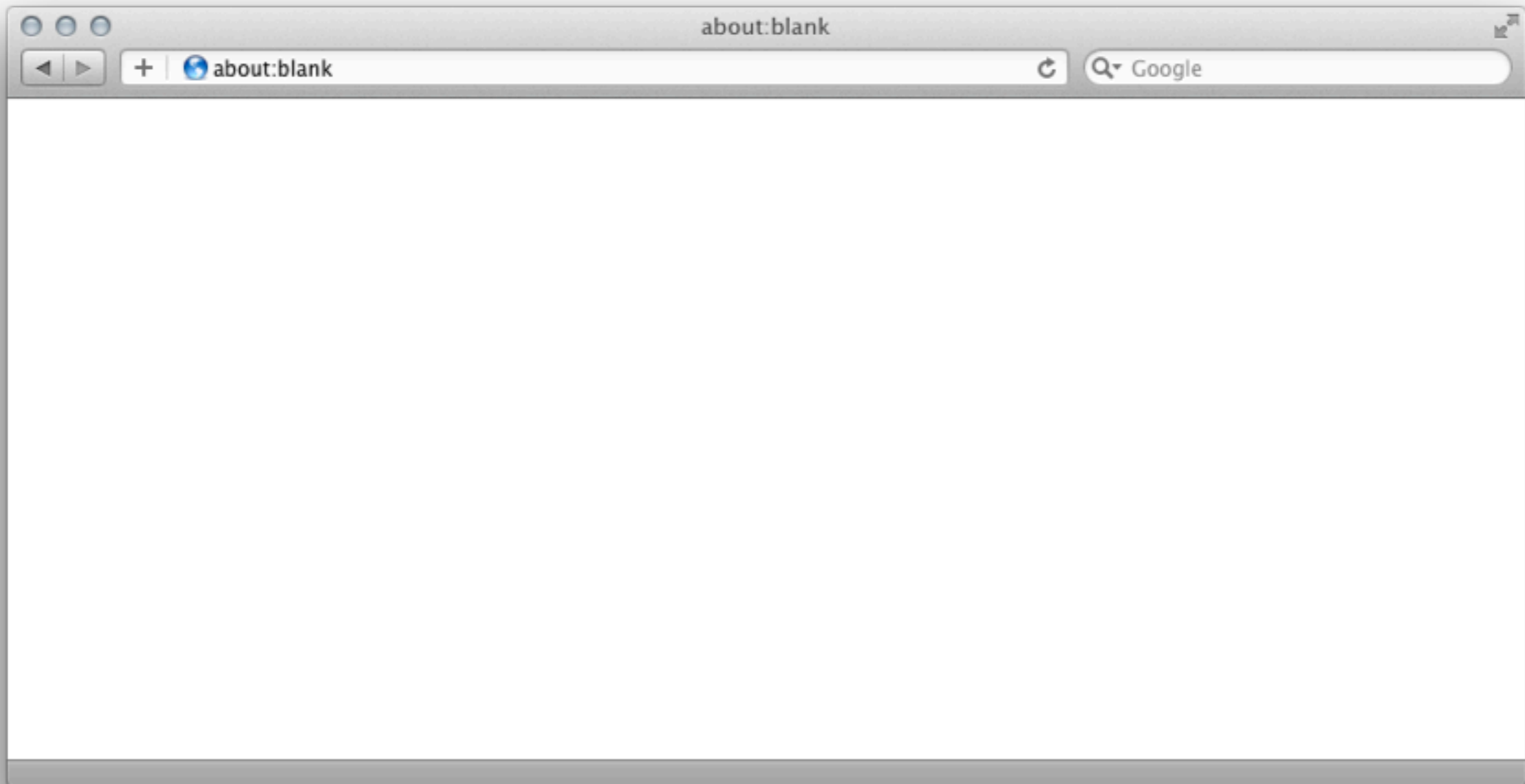
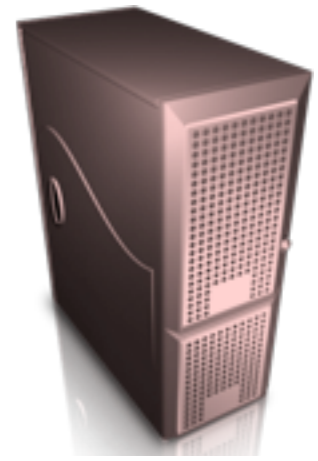


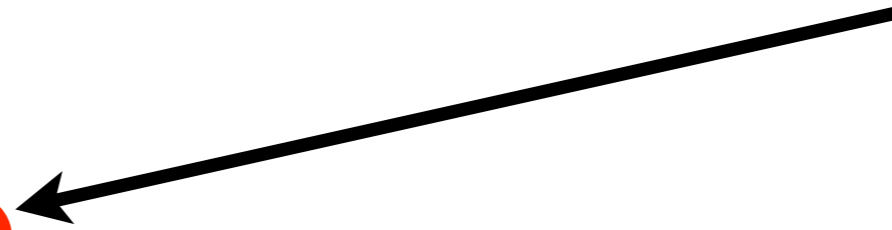
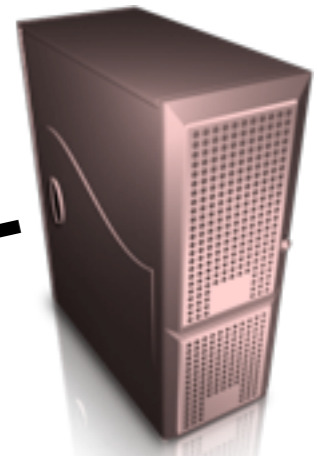
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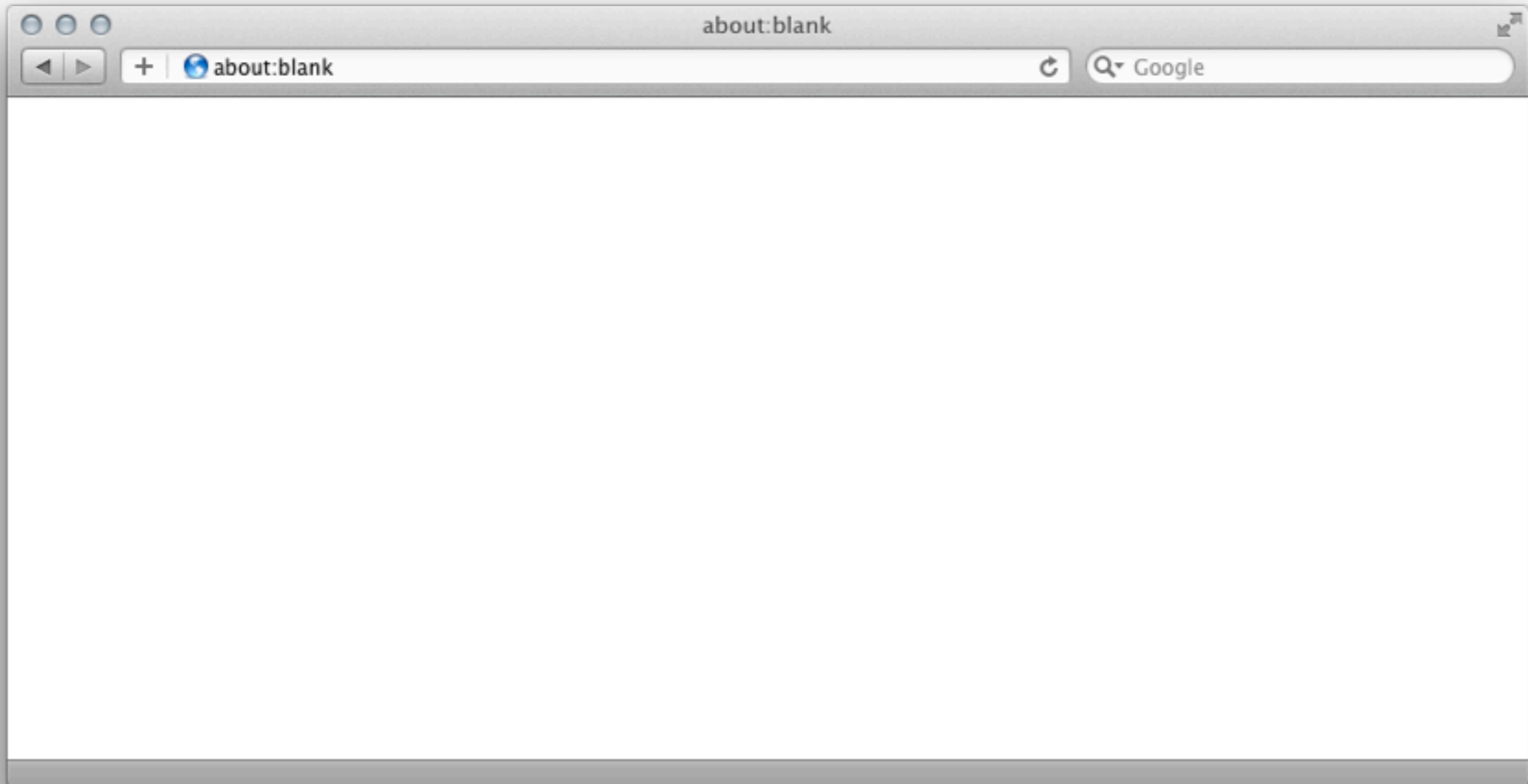
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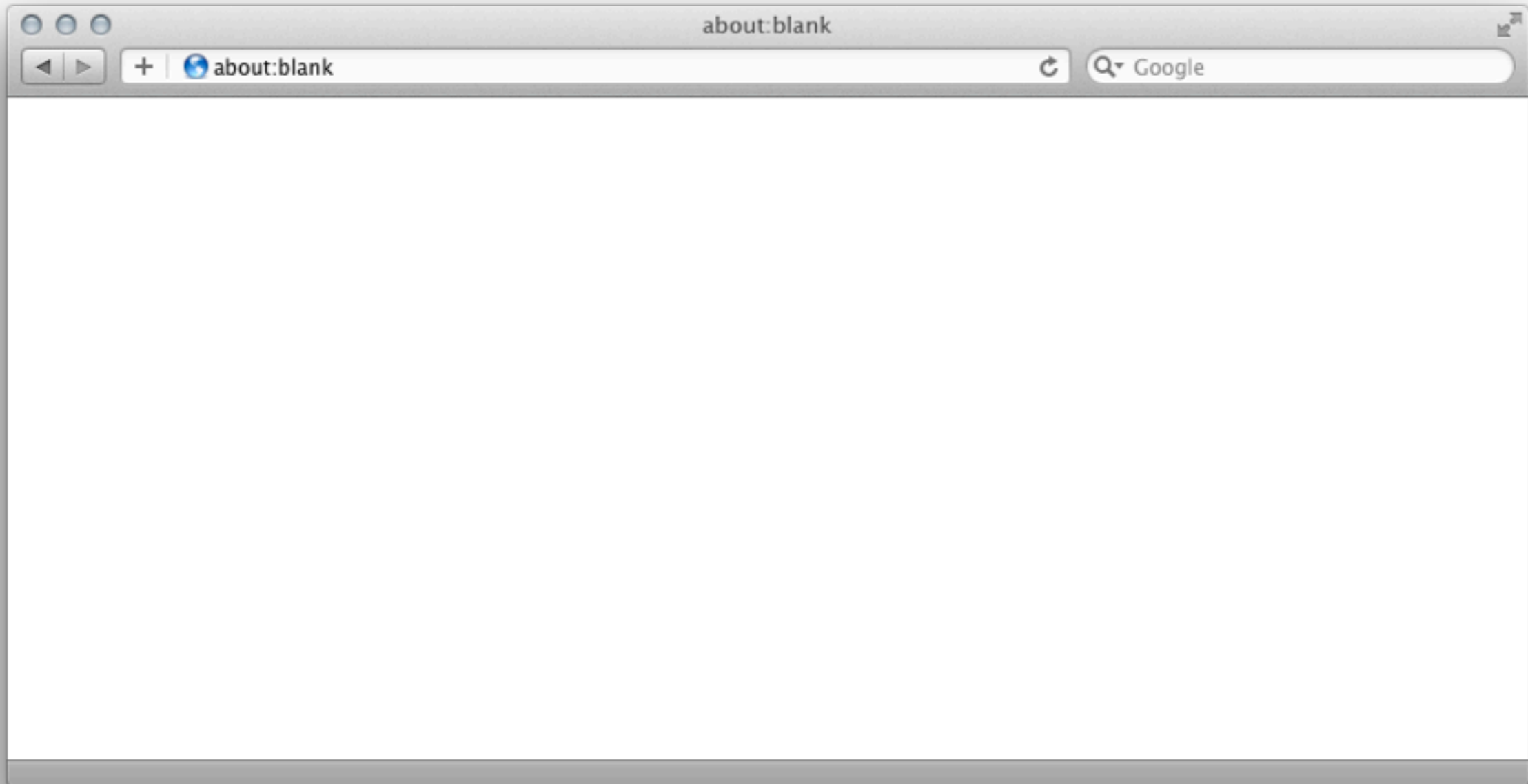
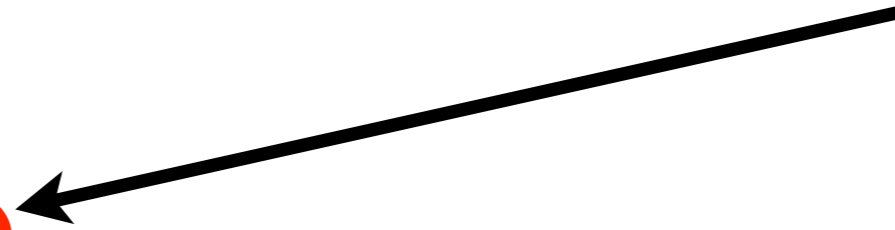
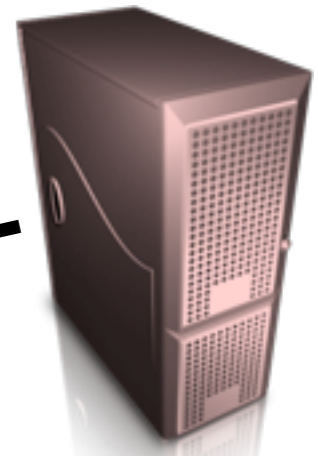
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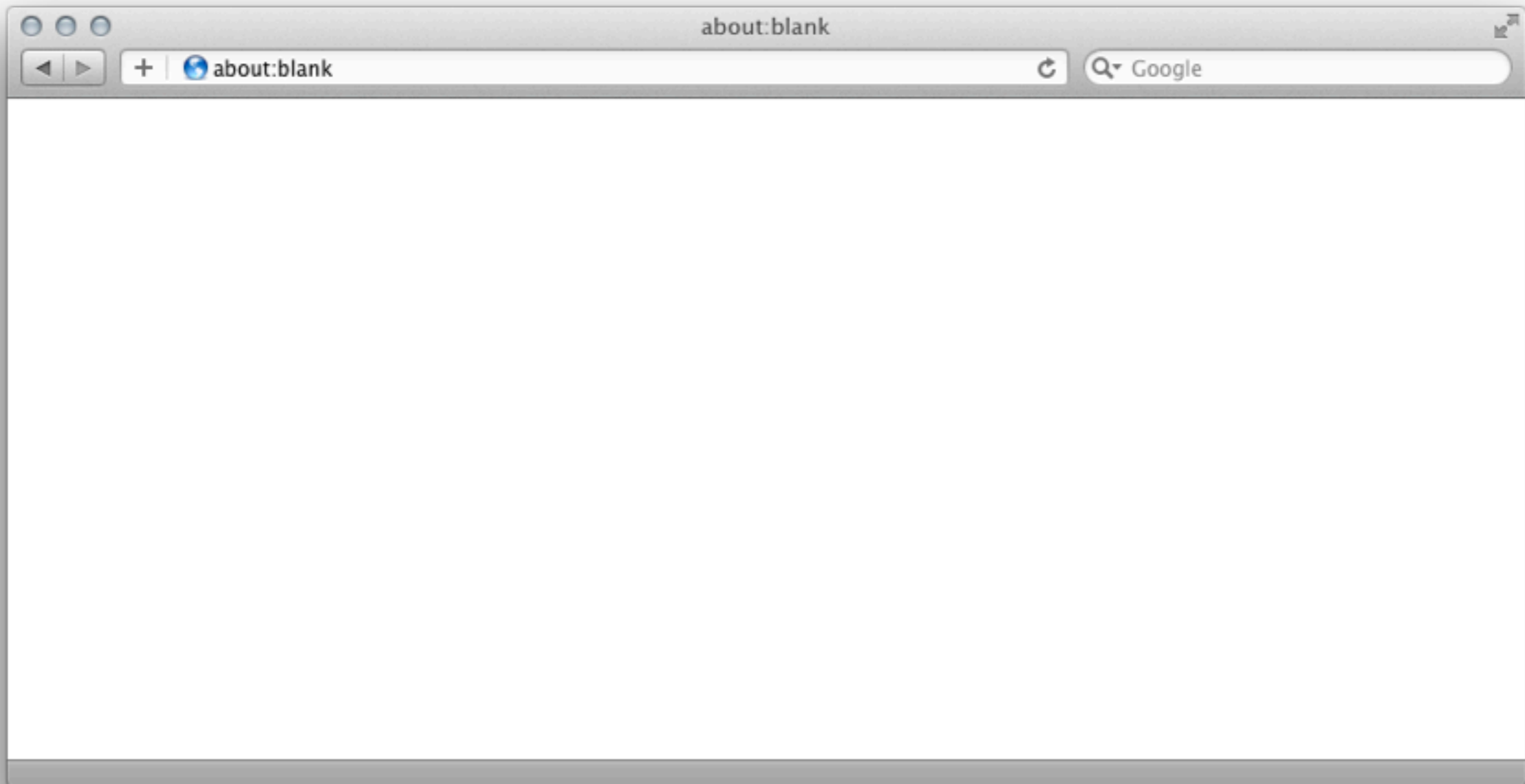
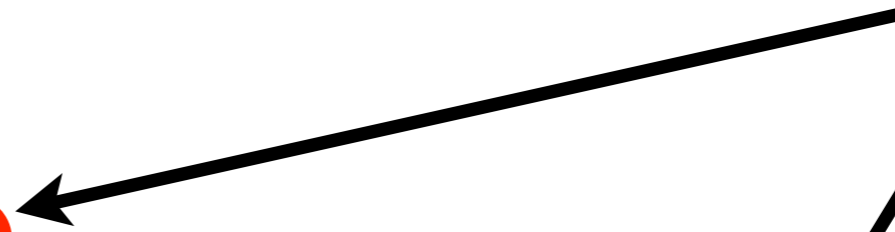
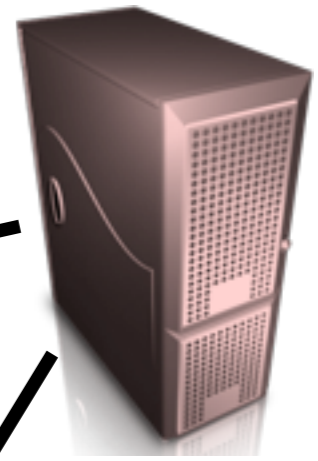


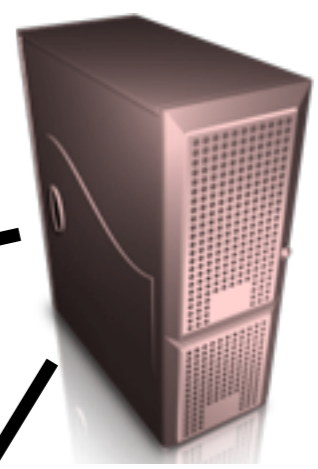


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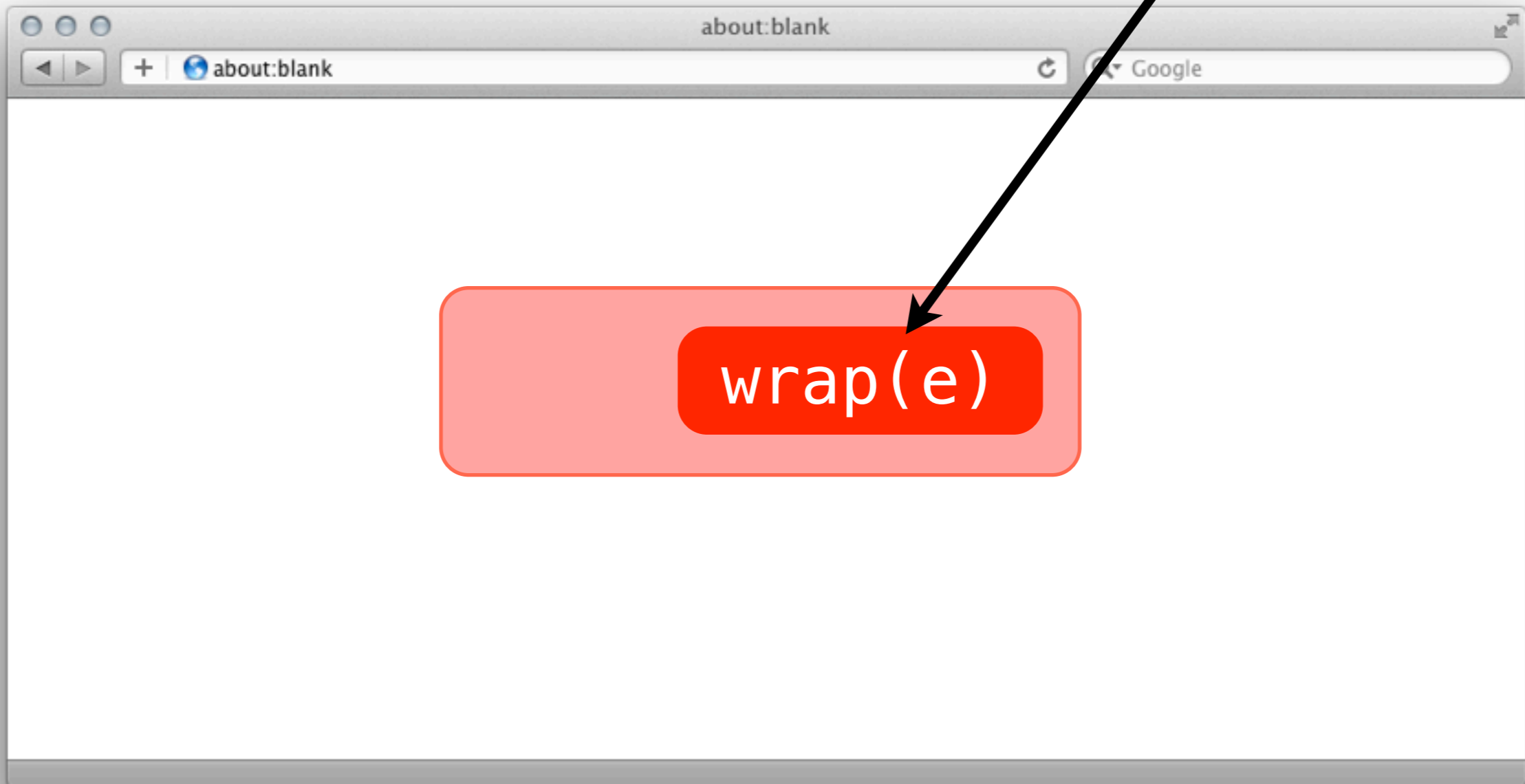


