



# Backpack: Retrofitting Haskell with Interfaces

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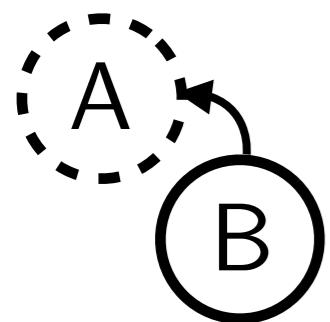
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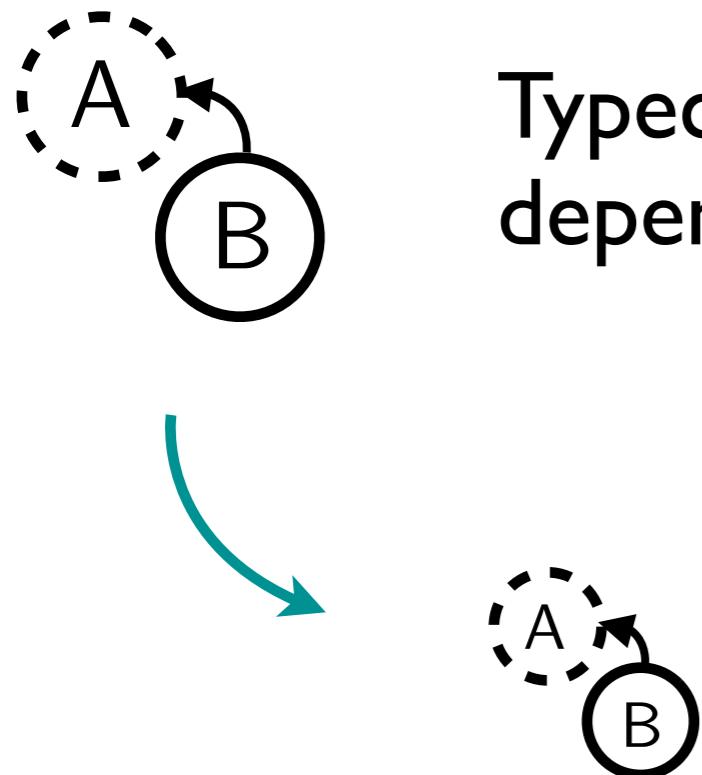
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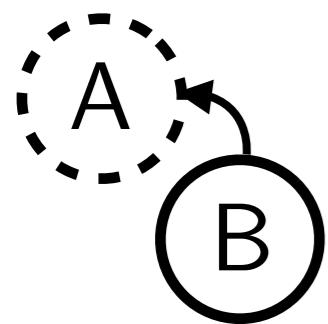
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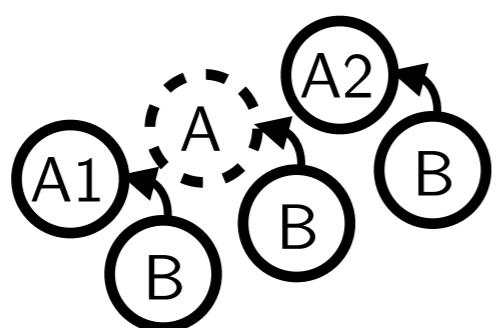


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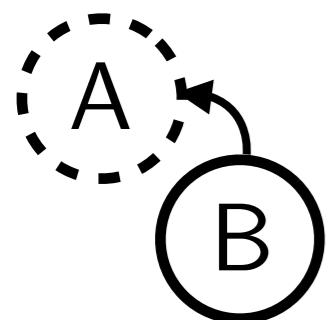


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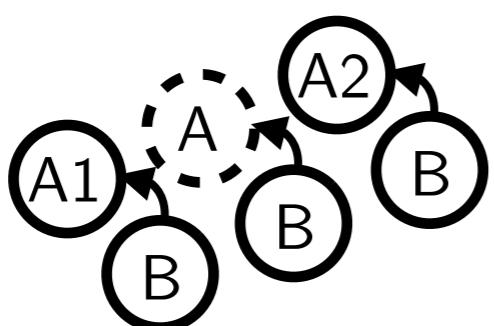


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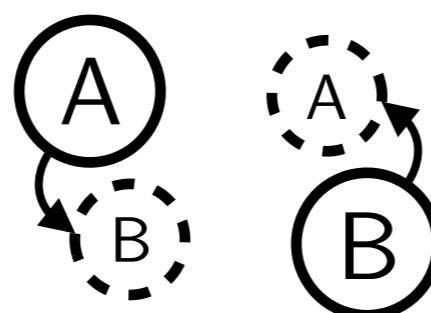
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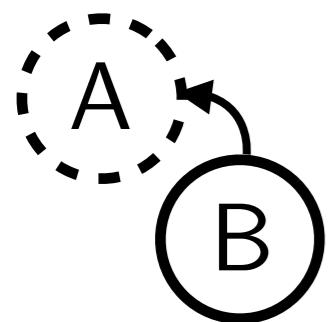
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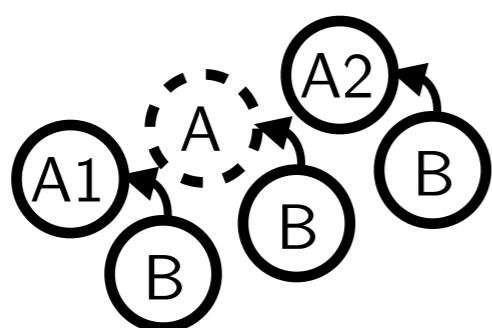
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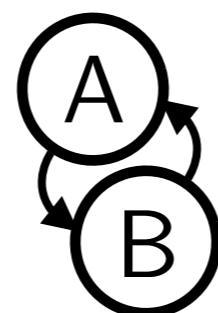
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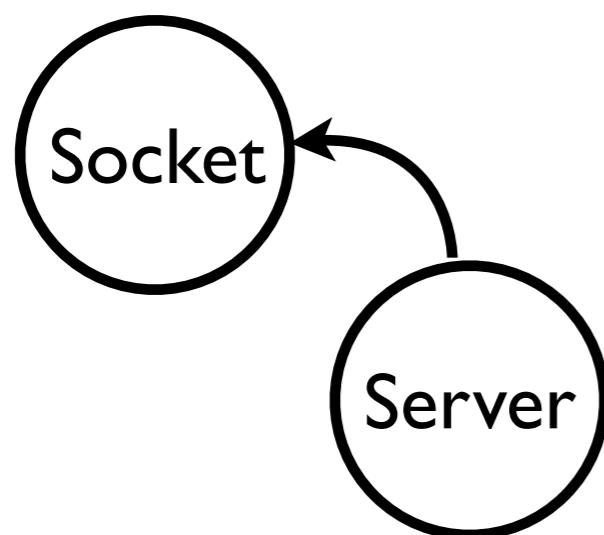


Typecheck mutually dependent modules before tying the recursive knot.

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