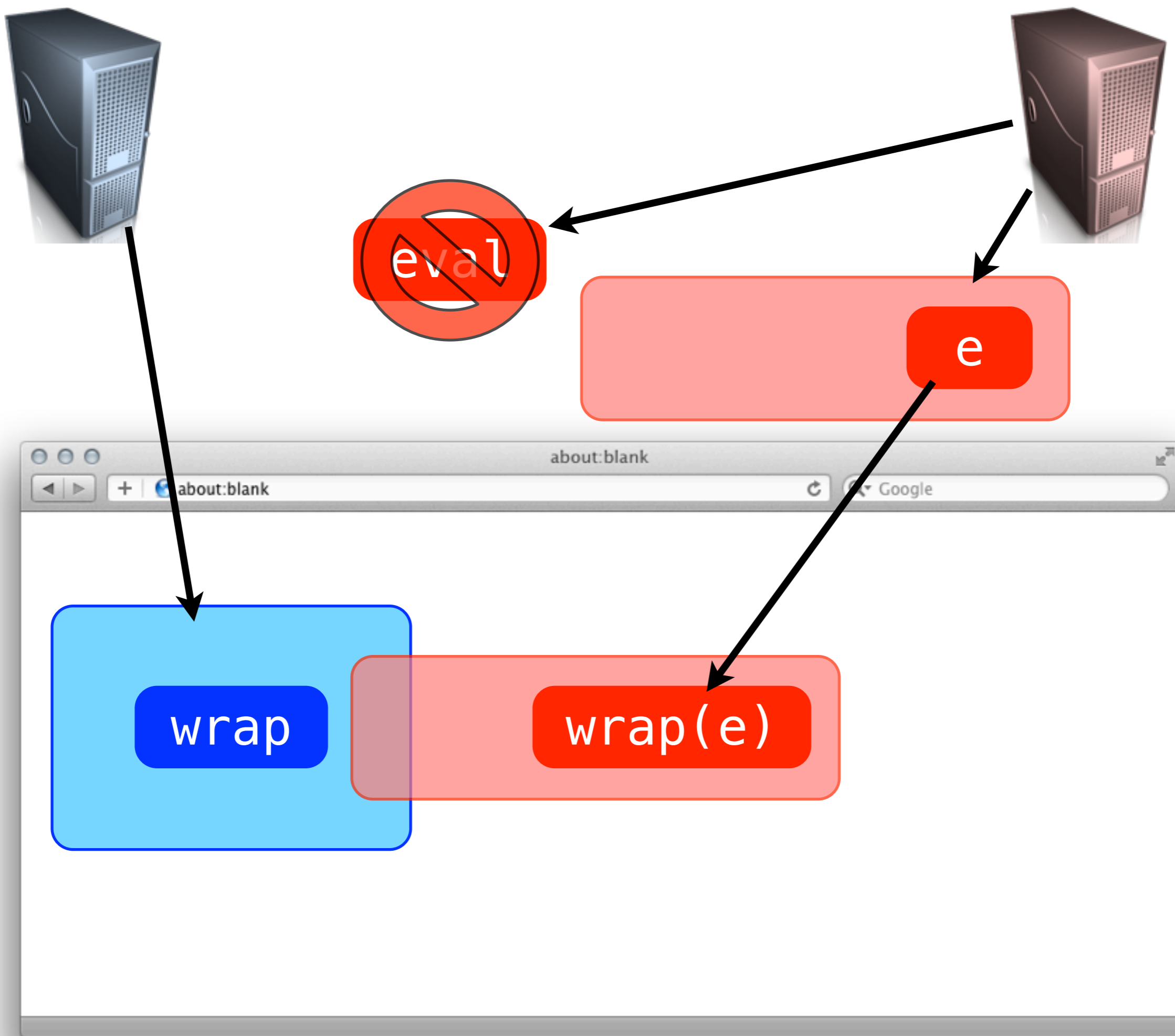


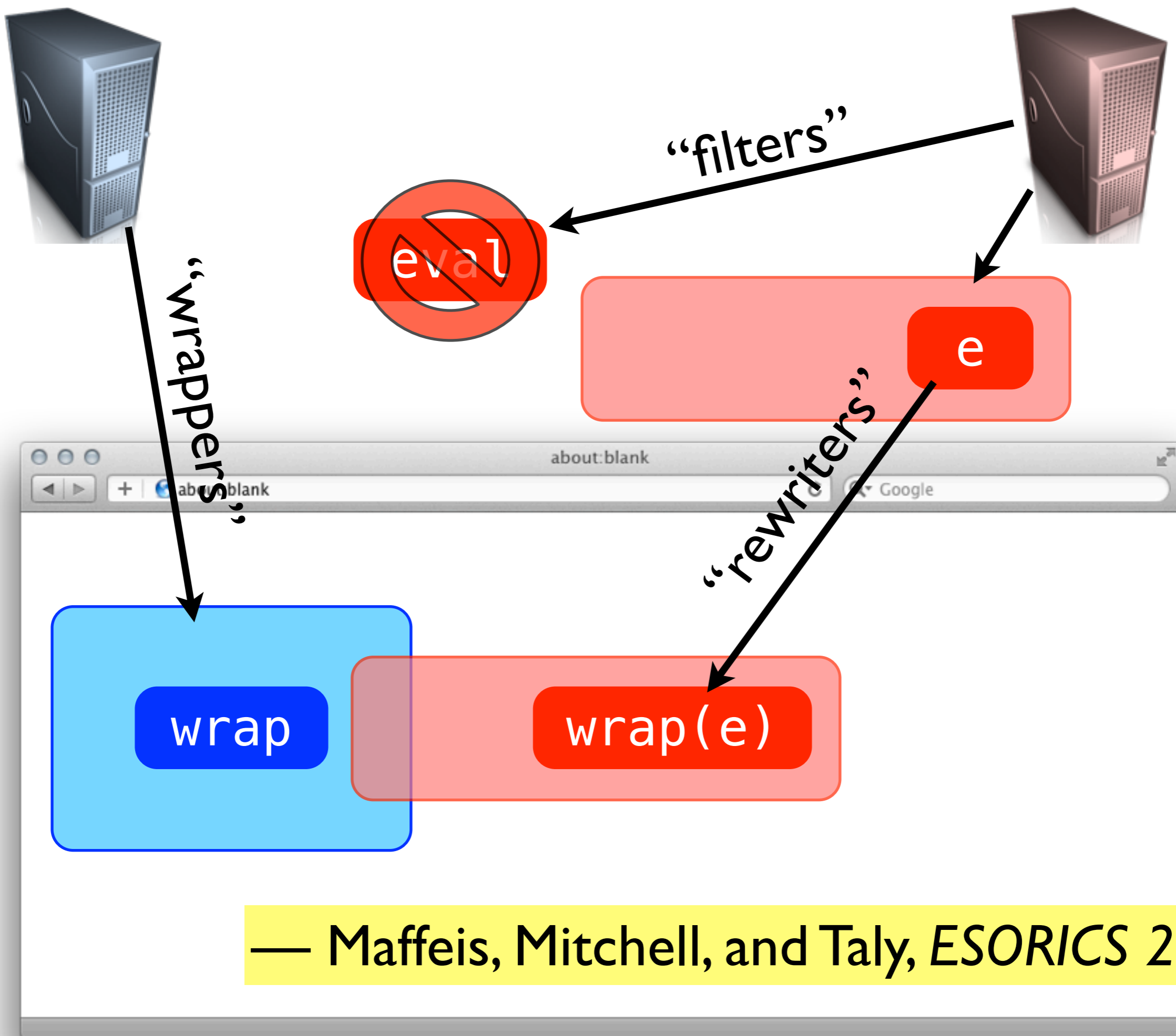


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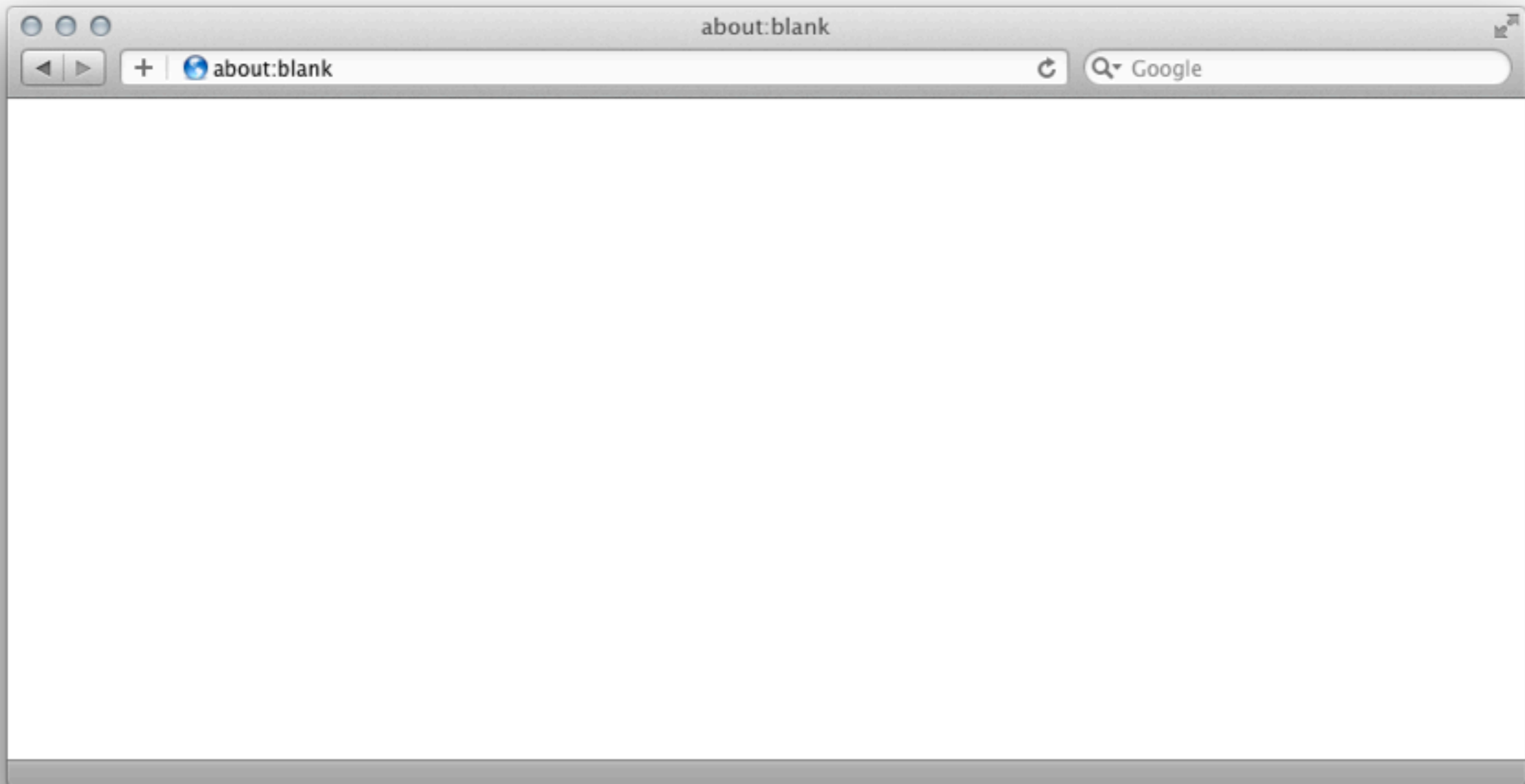
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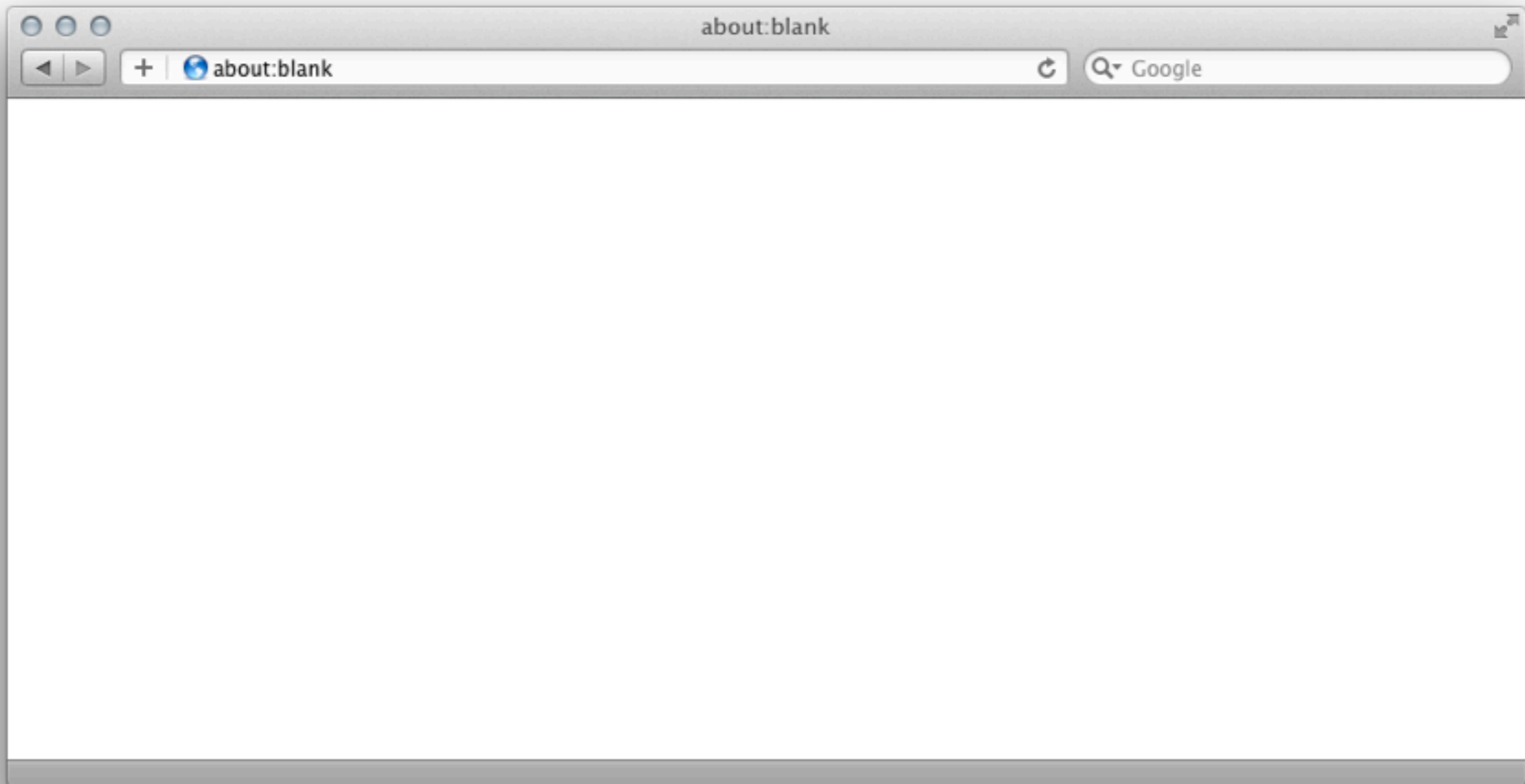
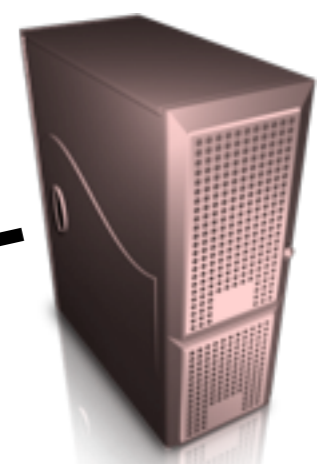


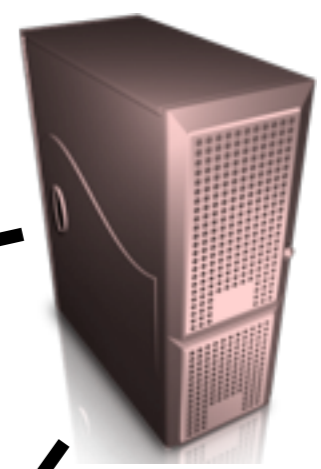
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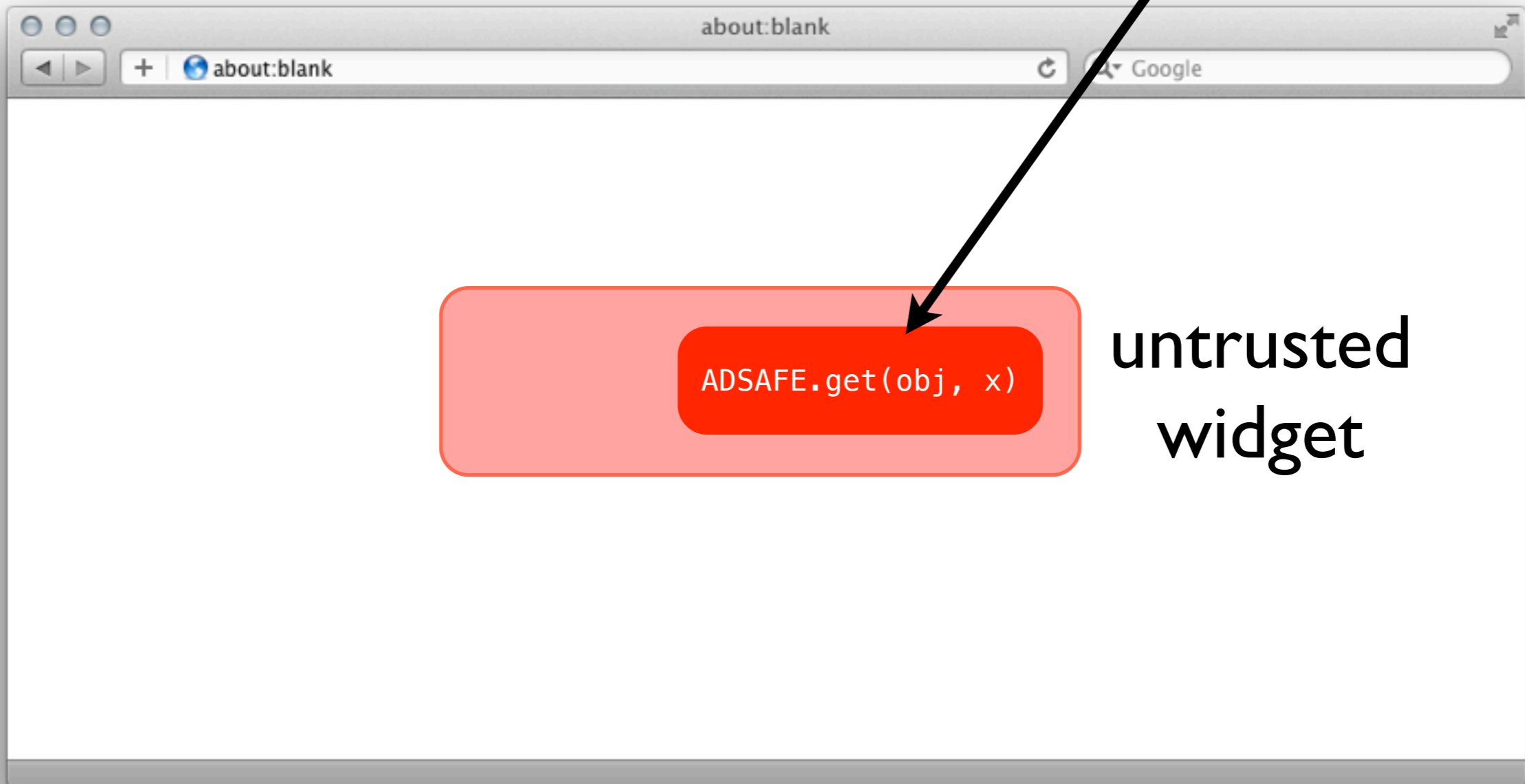


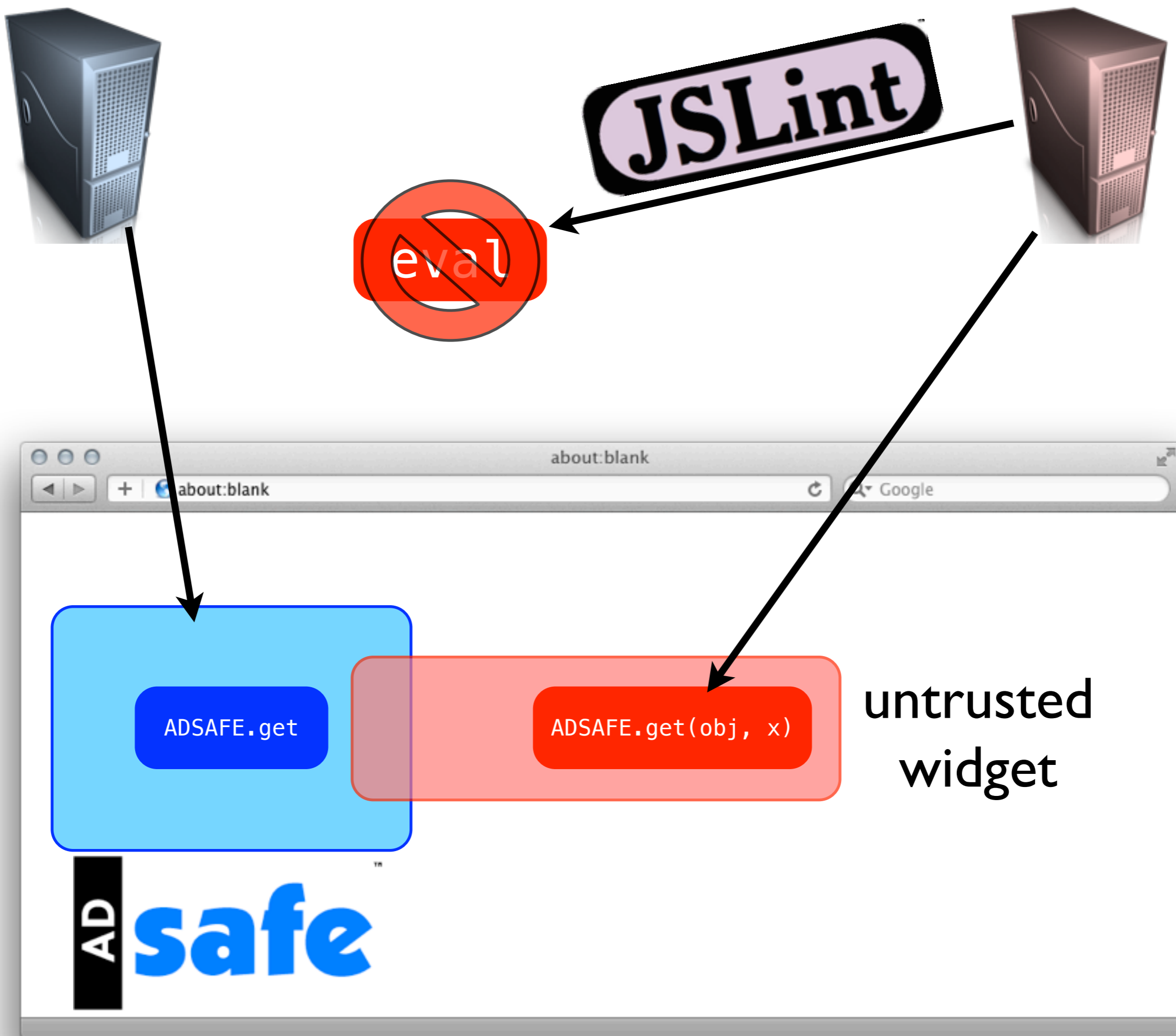
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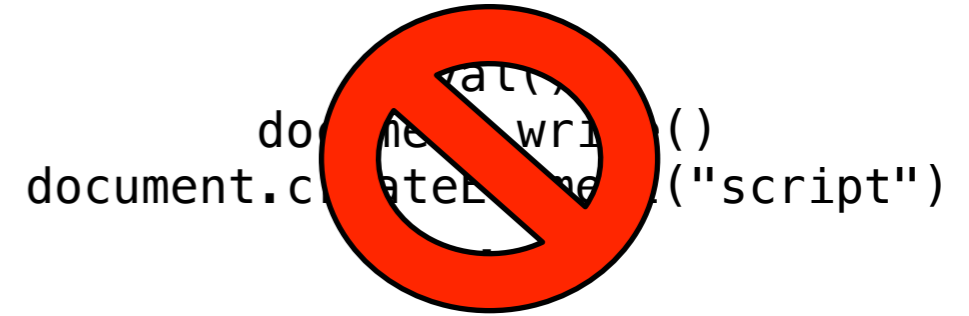
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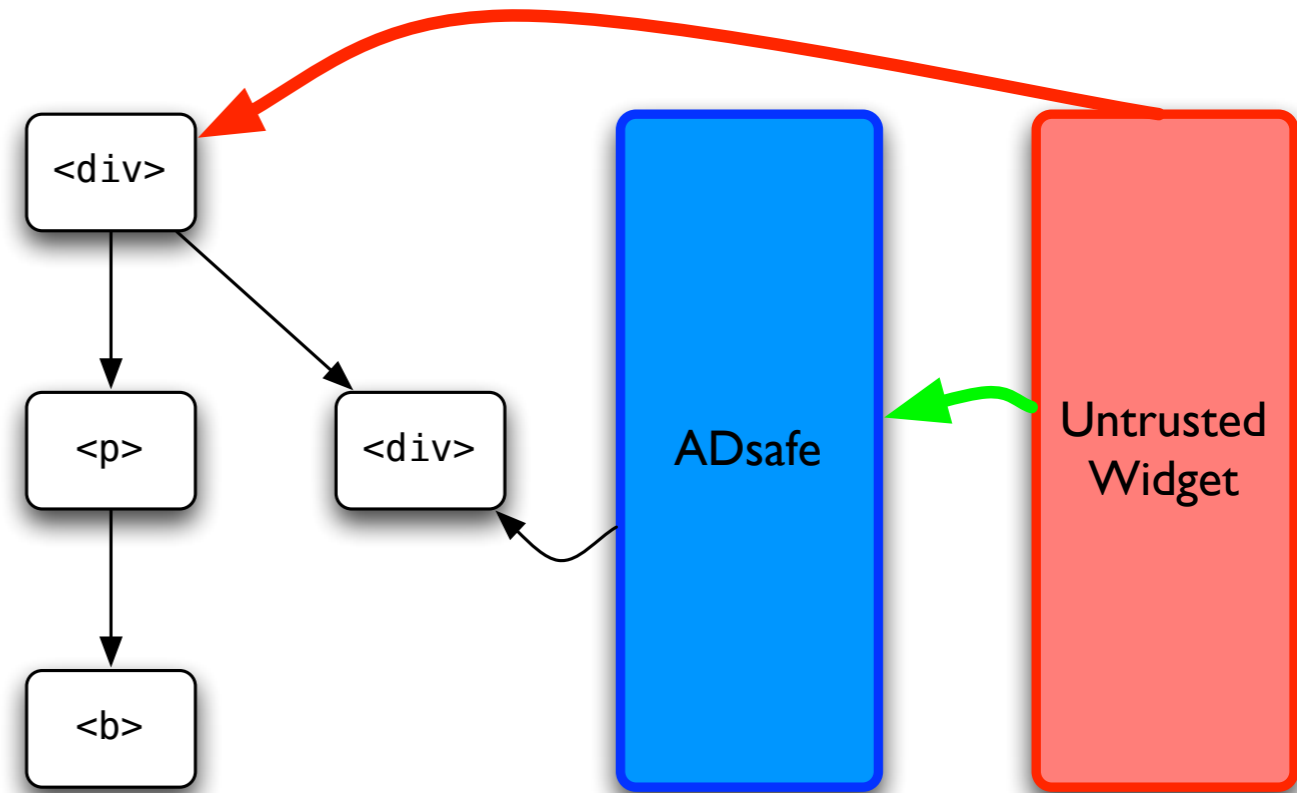
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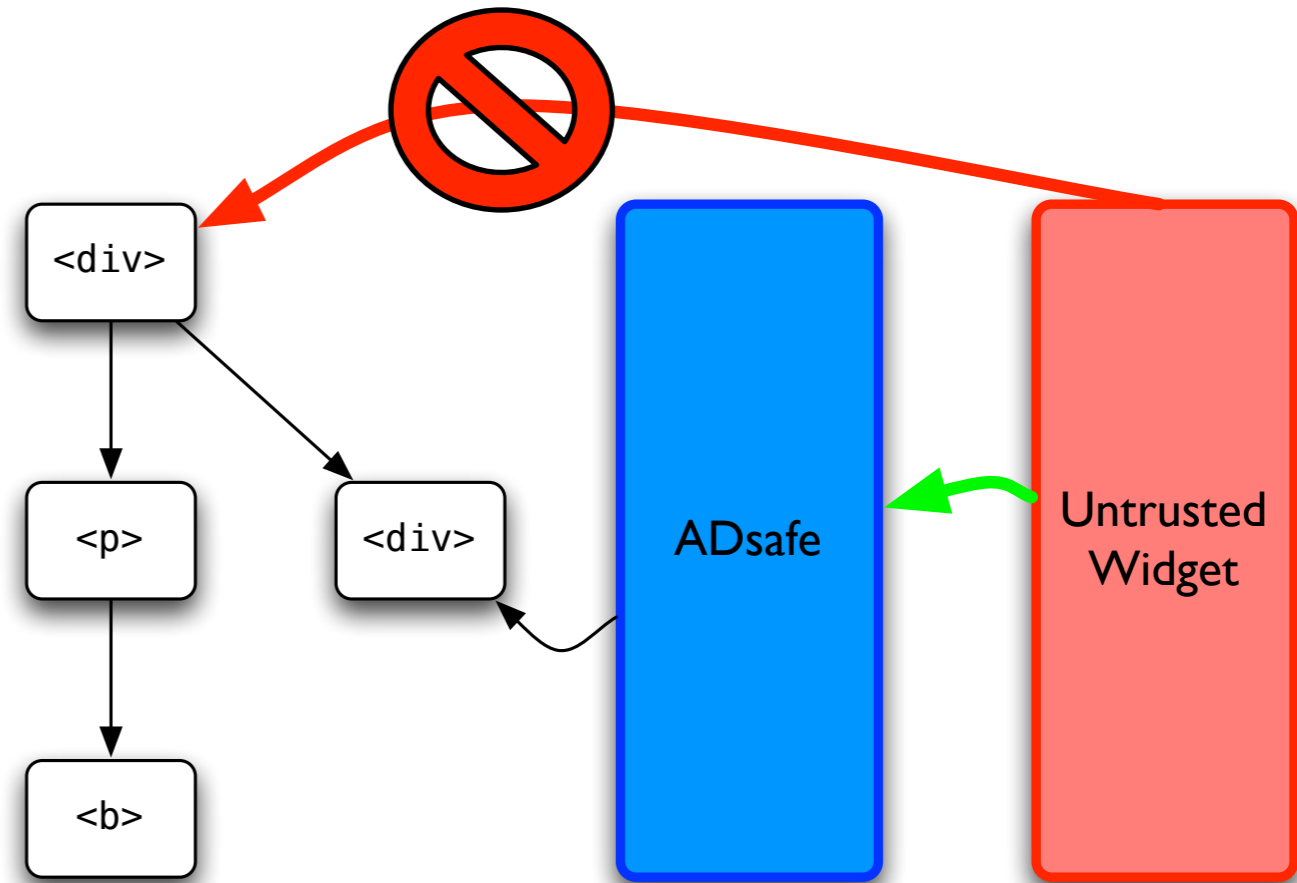
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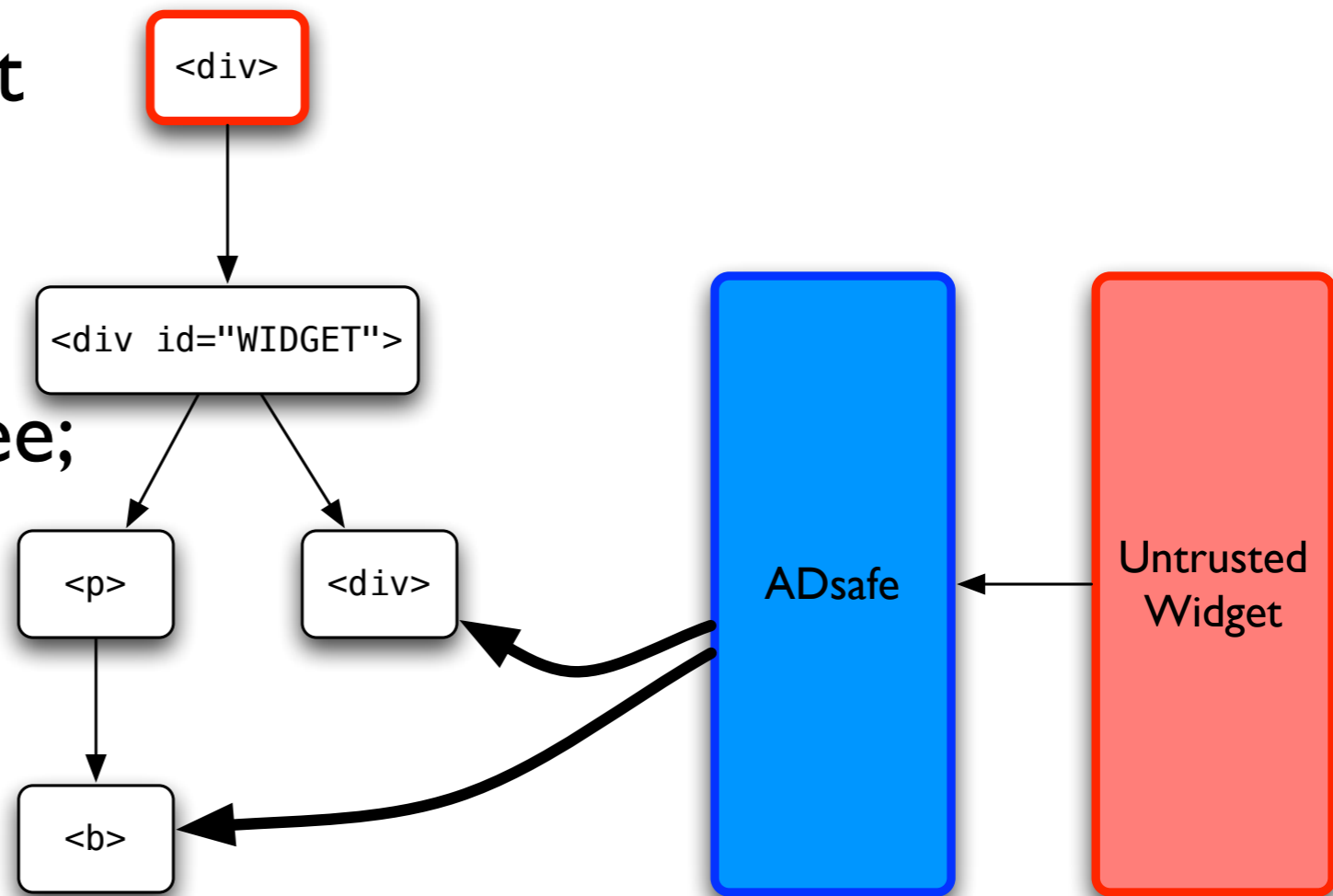
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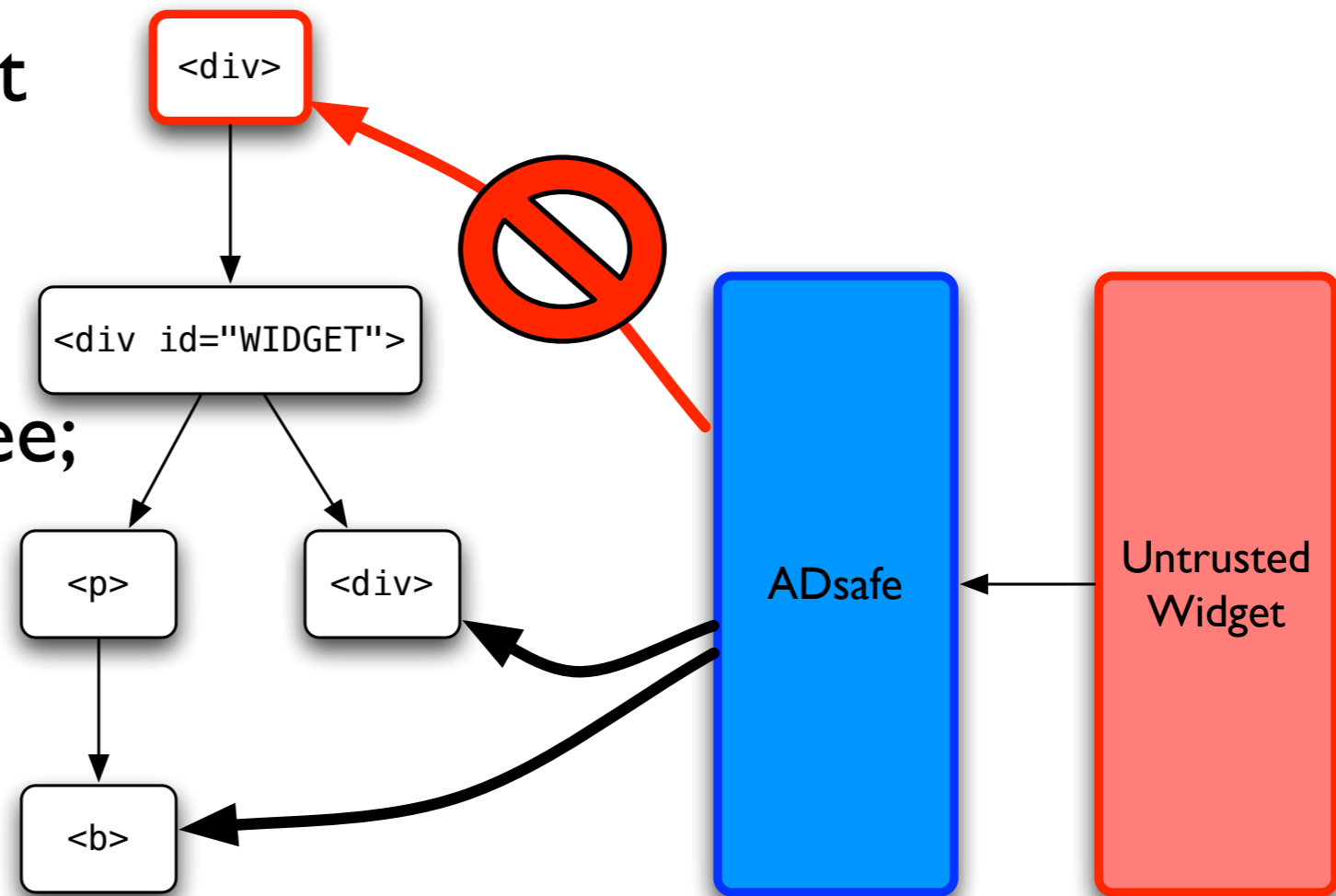
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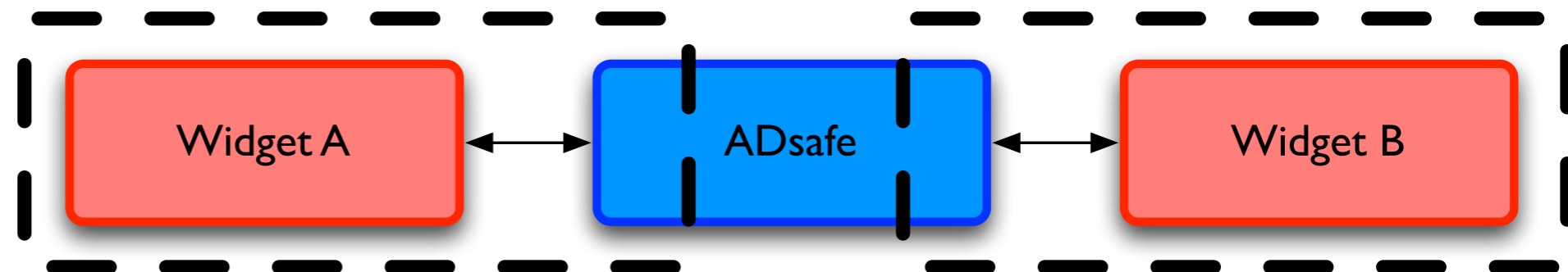
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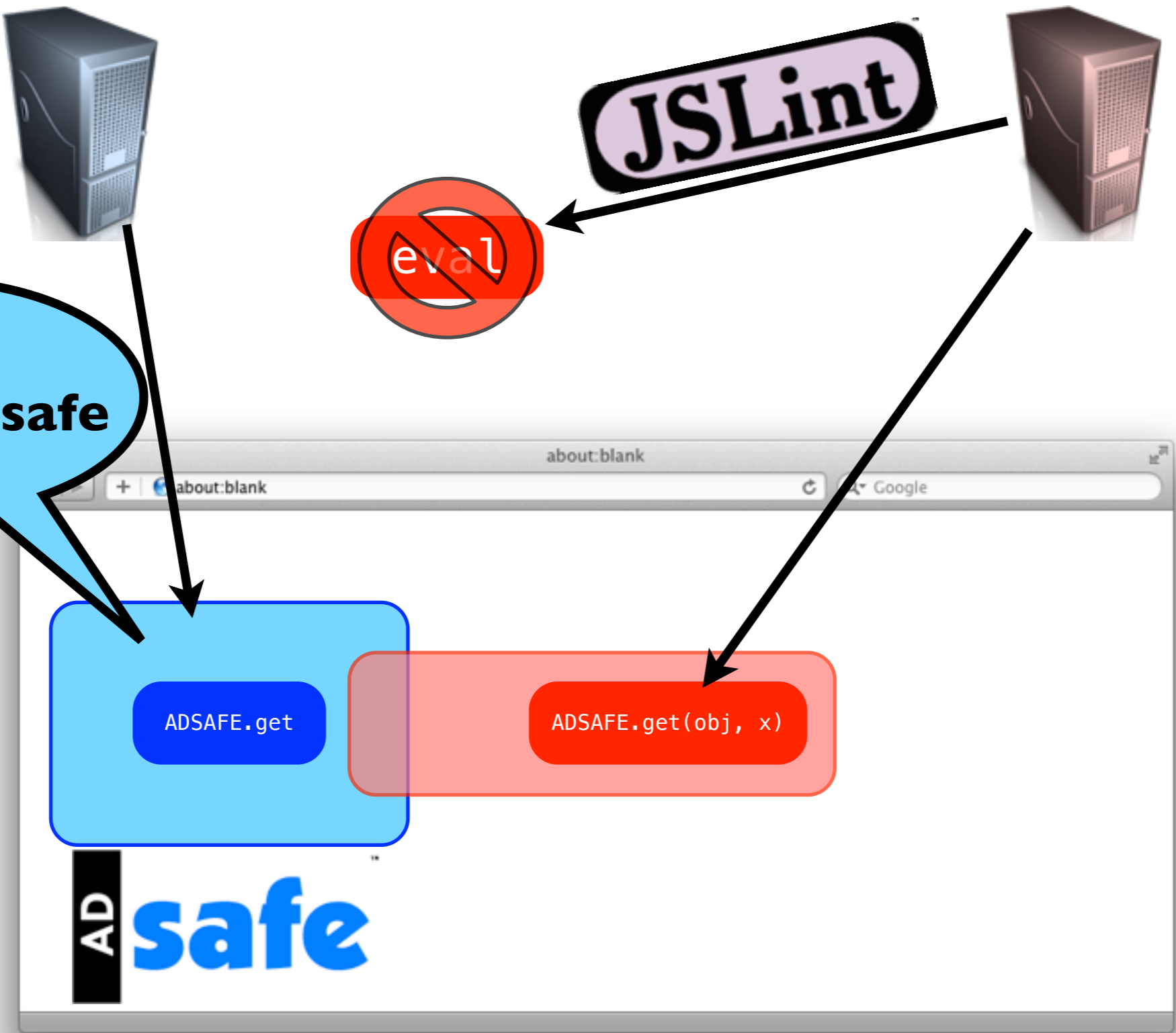
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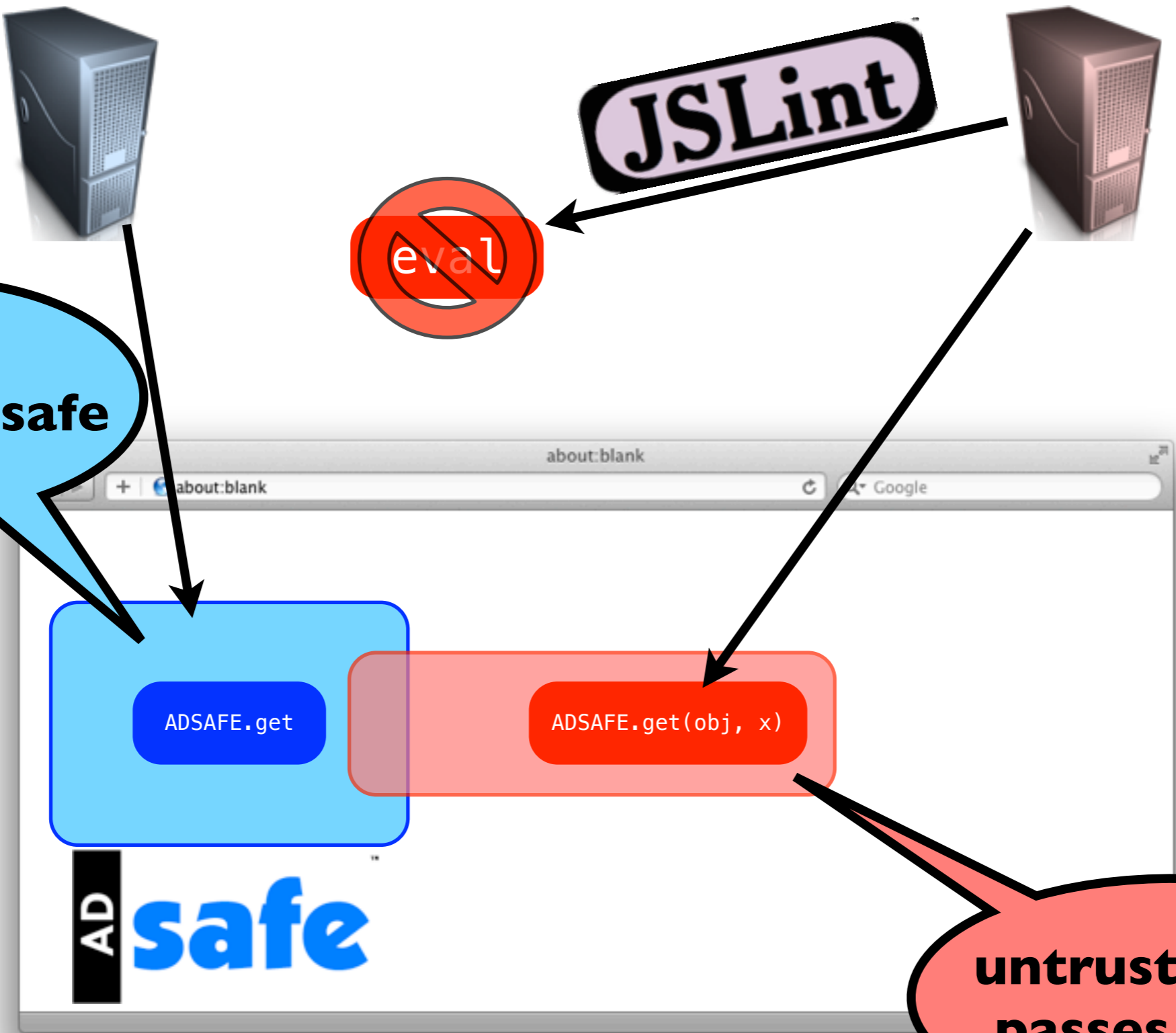
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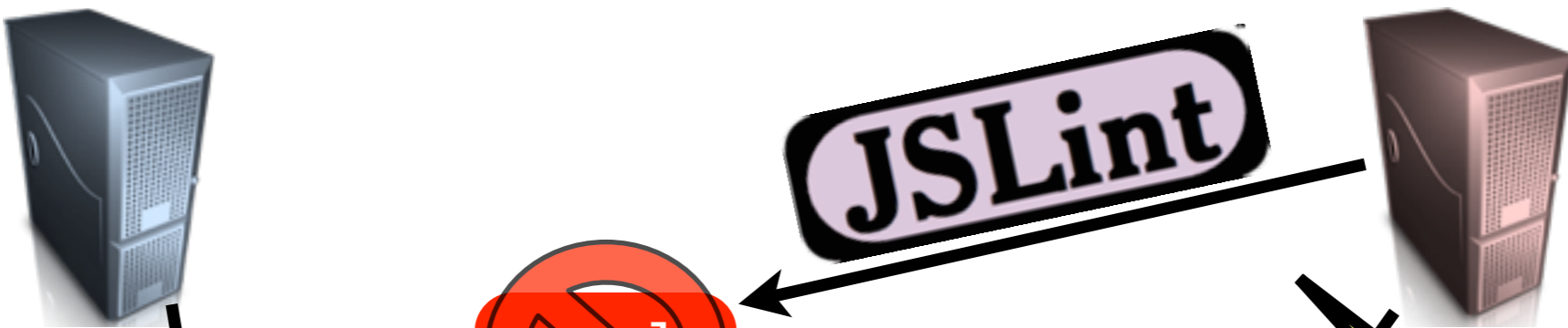
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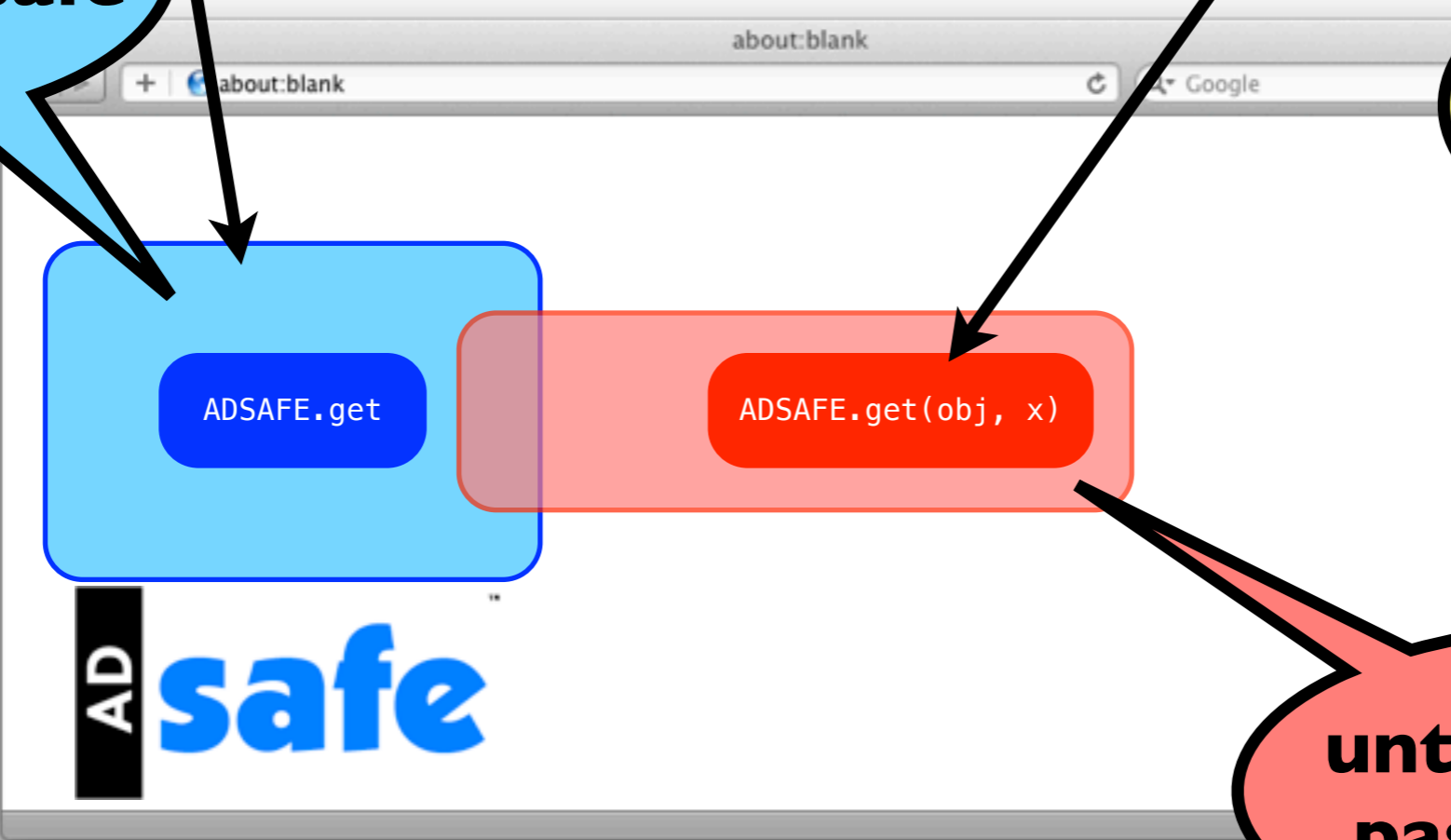


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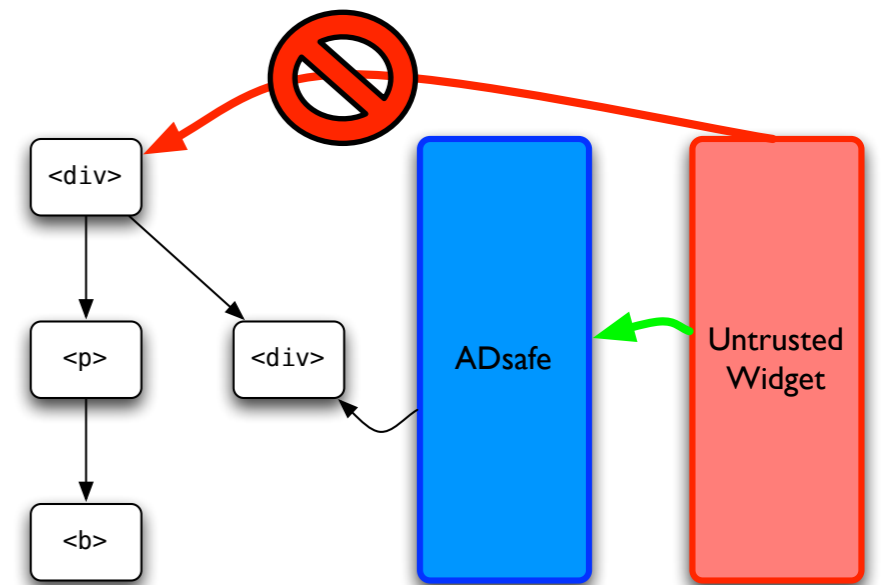
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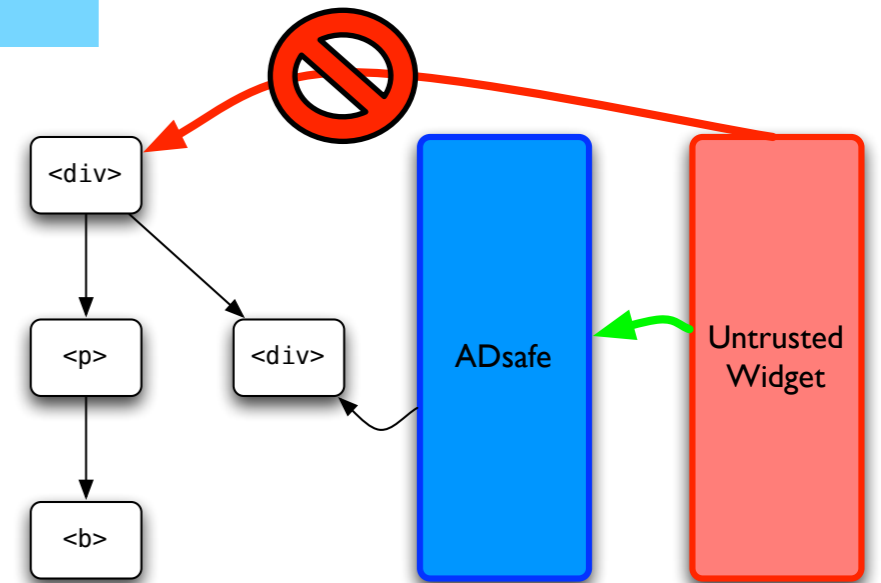
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ADsafe ensures:
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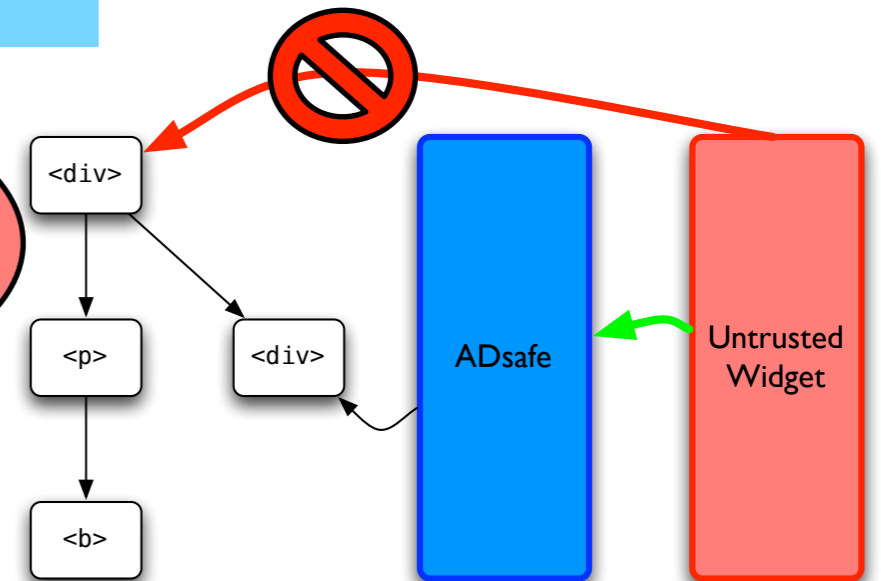
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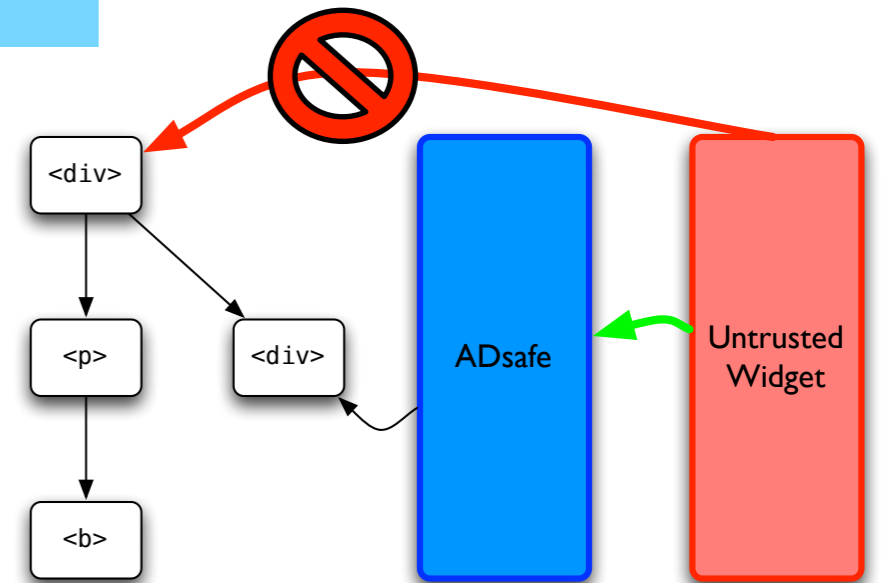
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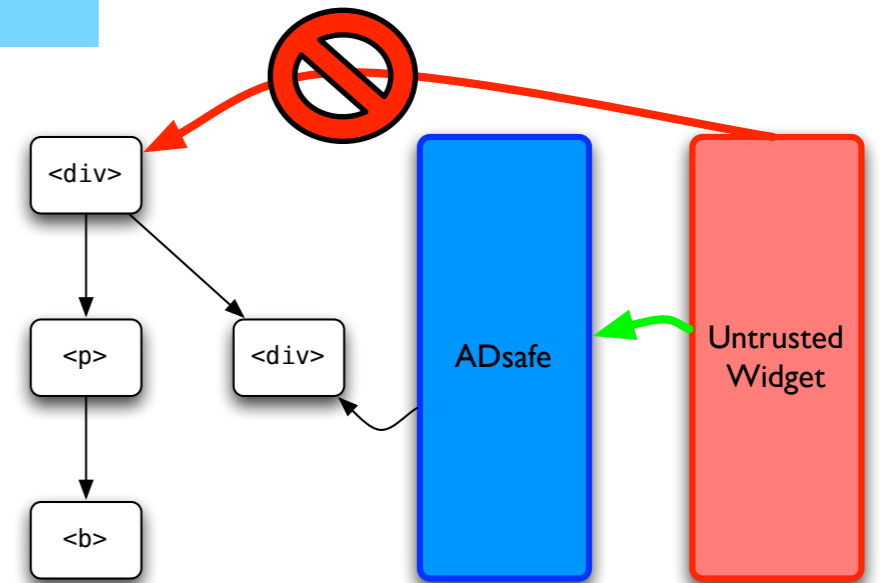
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JSLint ensures:
__nodes__ is
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bunch.__nodes__

bunch.append(...)

Exploit append to
return nodes?



“Widgets cannot obtain direct
references to DOM nodes.”

JSLint ensures:
no DOM
references

node

ADsafe ensures:
only “safe”
methods on
bunches

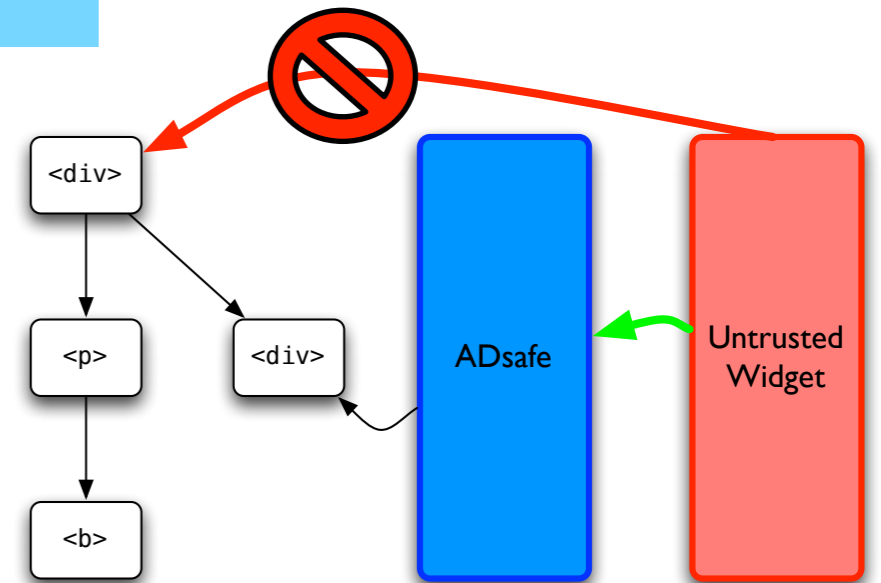
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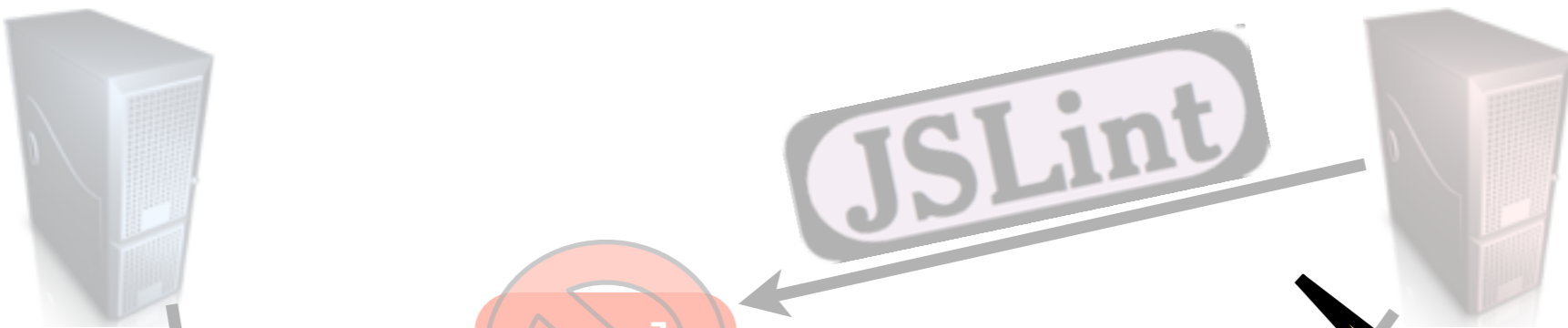
bunch.__nodes__

ADsafe ensures:
DOM nodes are
not returned

bunch.append(...)

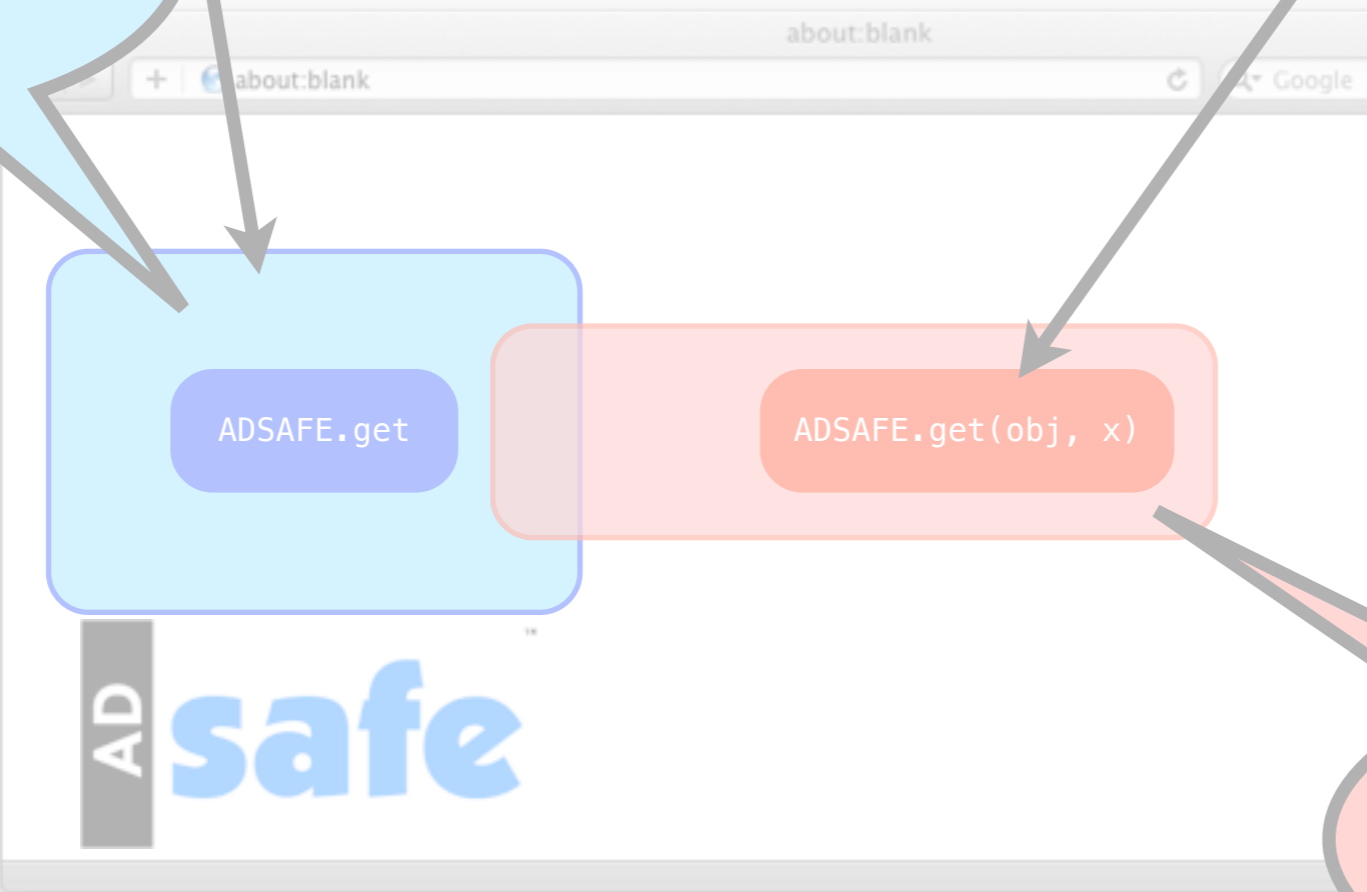


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Verify ADsafe**

**Goal 1:
model JSLint**



**untrusted, but
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{ ★: Widget }

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⊘ { __nodes__: 90 }

⊘ myObj.prototype = { };

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{
 ★: Widget
 __nodes__: Array<Node>
 caller: ☠
 prototype: ☠
 ...
}

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 { nested: { y: 10, b: false } }
 { __nodes__: 90 }
 myObj.prototype = { };
 function foo(x) { return x + 1; }
 foo(900)
 foo.w = "functions are objects"
 ["array", "of", "strings"]
 /regular[\t]*expressions/

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{

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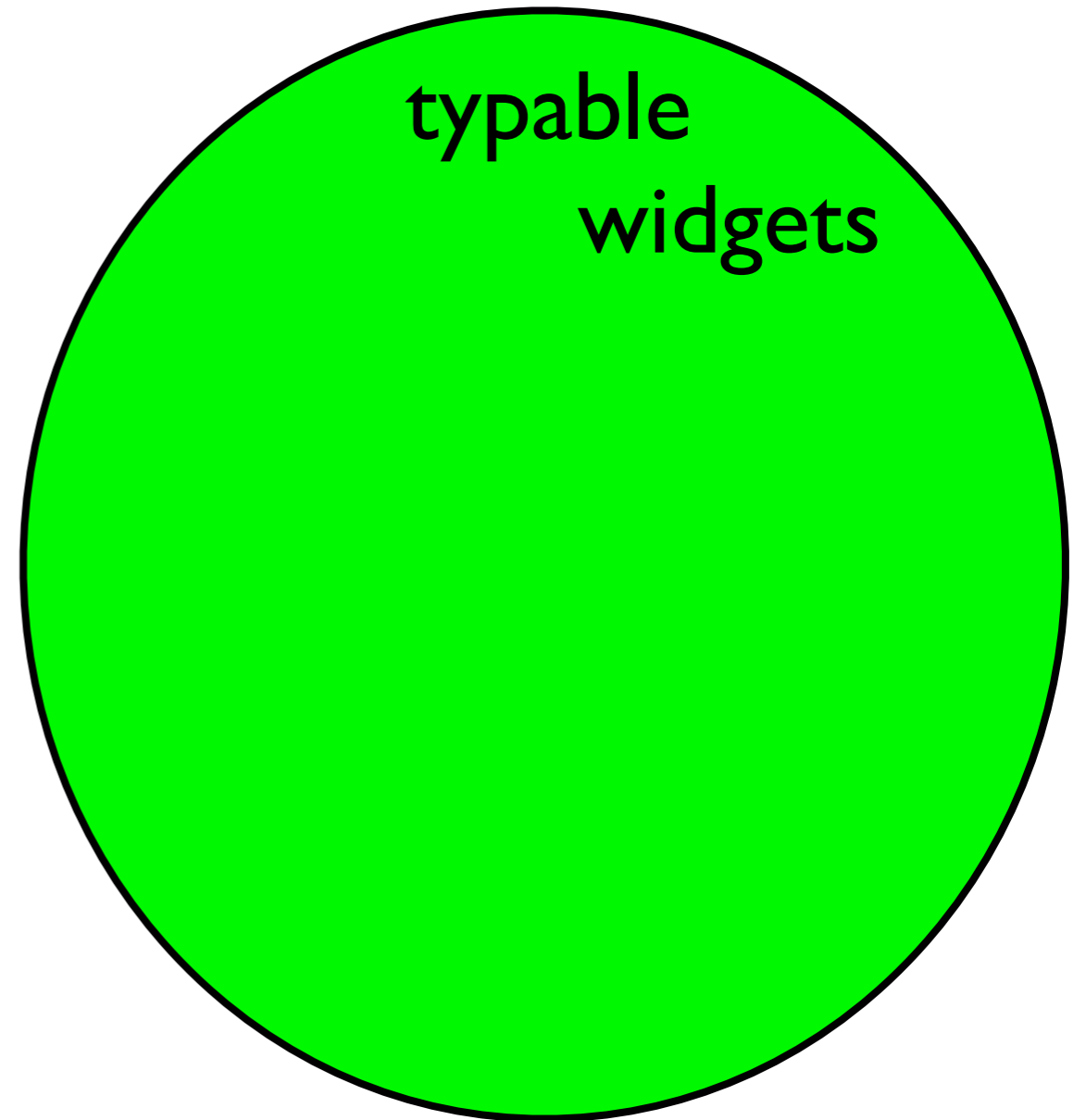
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 code : Widget × ... → Widget

 __proto__: Object + Function + Array + ...
 }

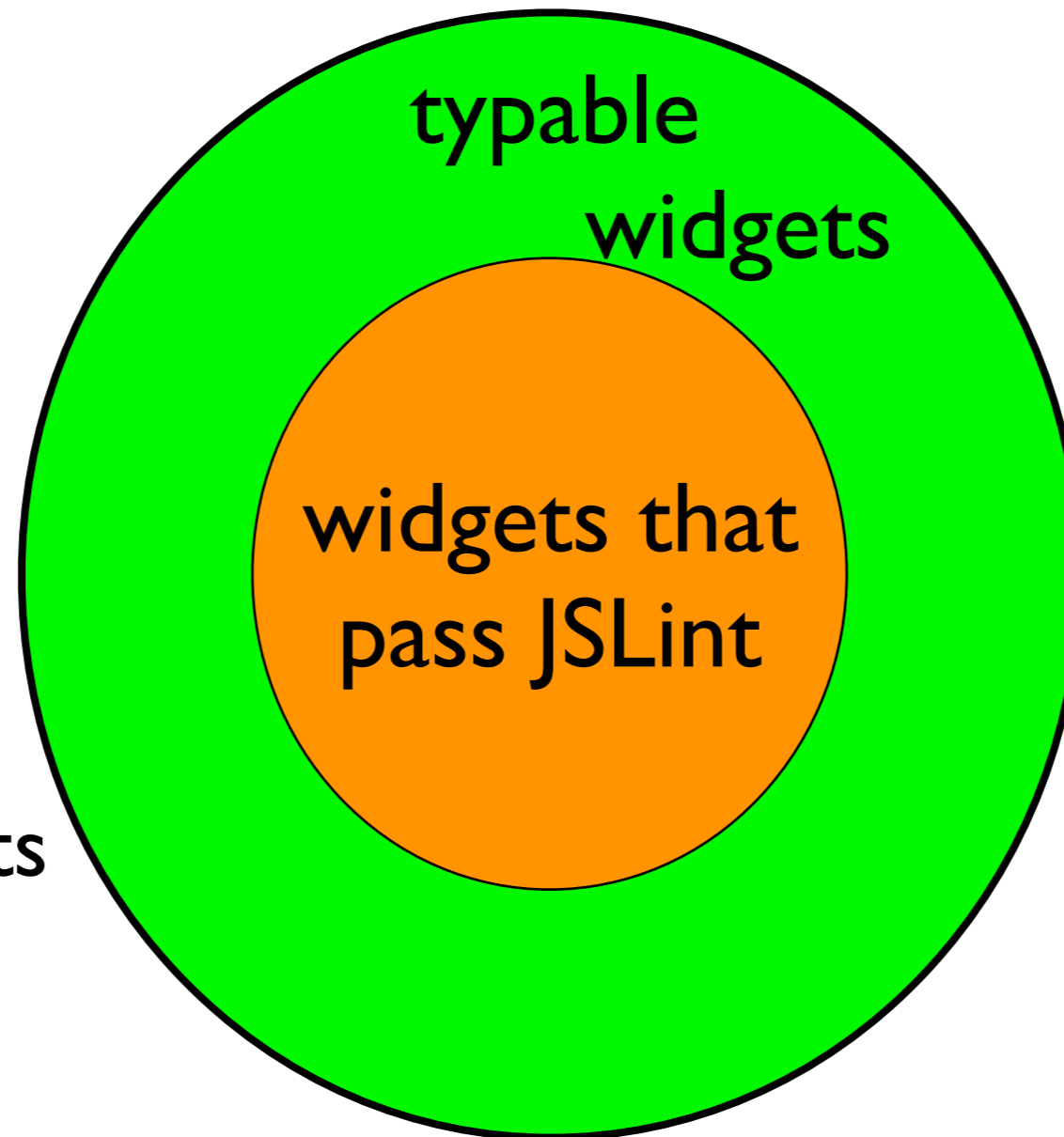
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Widget type-checker



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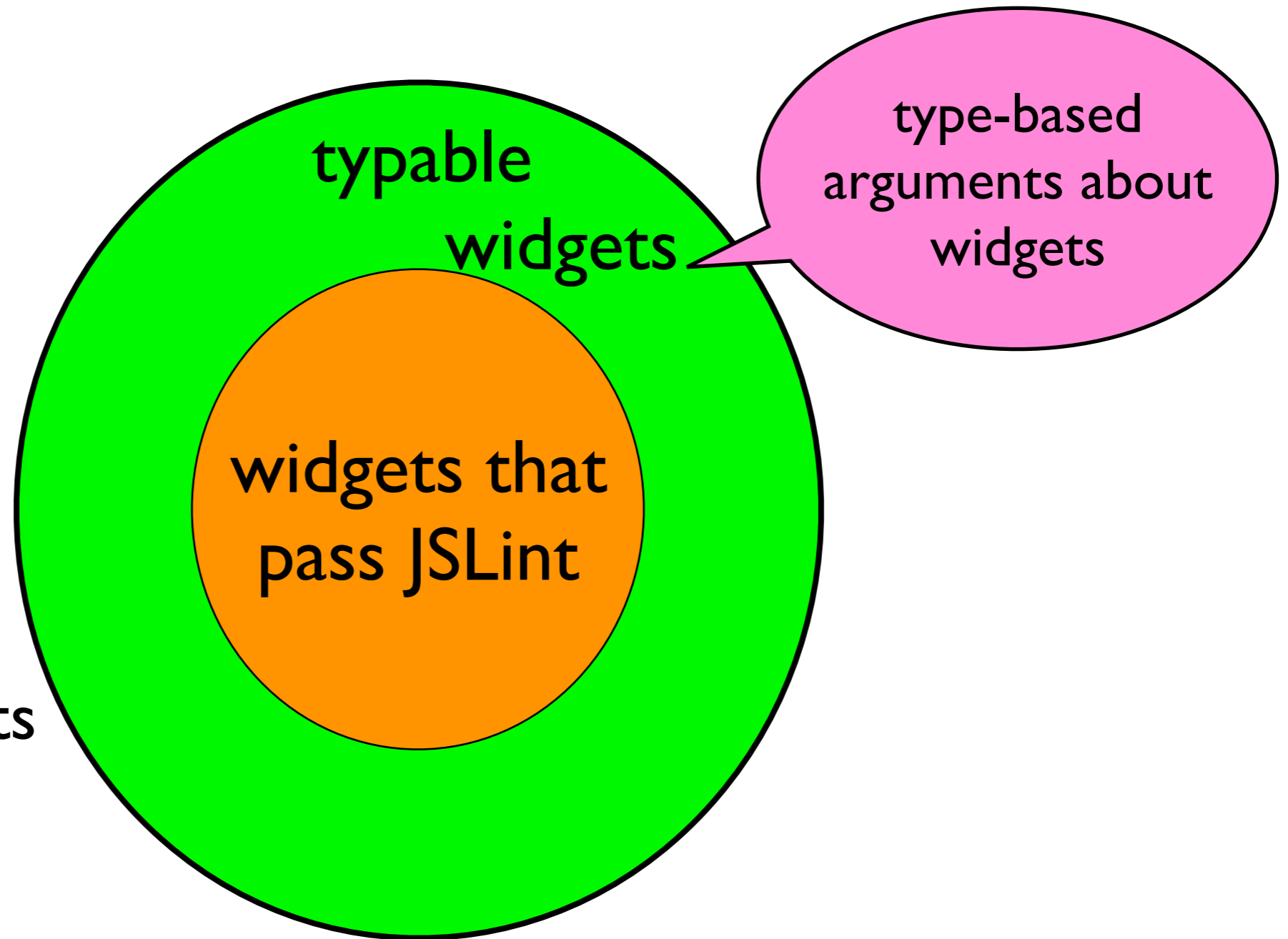
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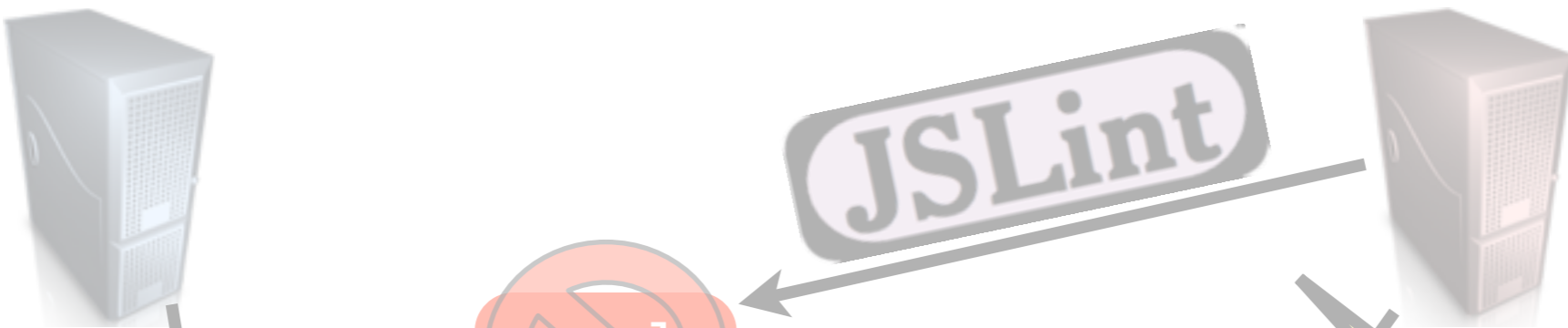


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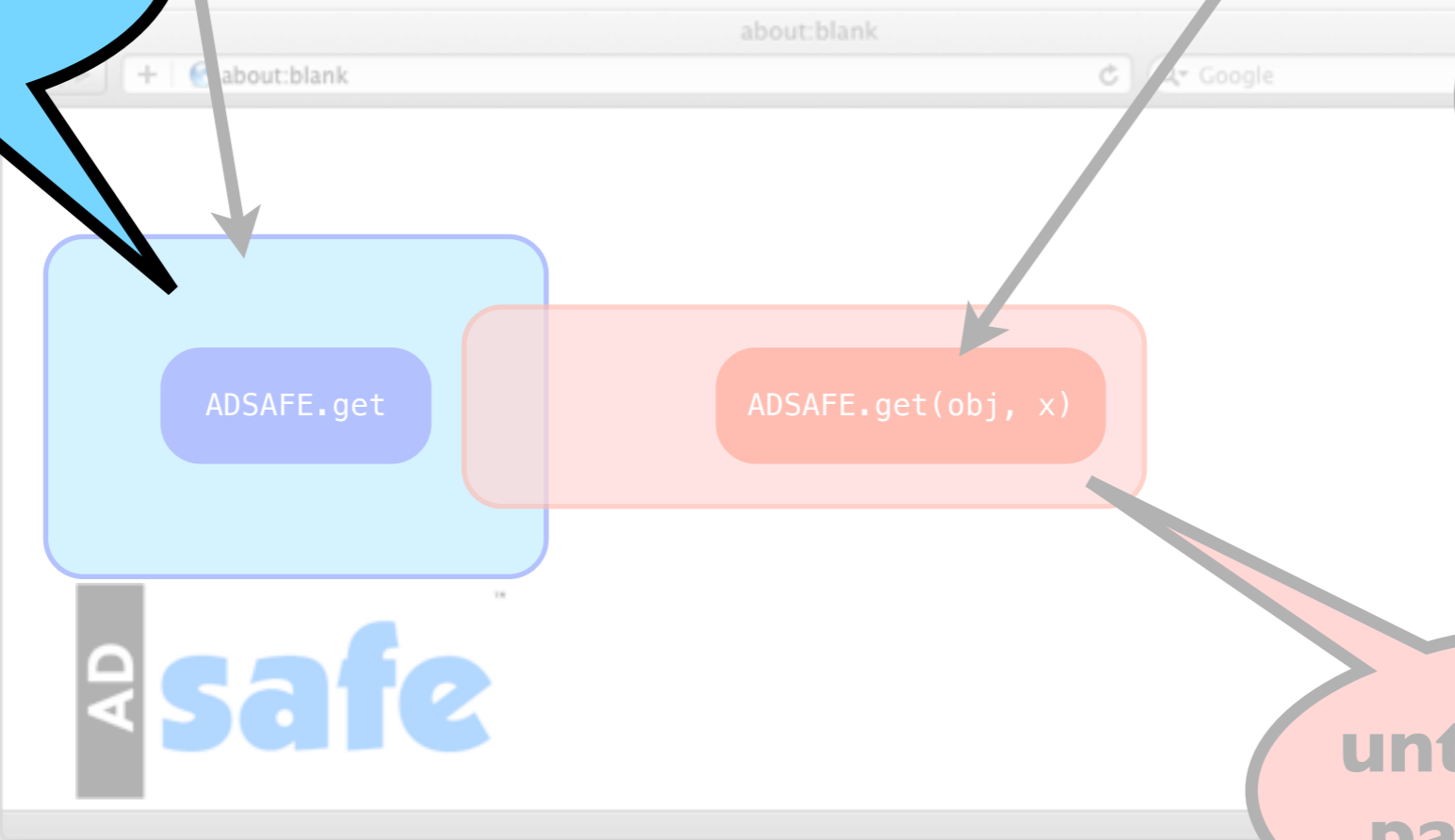
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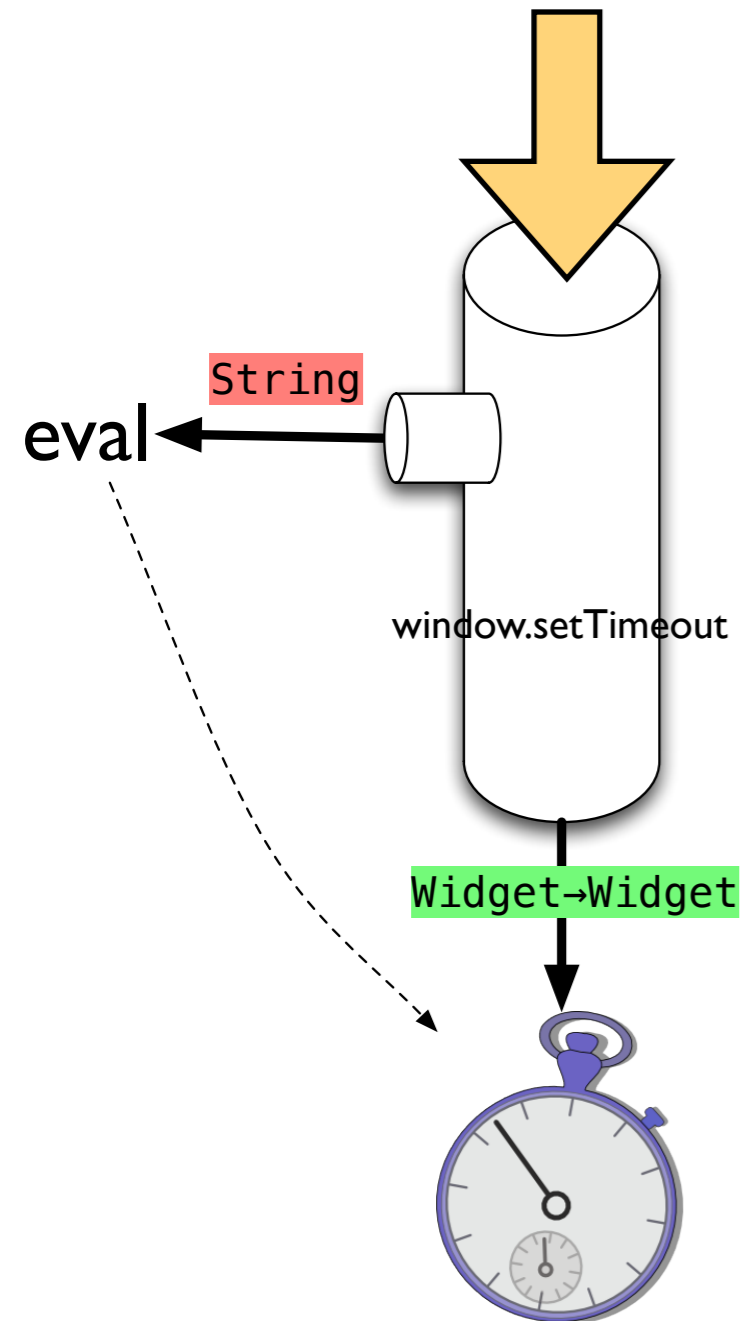
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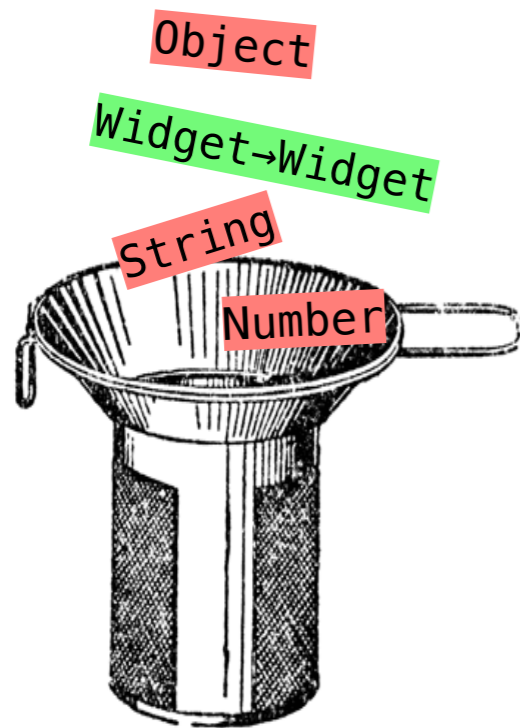
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window.setTimeout(callback, delay);
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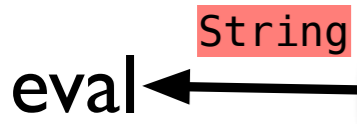
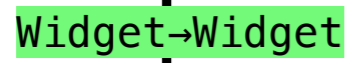
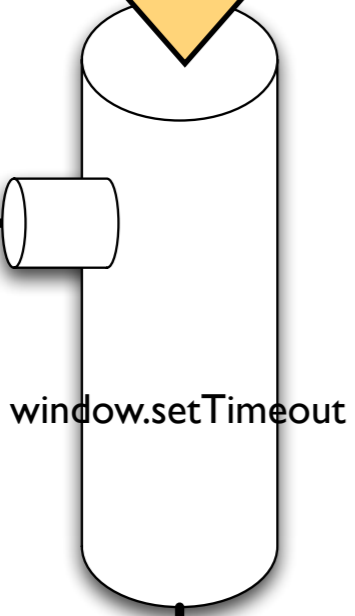


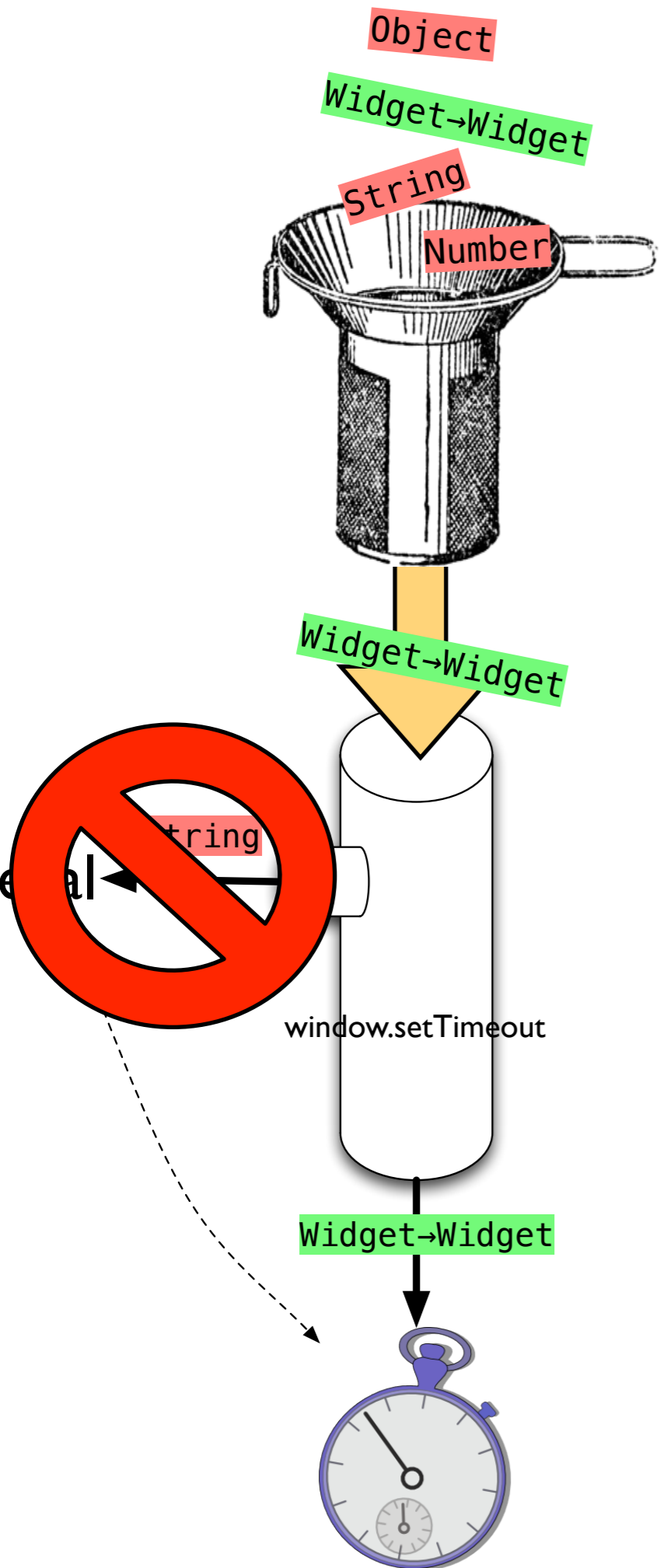


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ADSAFE.later = function(callback, delay)
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    throw "expected function";
  }
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```





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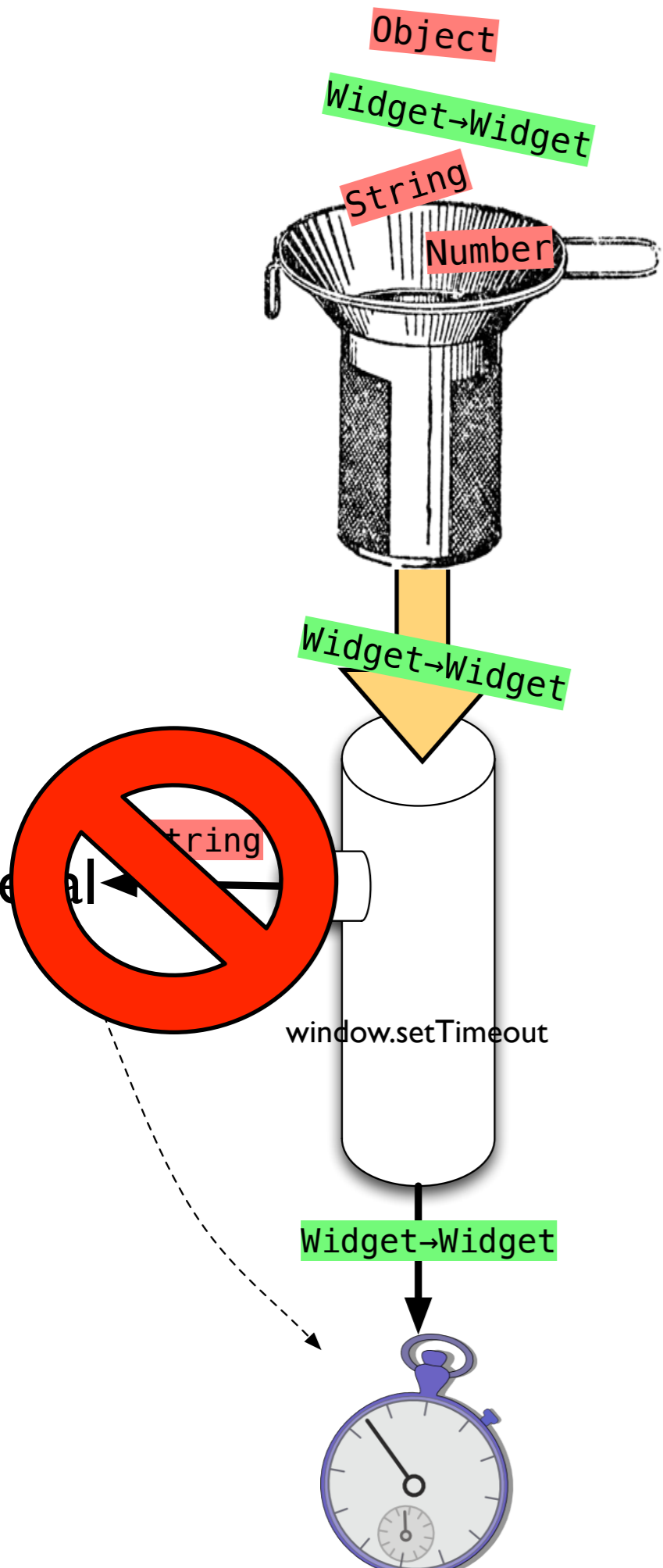
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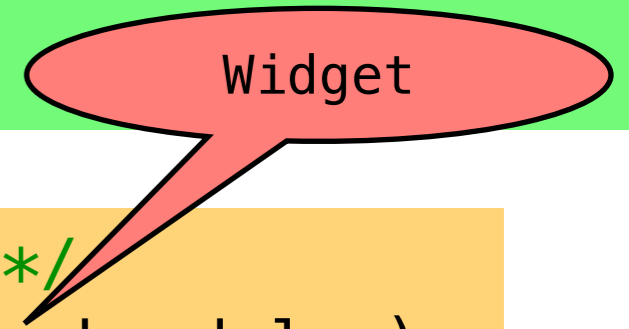
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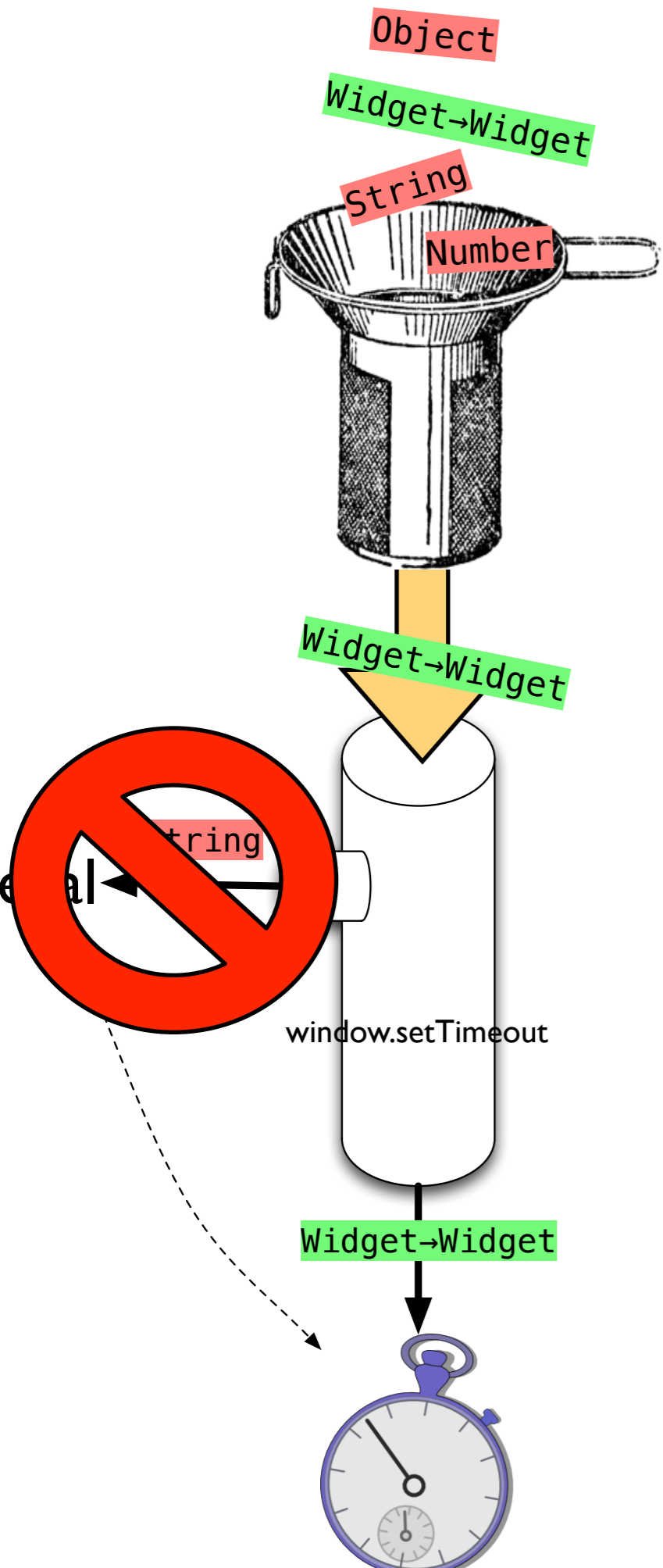
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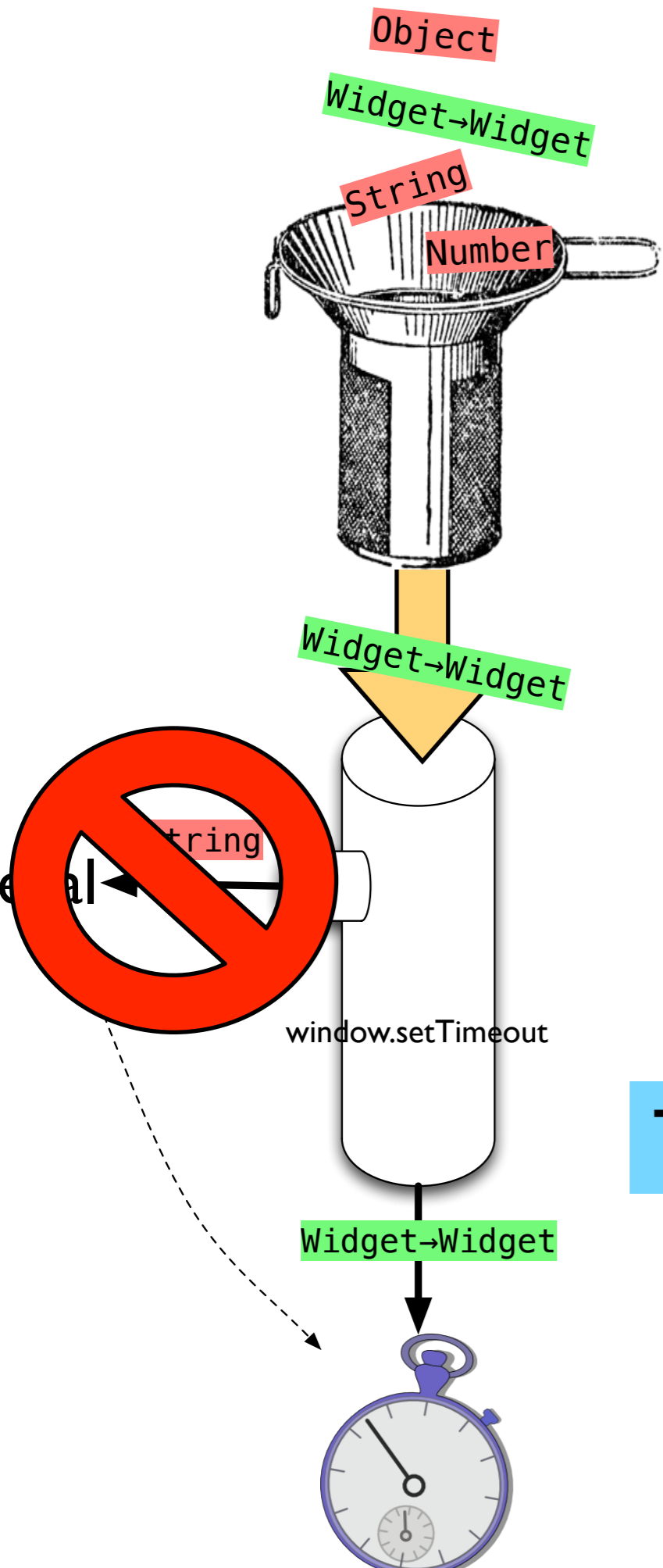
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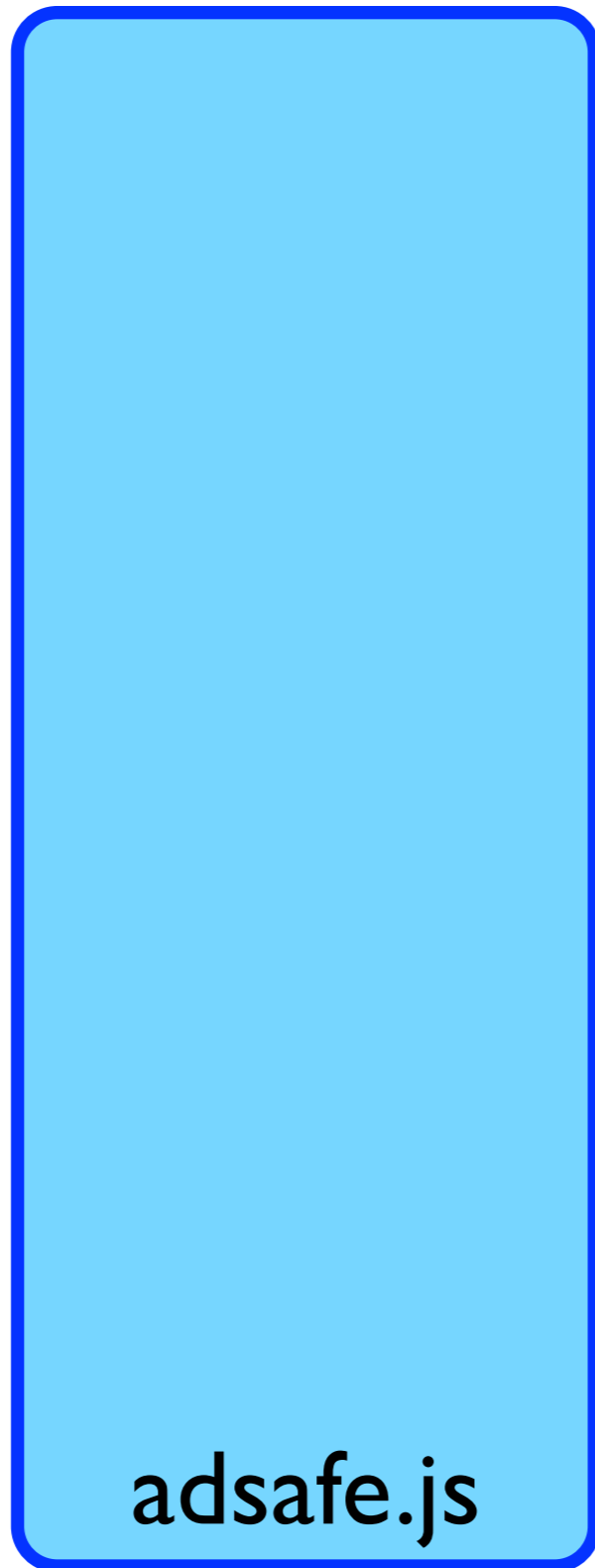
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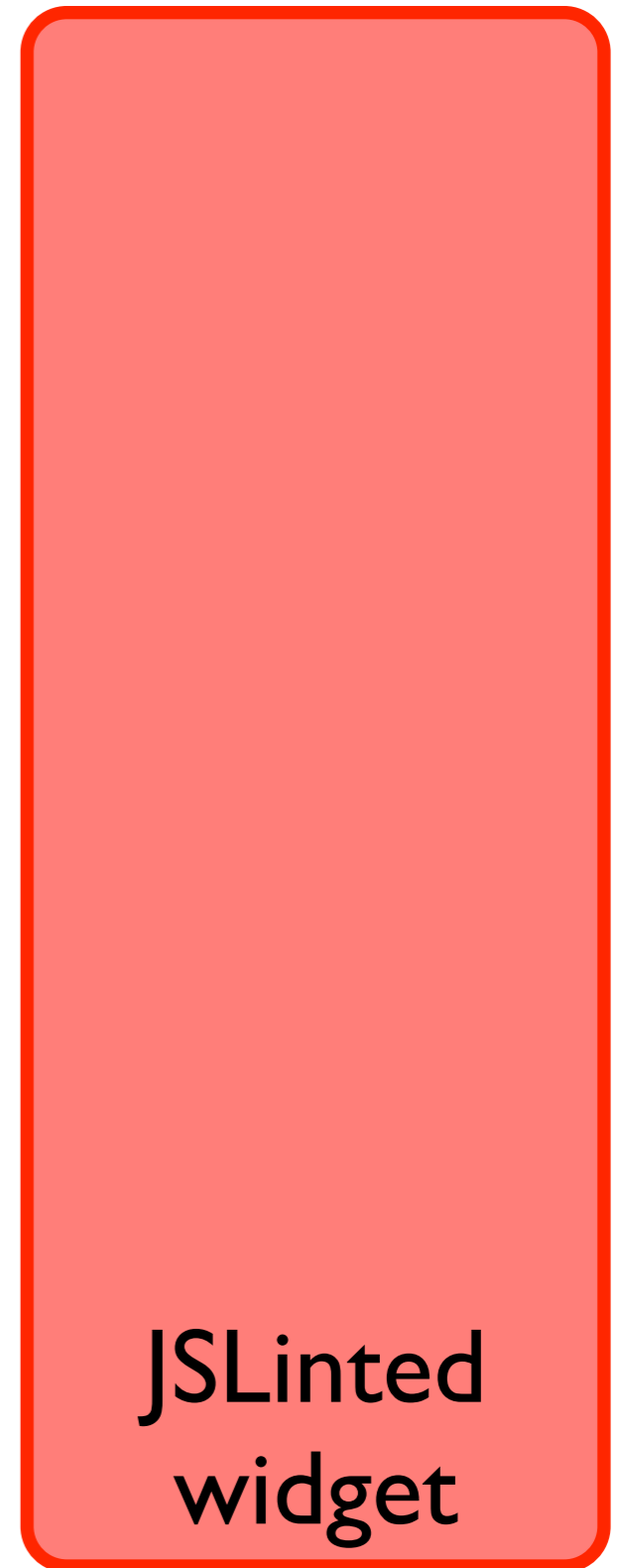
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This is just one kind of *if-split* we handle.

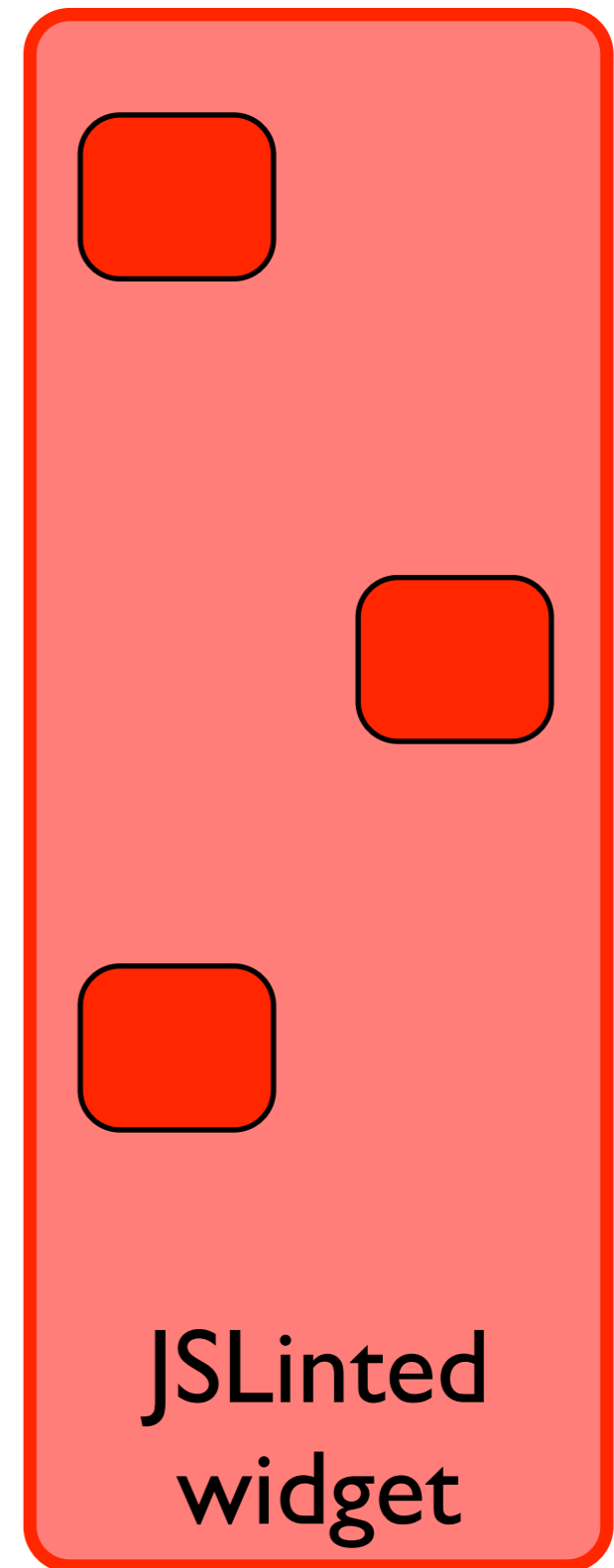
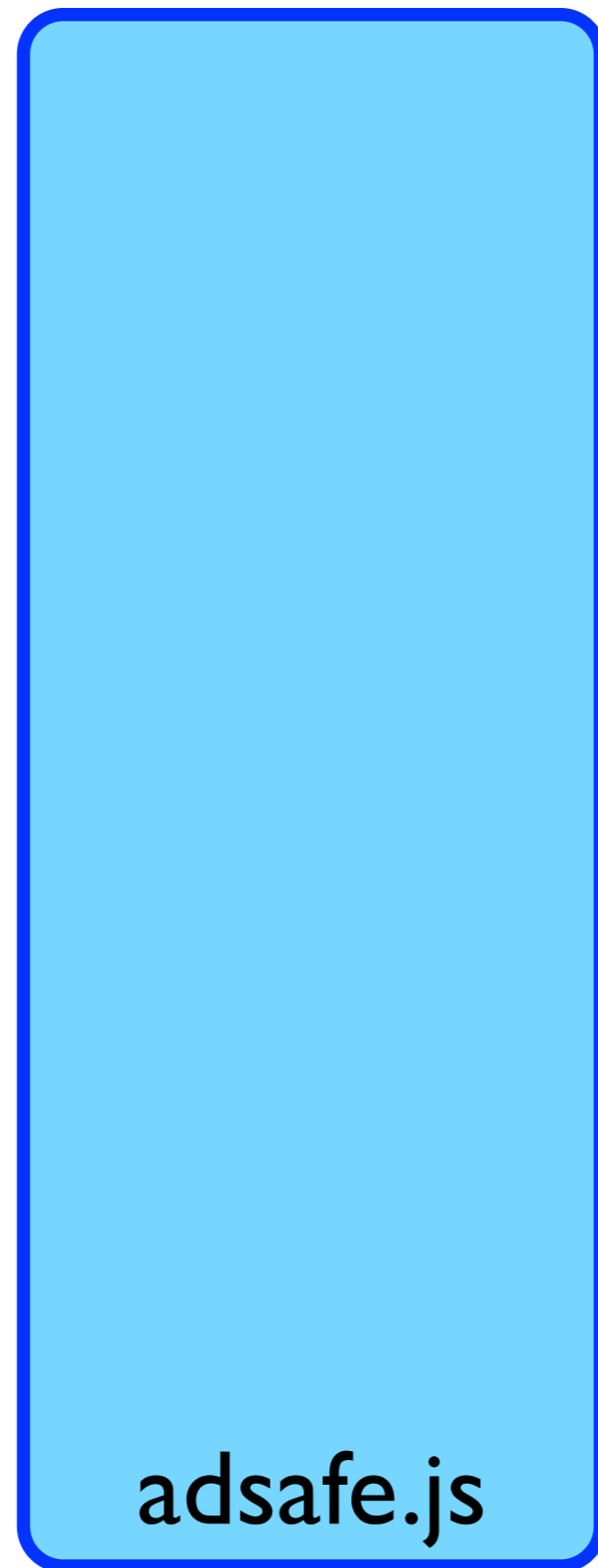
—Politz et al. *USENIX Security 2011* and Guha, Saftoiu, Krishnamurthi. *ESOP 2011*.

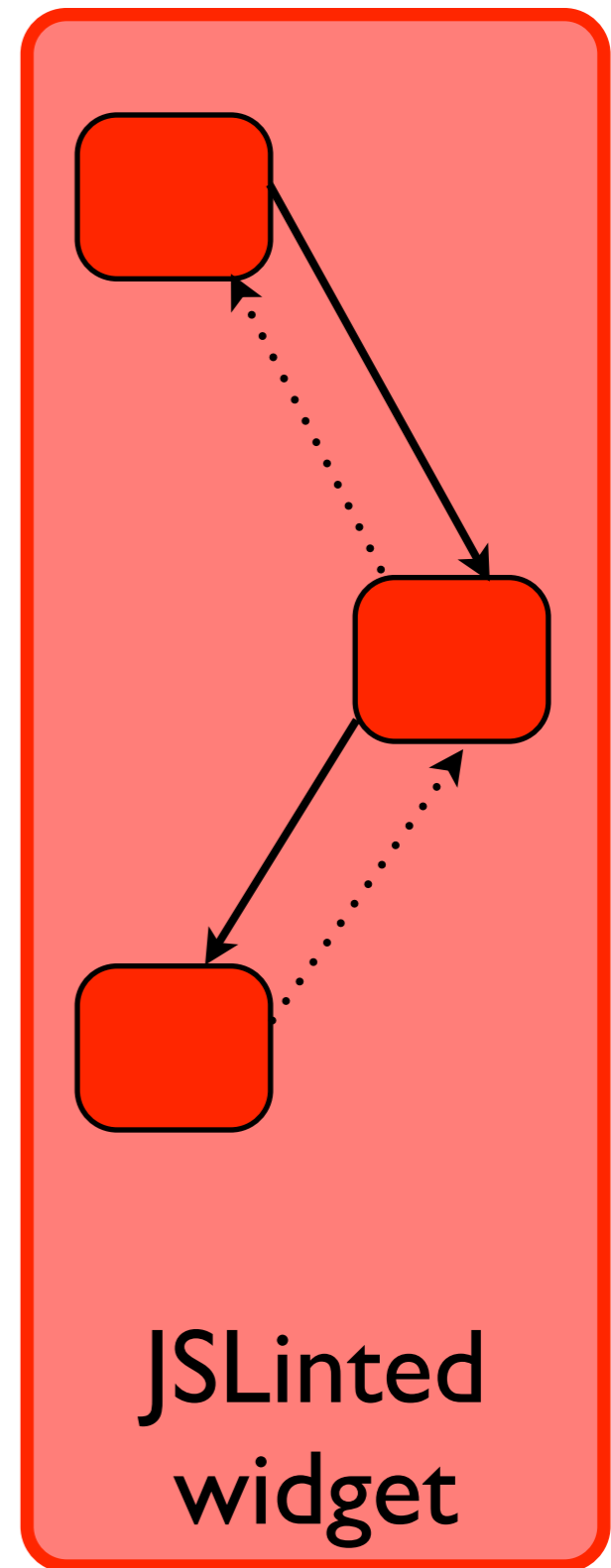
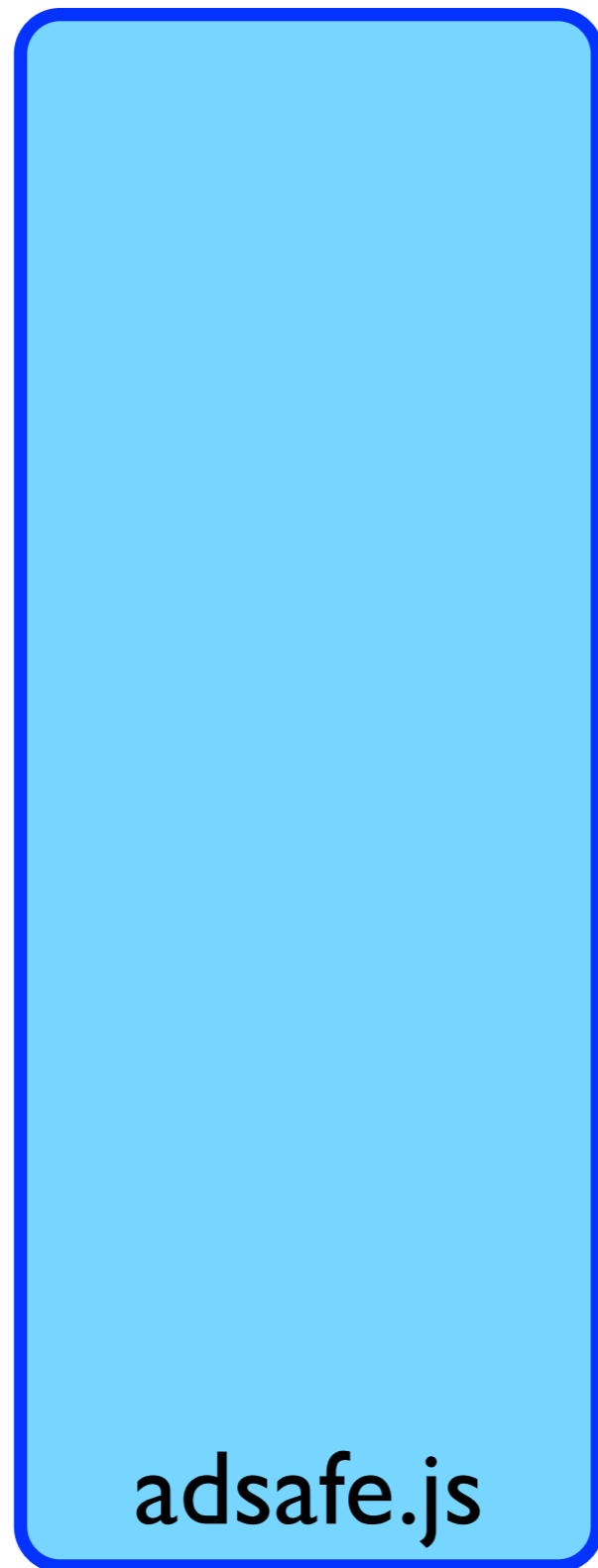


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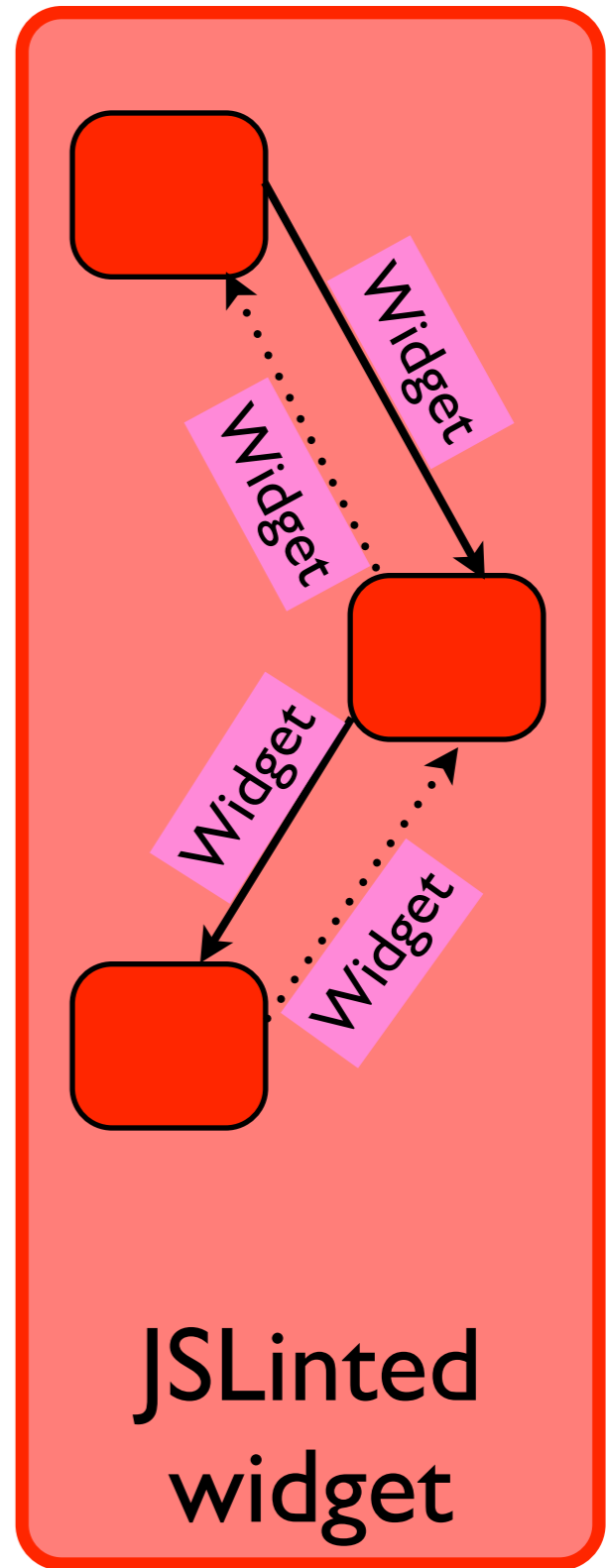


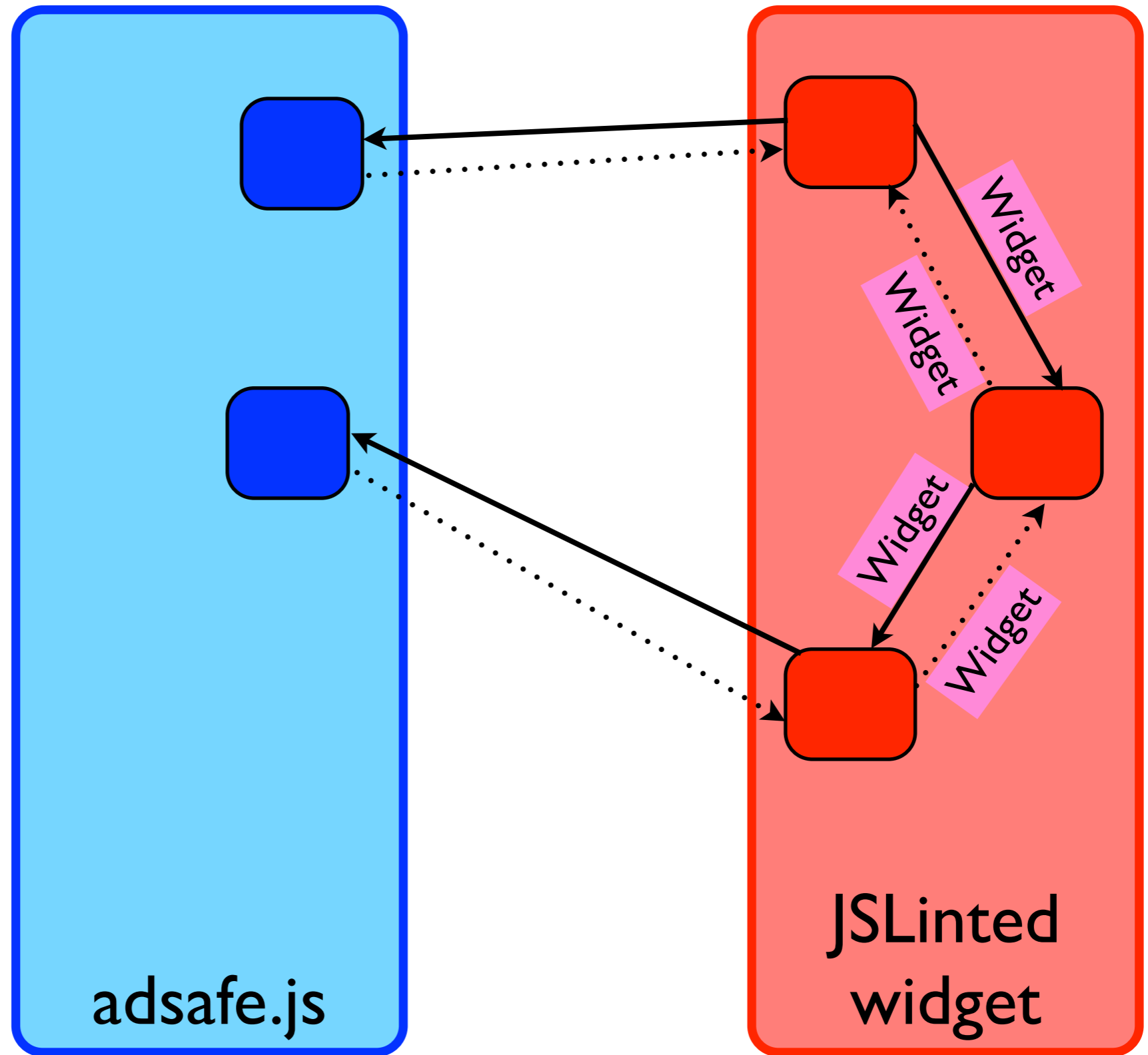
JSLinted
widget

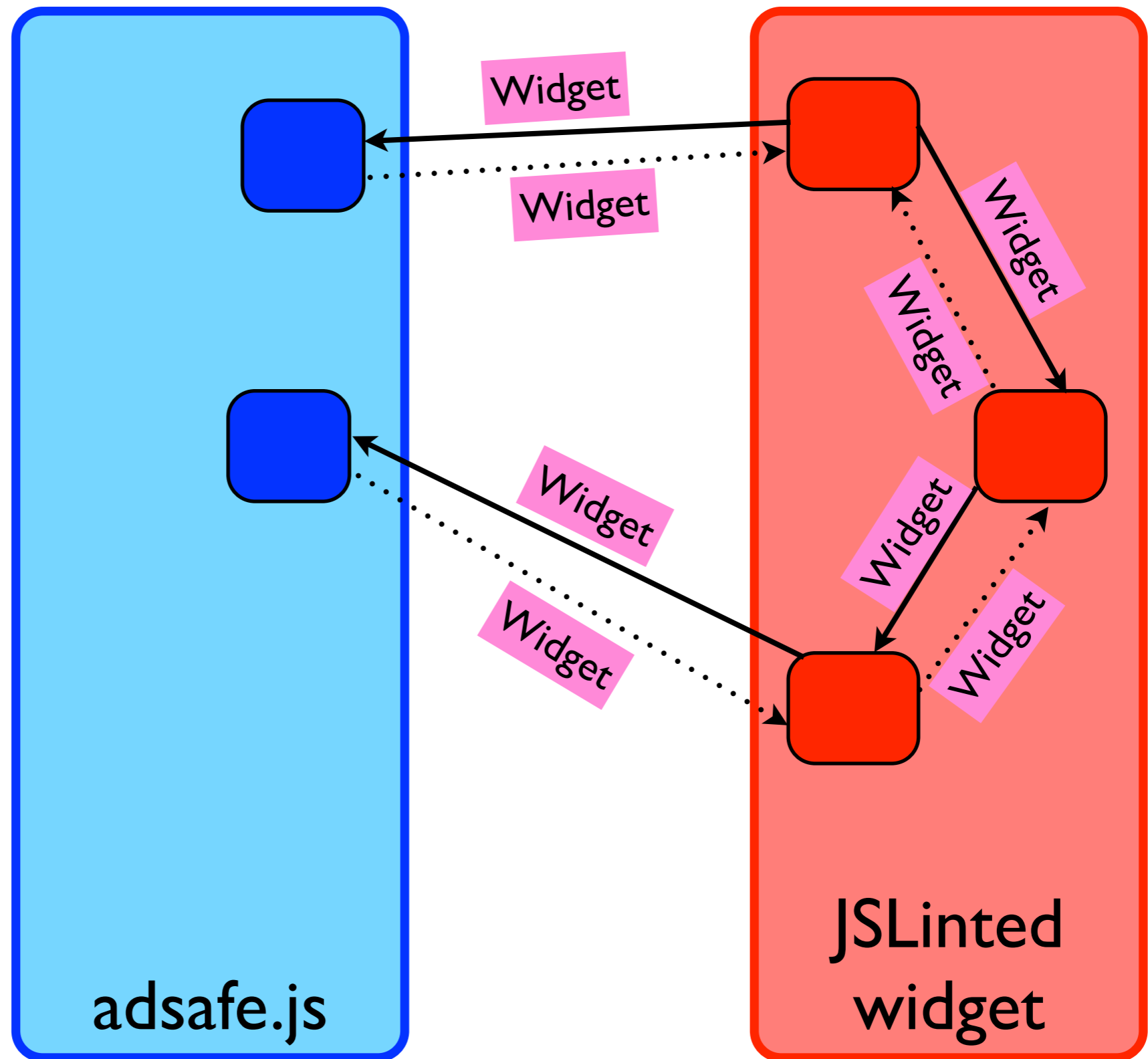


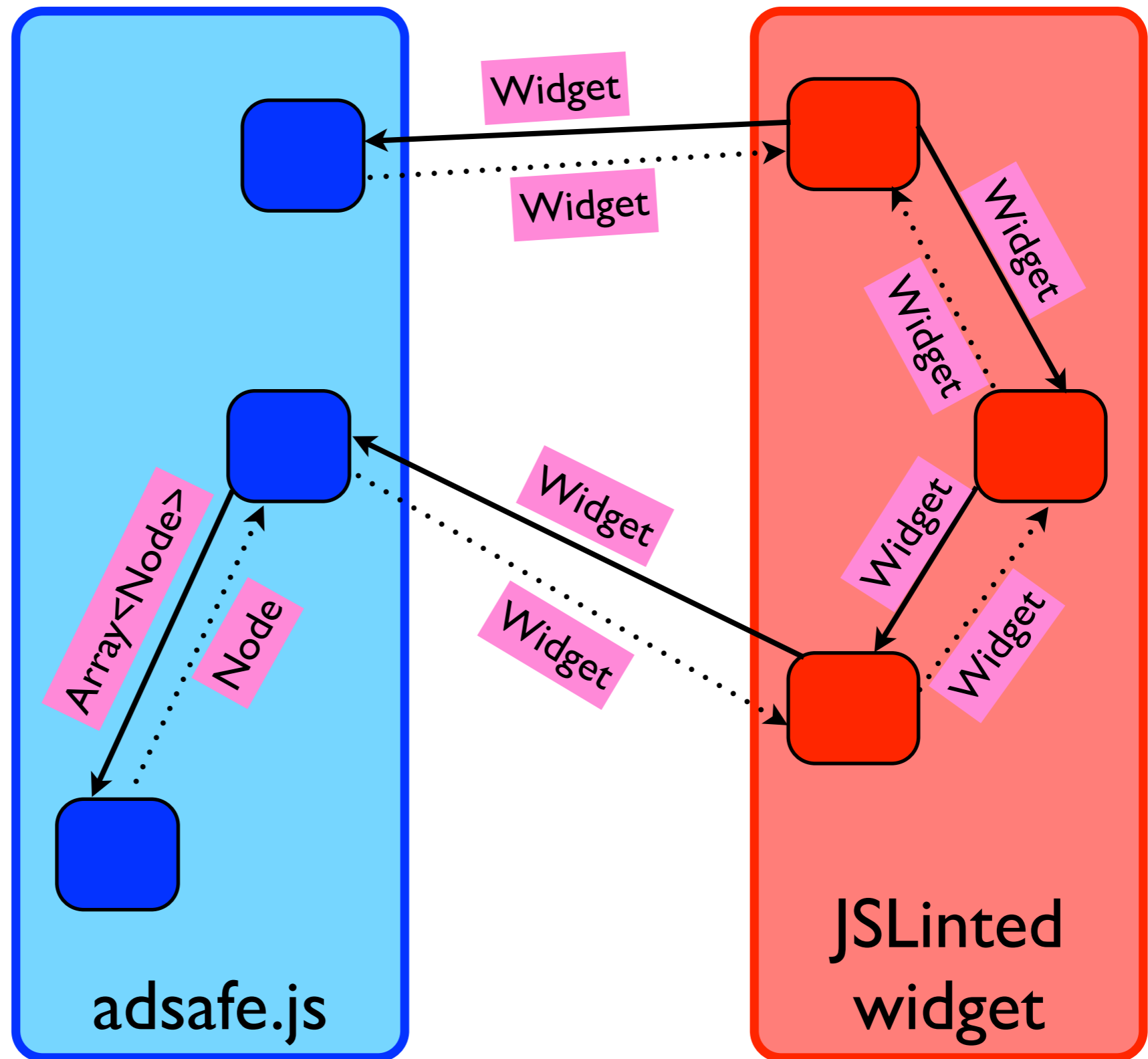


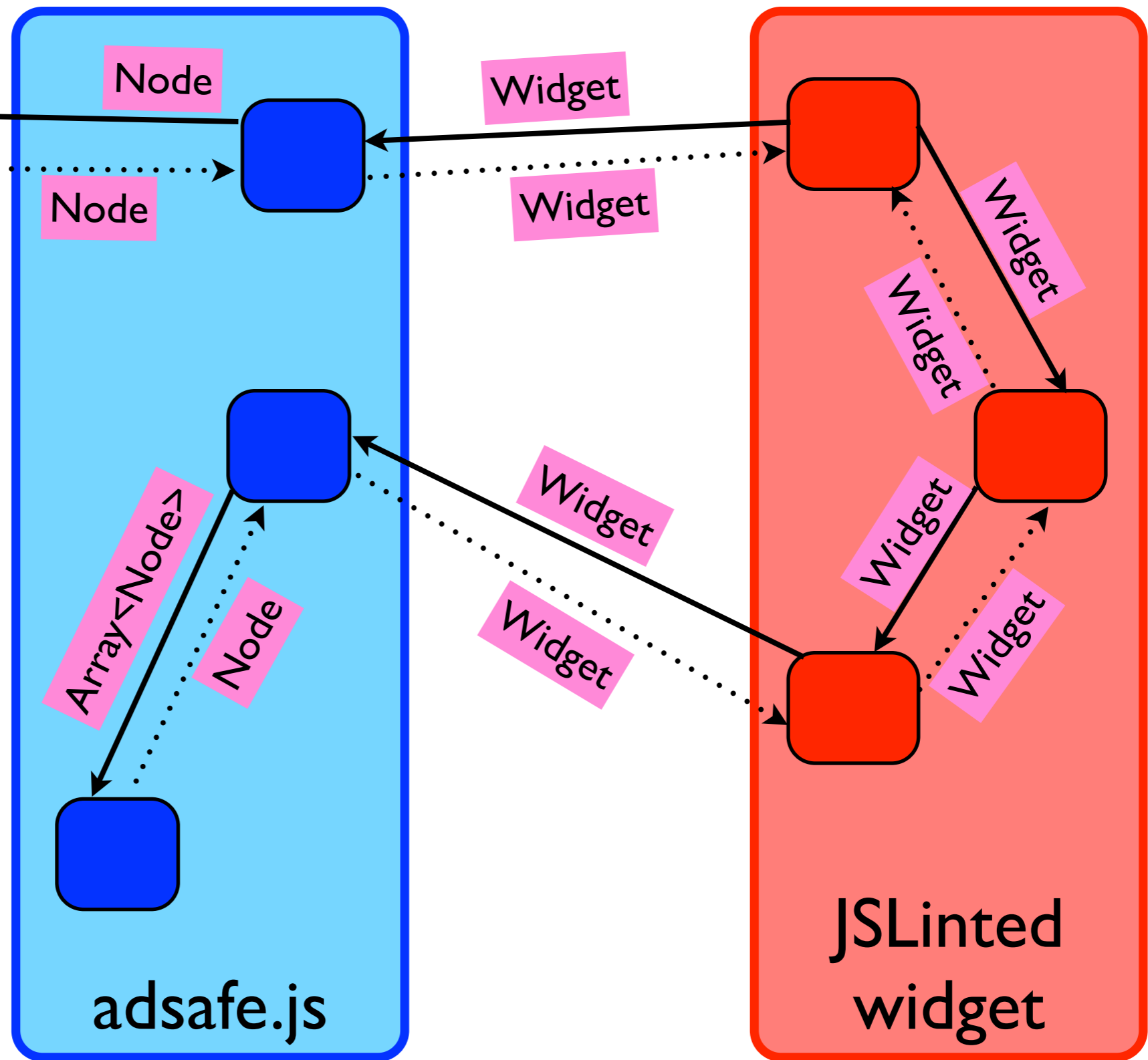
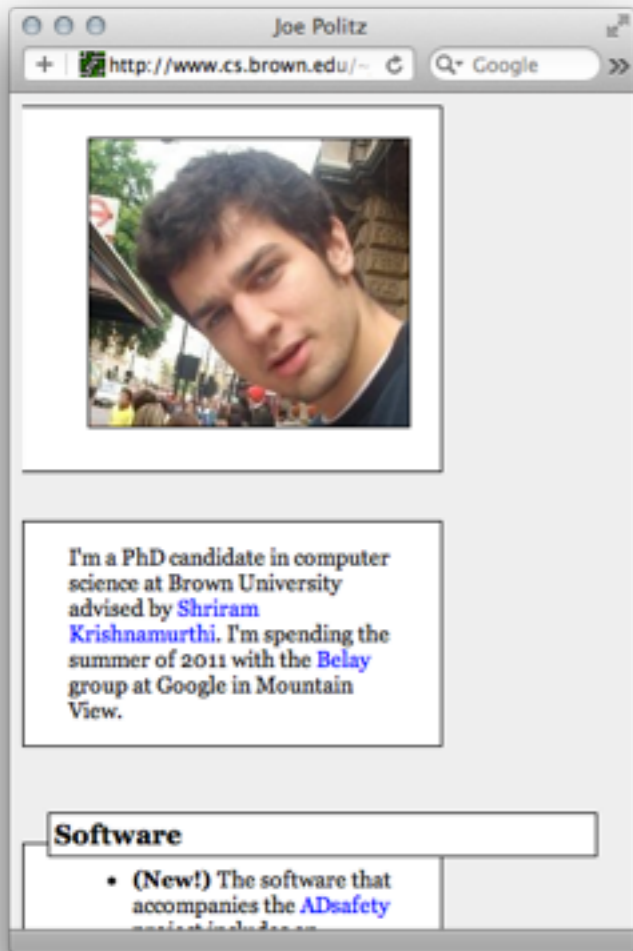
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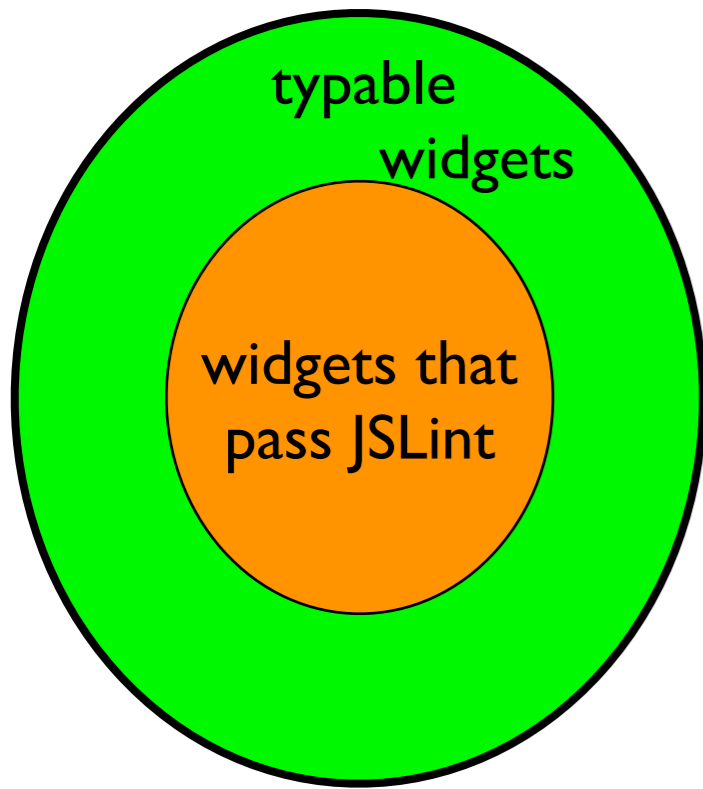






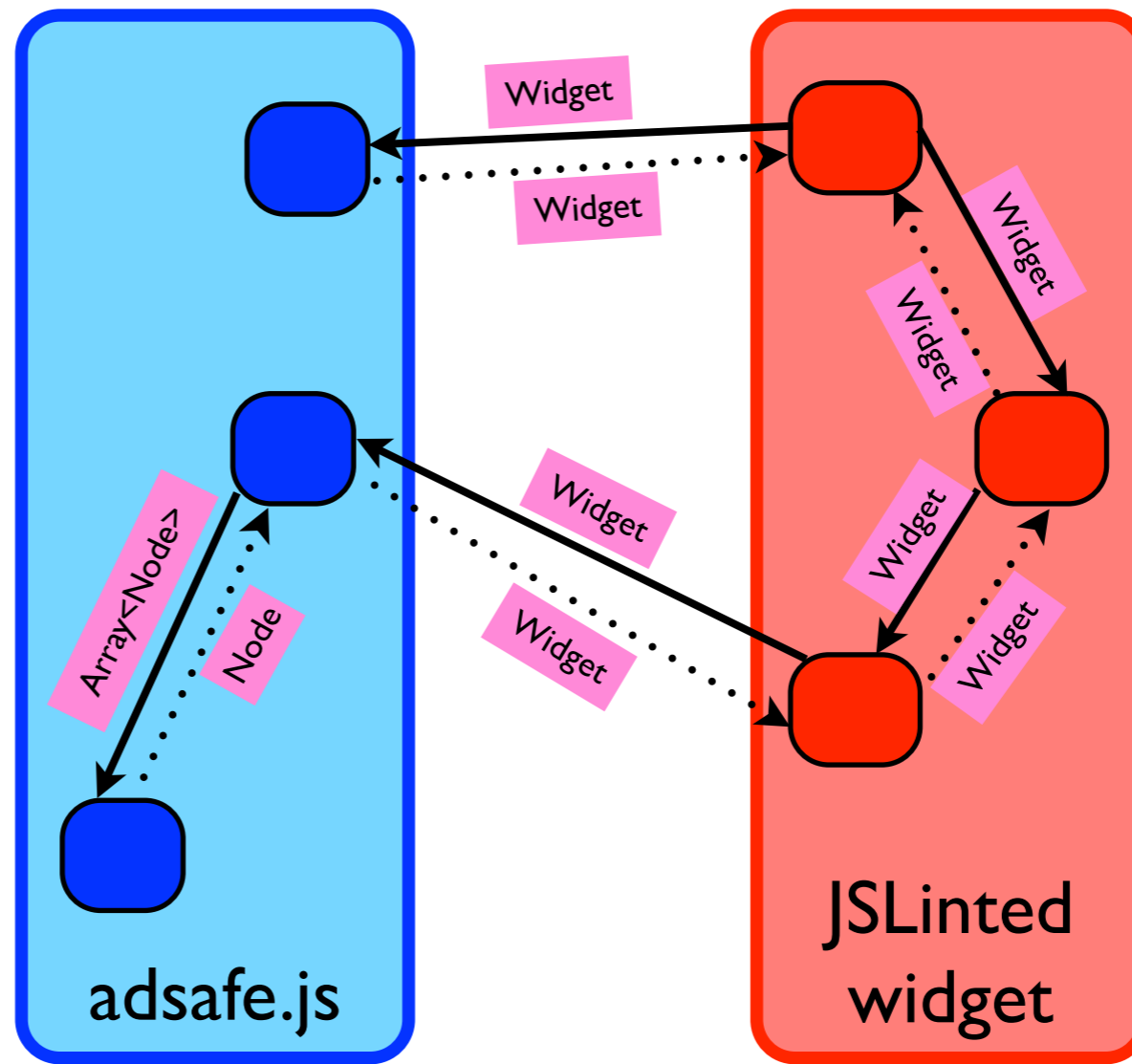






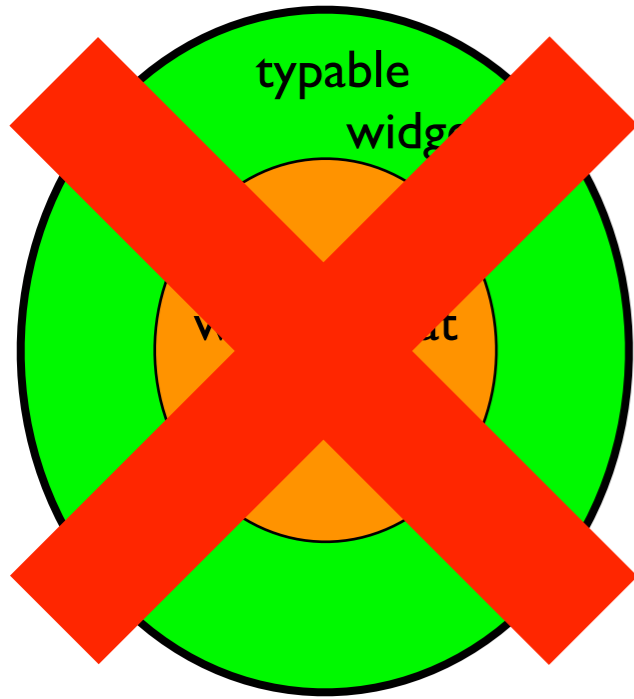
JSLint model

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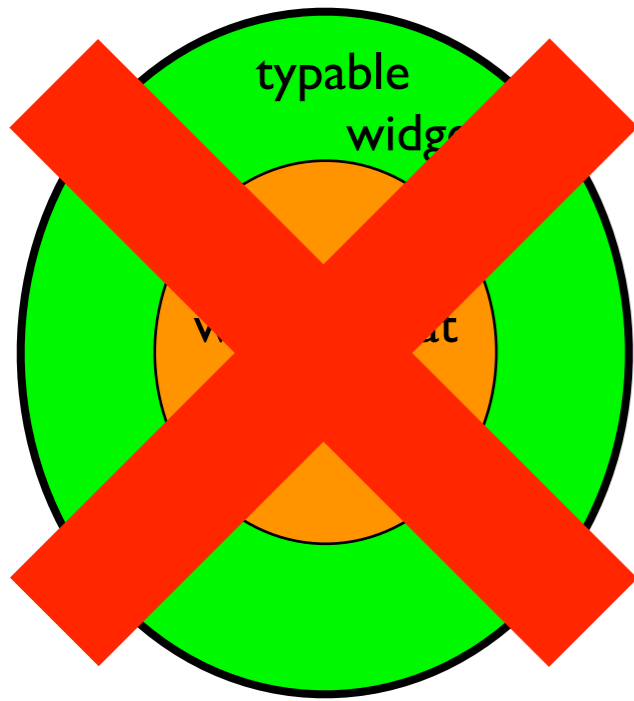


Type-checked ADsafe

= ...



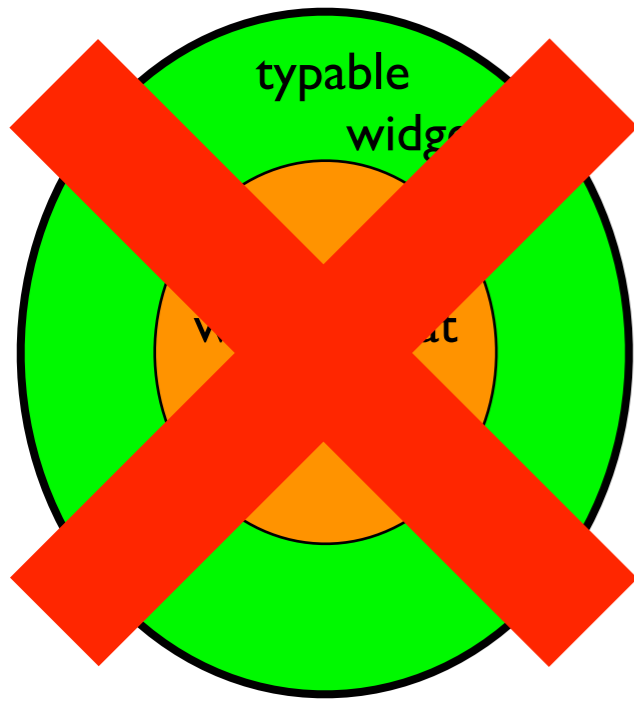
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var fakeBunch = { __nodes__: [fakeNode] };
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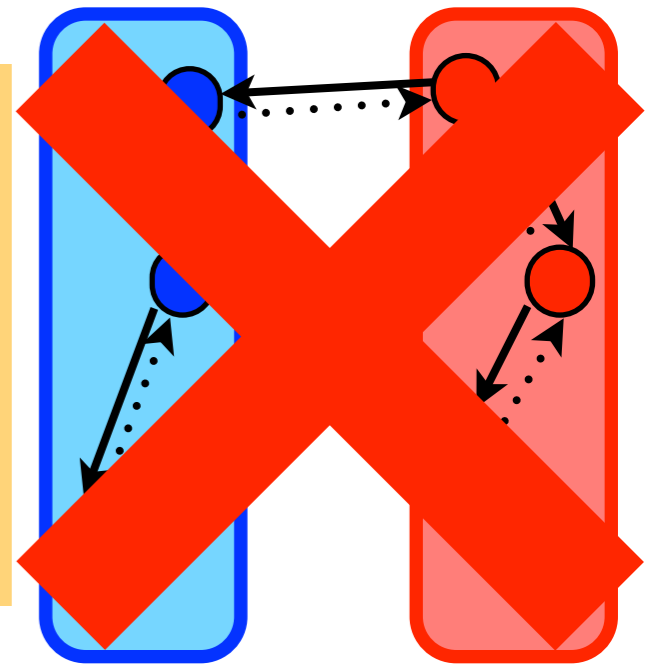
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Rejected by JSLint

Accepted by JSLint

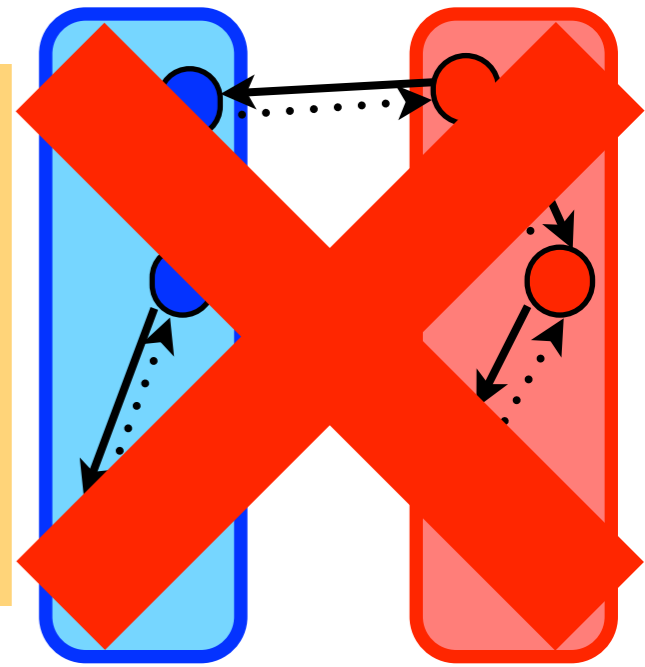
type error: expected Array<HTML>,
received Array<Widget>

```
/*: Widget × Widget → Widget */  
WrappedElt.prototype.style = function(name, val) {  
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expected
String, received
Widget

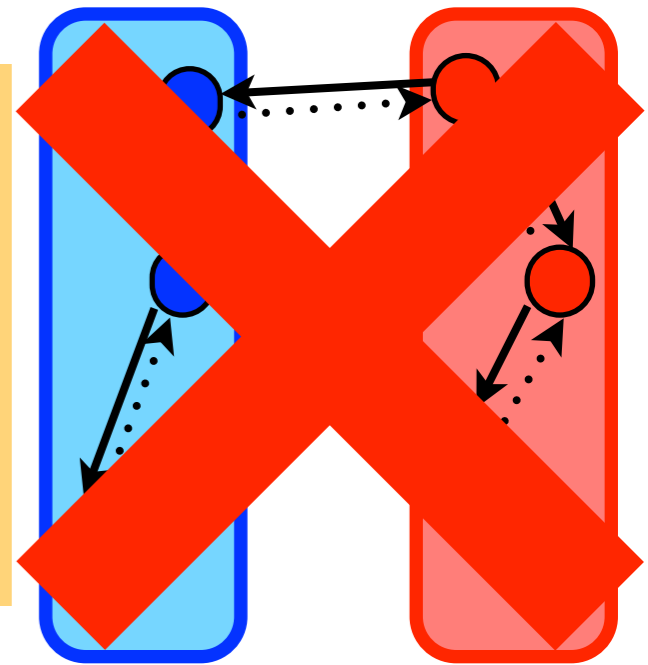


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var firstCall = true;
var badName = {
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      firstCall = false;
      return "font";
    }
    else {
      return "url('/evil.xml')";
    }
  }
};

```

passes safety check

returns bad value

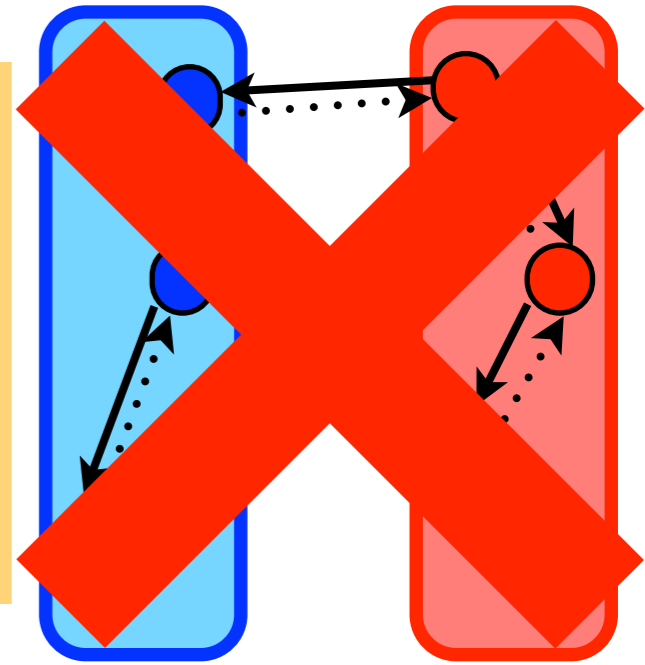
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Fix:
check_string
assertion inserted
here, and in 16
other places

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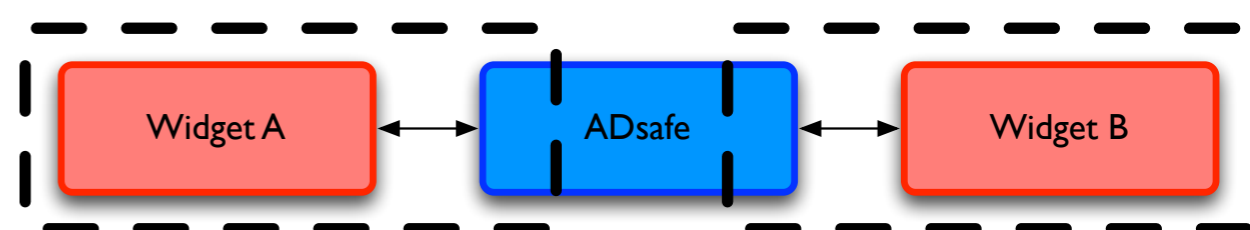
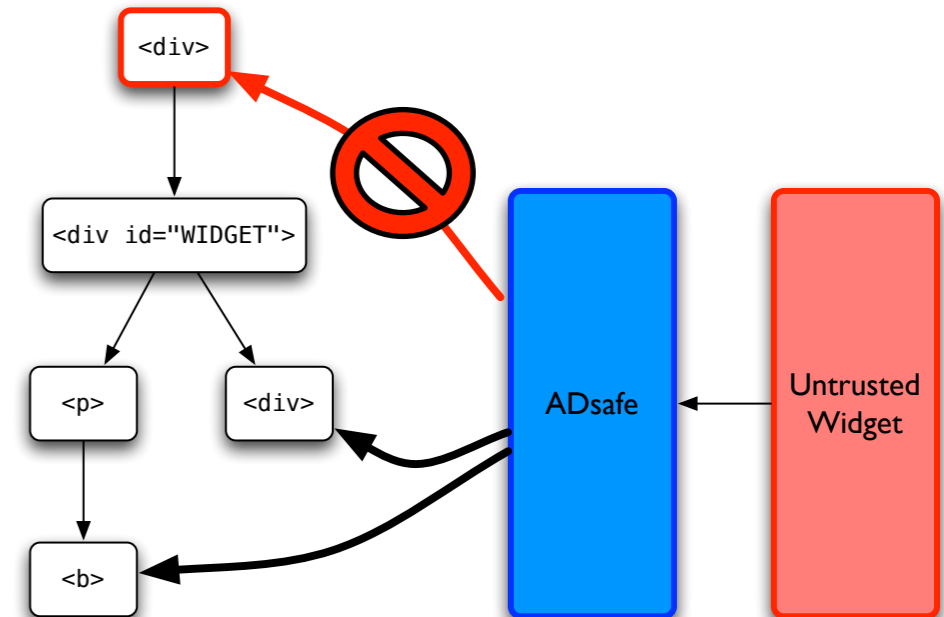
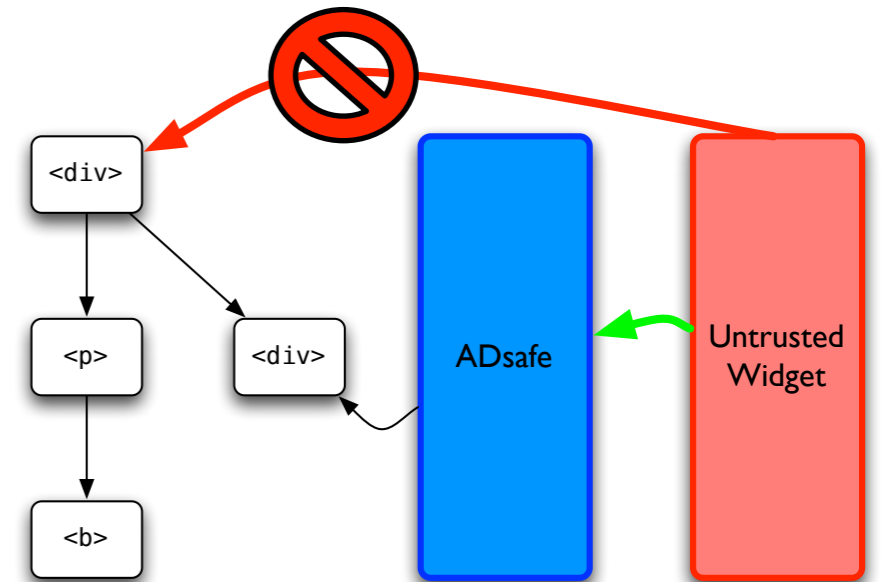
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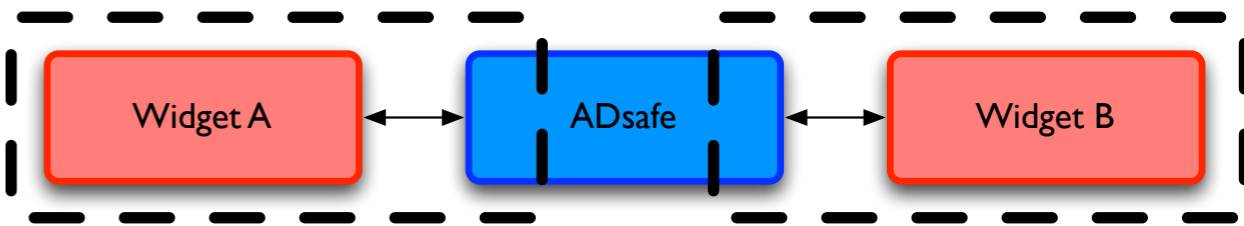
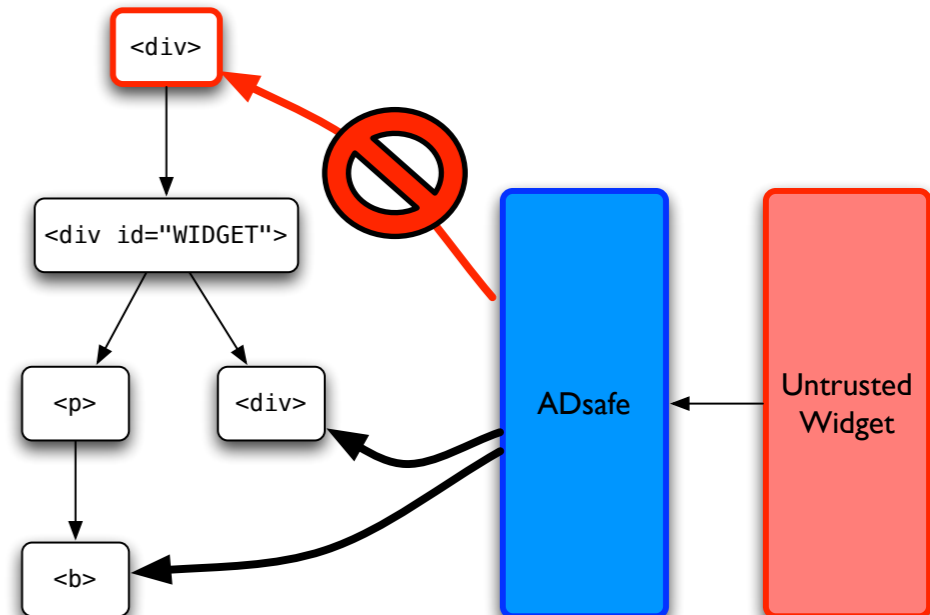
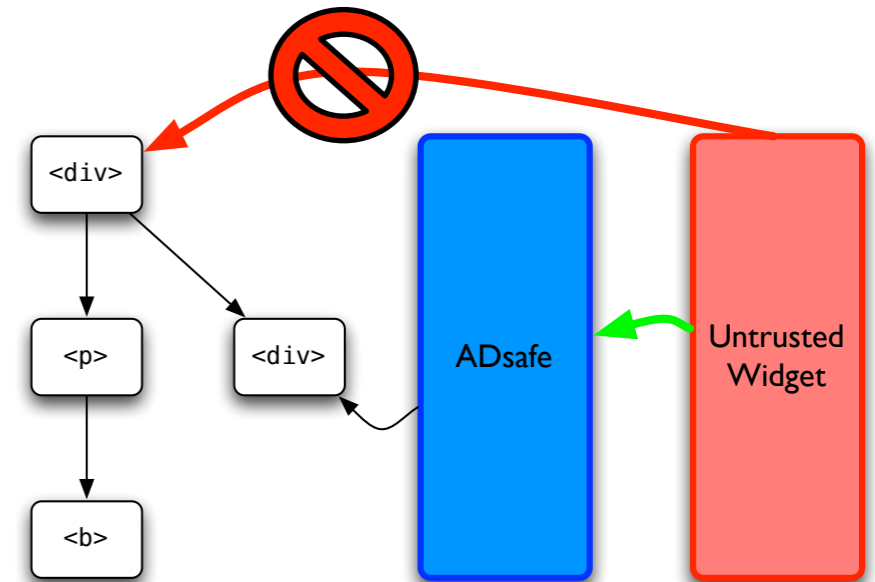


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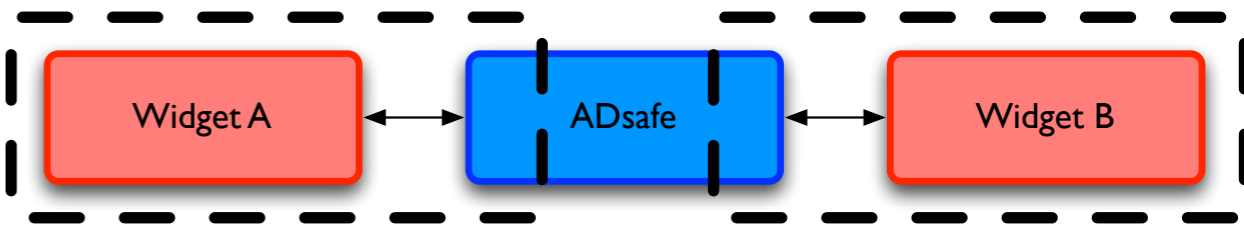
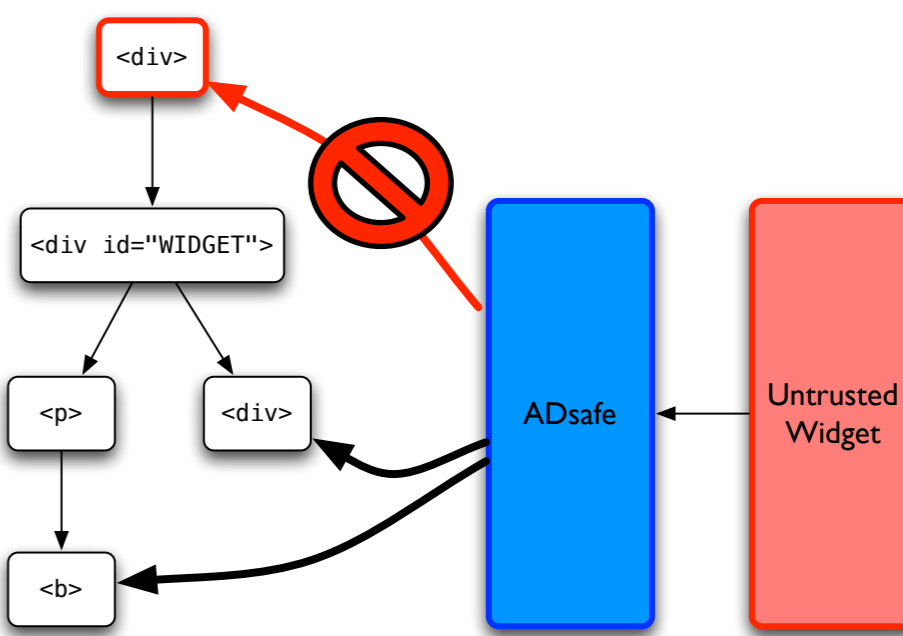
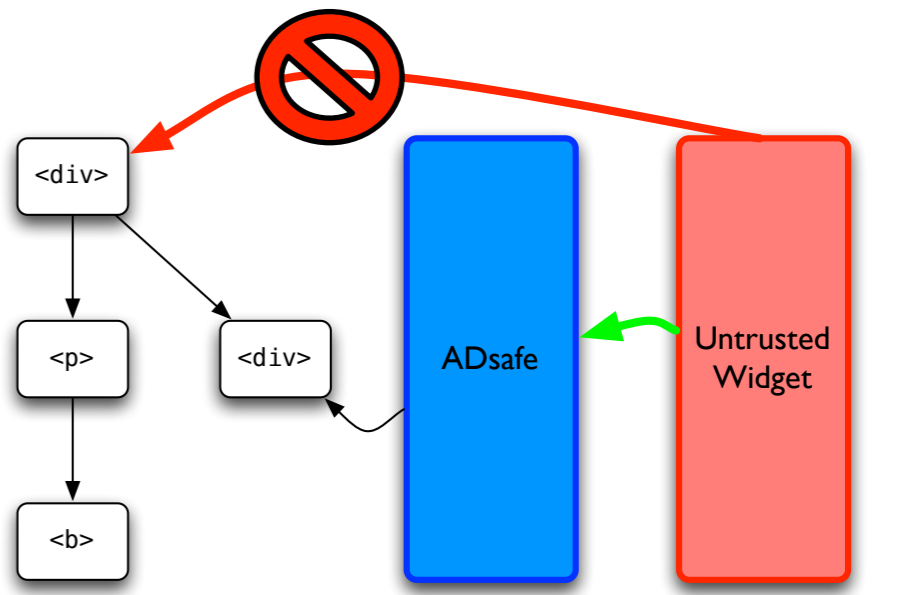
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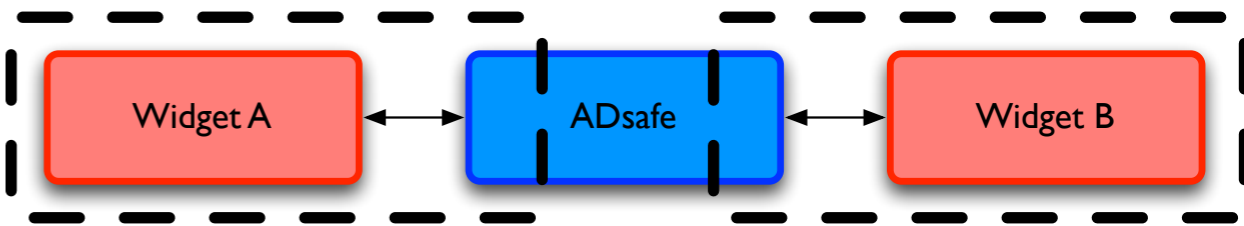
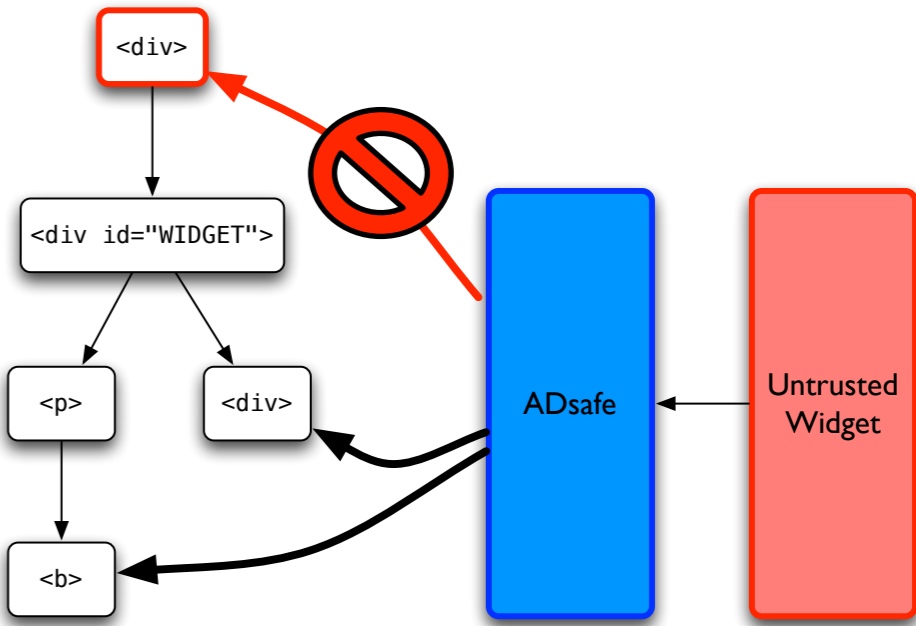
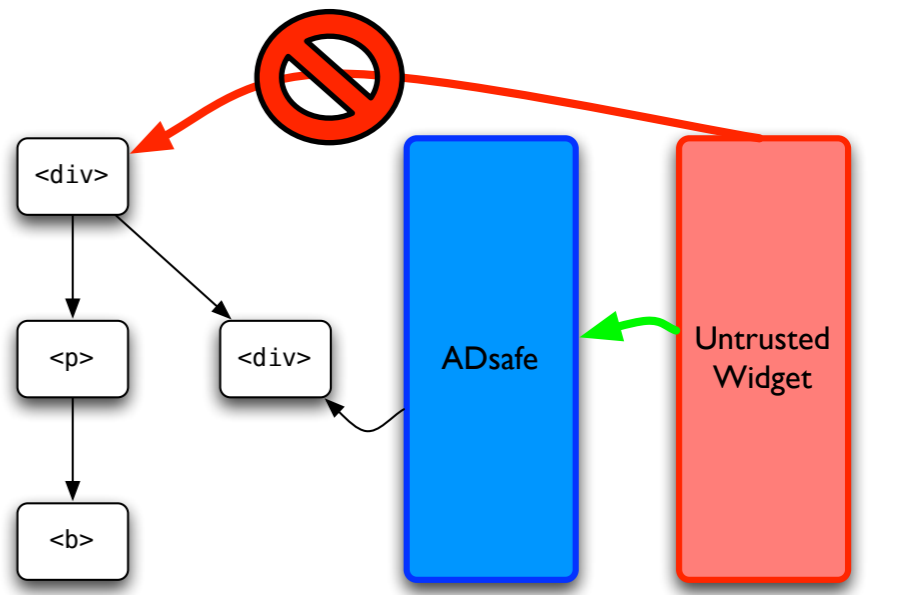
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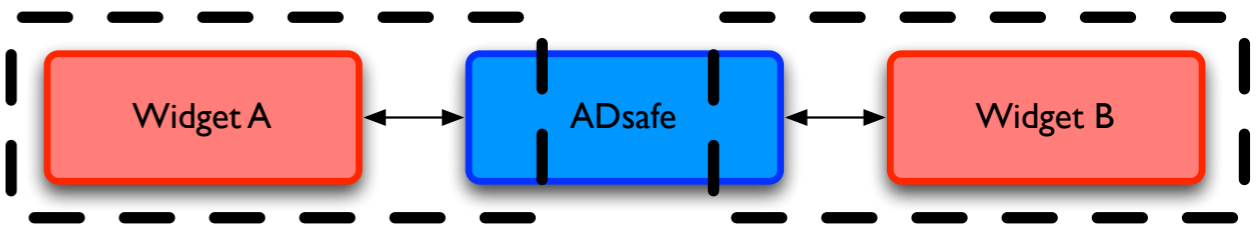
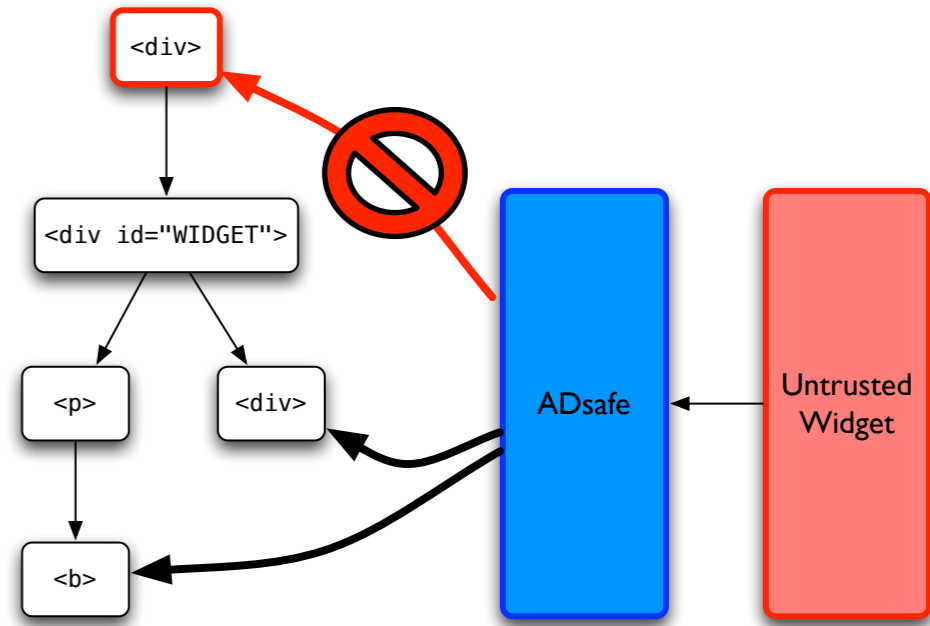
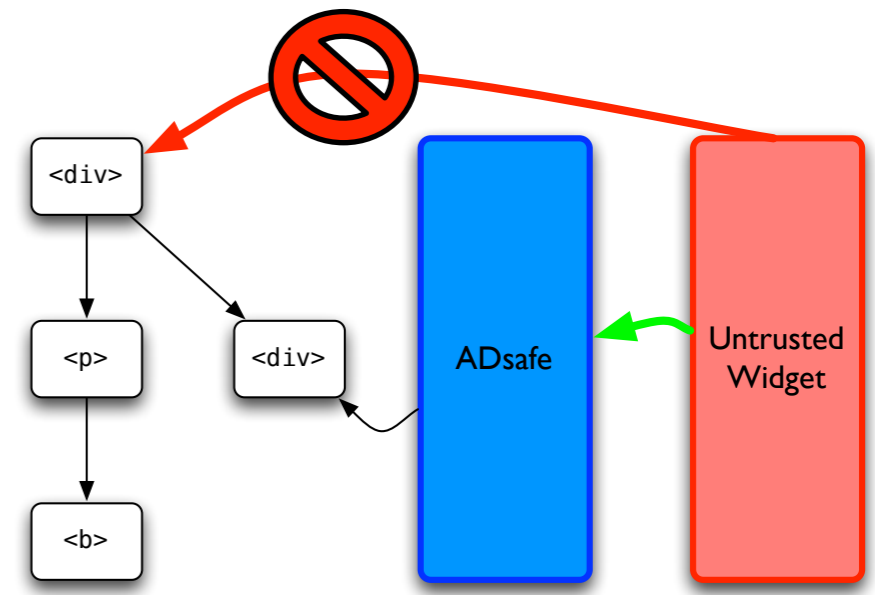
✓ 2. Widgets cannot obtain direct references to DOM nodes;

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multiple widgets on the same page cannot communicate.

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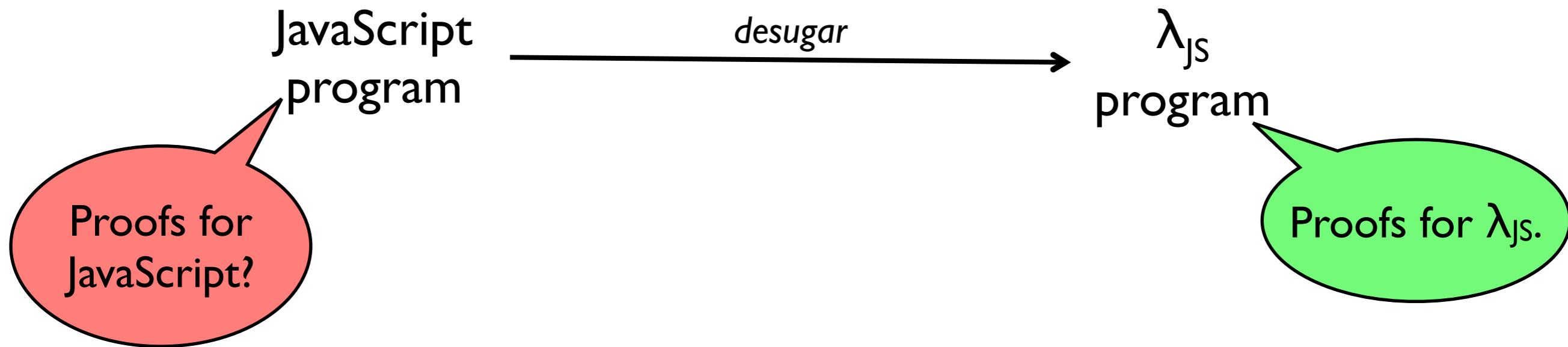
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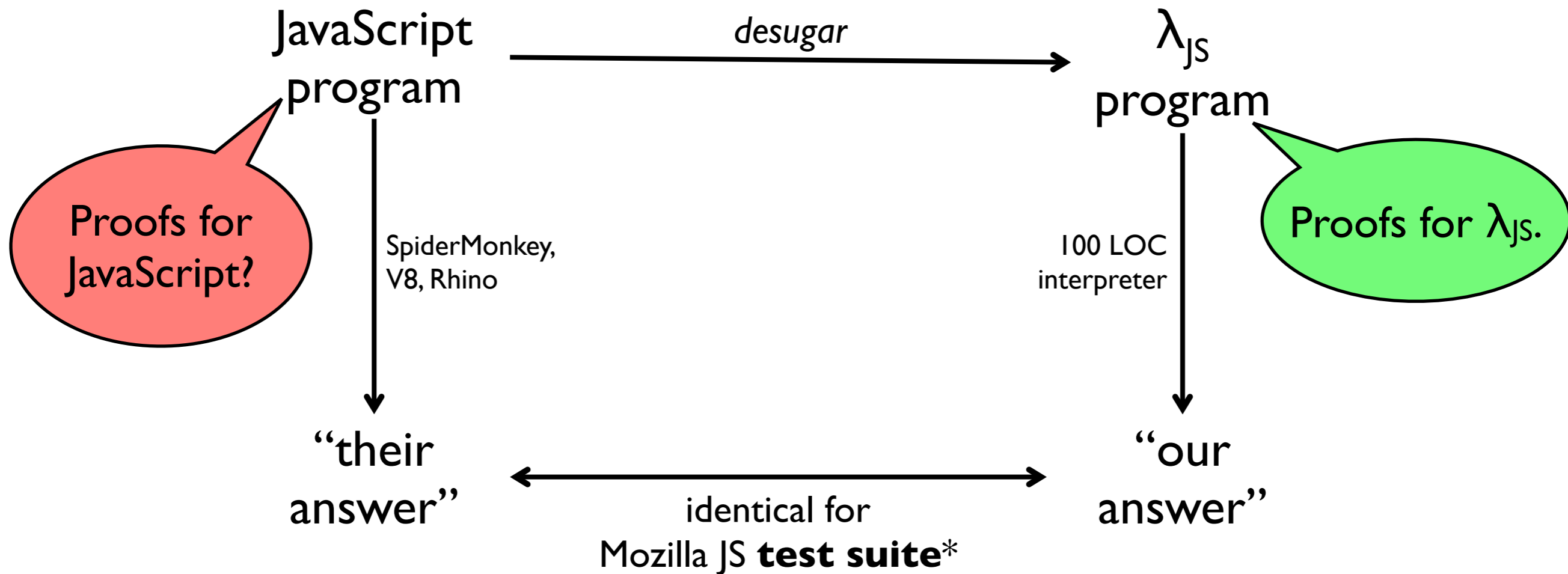
- II LOC unverified
- subtree property unverified

JavaScript
program



Proofs for
JavaScript?





— Guha, Saftoiu, Krishnamurthi. *ECOOP 2010*.


```
banned = {  
  'arguments' : true,  
  callee      : true,  
  caller      : true,  
  constructor : true,  
  'eval'      : true,  
  prototype   : true,  
  stack       : true,  
  unwatch     : true,  
  valueOf     : true,  
  watch       : true  
}
```

+

```
function reject_global(that) {  
  if (that.window) {  
    error();  
  }  
}
```

+

```
if (/url/i.test(string_check(value[i]))) {  
  error('ADsafe error.');
```

and other patterns...

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```

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```

function reject_global(that) {
  if (that.window) {
    error();
  }
}

```

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```

if (/url/i.test(string_check(value[i]))) {
  error('ADsafe error.');
```

and other patterns...

... can be succinctly expressed with types

Widget := Number + String + Boolean + Undefined + Null +

{

```

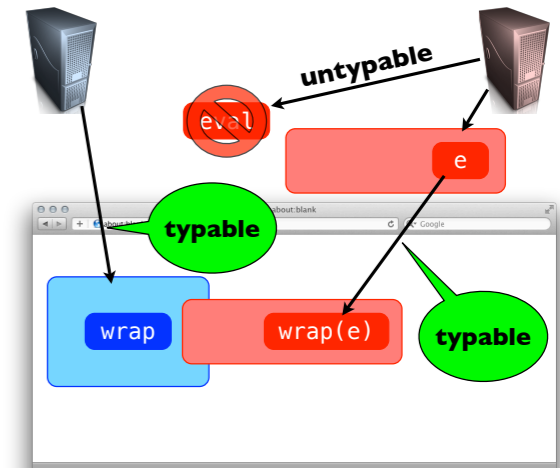
★: Widget
__nodes__: Array<Node>
caller: ☠
prototype: ☠
...
code : Widget × ... → Widget
__proto__: Object + Function + Array + ...

```

}

Conclusion

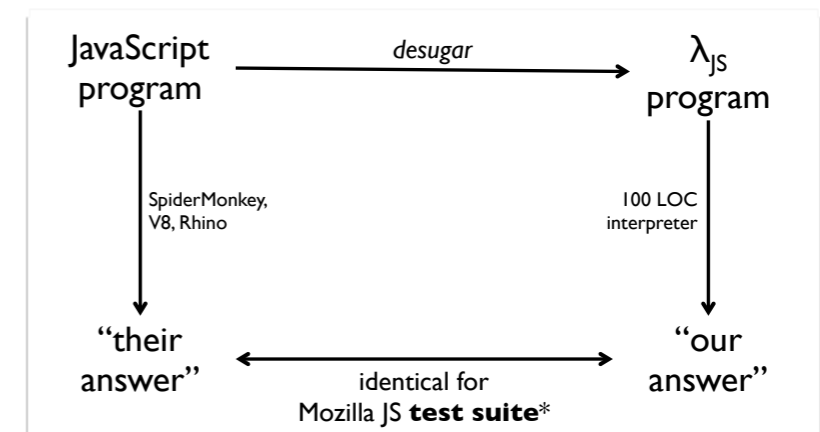
1. Model sandbox as a type system



2. Object types for JavaScript (★ and ☠)

```
Widget := Number + String + Boolean + Undefined + Null +  
  {  
    *: Widget  
    __proto__: Object + Function + Array + ...  
    code : Widget × ... → Widget  
    arguments: ☠  
    caller: ☠  
    ...  
  }
```

3. Proofs over tractable JavaScript semantics





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Extra Slides

Unverified Code

```
function F() {};
```

```
ADSAFE.create = typeof Object.create === 'function' ? Object.create : function (o) {  
  F.prototype = typeof o === 'object' && o ? o : Object.prototype;  
  return new F();  
};
```

```
/*: (banned → True) & (not_banned → False) */  
function reject_name(name) {  
  return banned[name] ||  
    ((typeof name !== 'number' || name < 0) &&  
     (typeof name !== 'string' || name.charAt(0) === '_' ||  
     name.slice(-1) === '_' || name.charAt(0) === '-'));  
}
```

Theorems

Lemma 1 (Type Preservation) *If, for an expression e , type T , environment Γ and abstract heap Σ ,*

1. $\Sigma \vdash \sigma$,
2. $\Sigma; \Gamma \vdash e : T$, and
3. $\sigma e \rightarrow \sigma' e'$;

then there exists a Σ' with $\Sigma' \vdash \sigma'$ and $\Sigma'; \Gamma \vdash e' : T$.

Theorem 1 (ADsafety) *For all widgets p , if*

1. *all subexpressions of p are Widget-typable,*
2. *adsafe.js is typable,*
3. *adsafe.js runs before p , and*
4. *$\sigma p \rightarrow \sigma' p'$ (single-step reduction),*

then at every step p' , p' also has the type Widget.

Full Widget Type

Widget = $\mu\alpha.$

Str \cup Num \cup Null \cup Bool \cup Undef \cup

Object \cup Function



proto : UBunch \cup Array \cup RegExp
UString \cup Number \cup Boolean,



\star : α ,



code : [Global \cup α] $\alpha \dots \rightarrow \alpha$,

"__nodes__" : Array<HTML> \cup Undef,


"__star__" : Bool \cup Undef,

"caller" : , "callee" : ,

"eval" : , "prototype" : ,

"watch" : , "constructor" : ,

"__proto__" : , "unwatch" : ,

"arguments" : , "valueOf" : Absent,

"toString" : Absent

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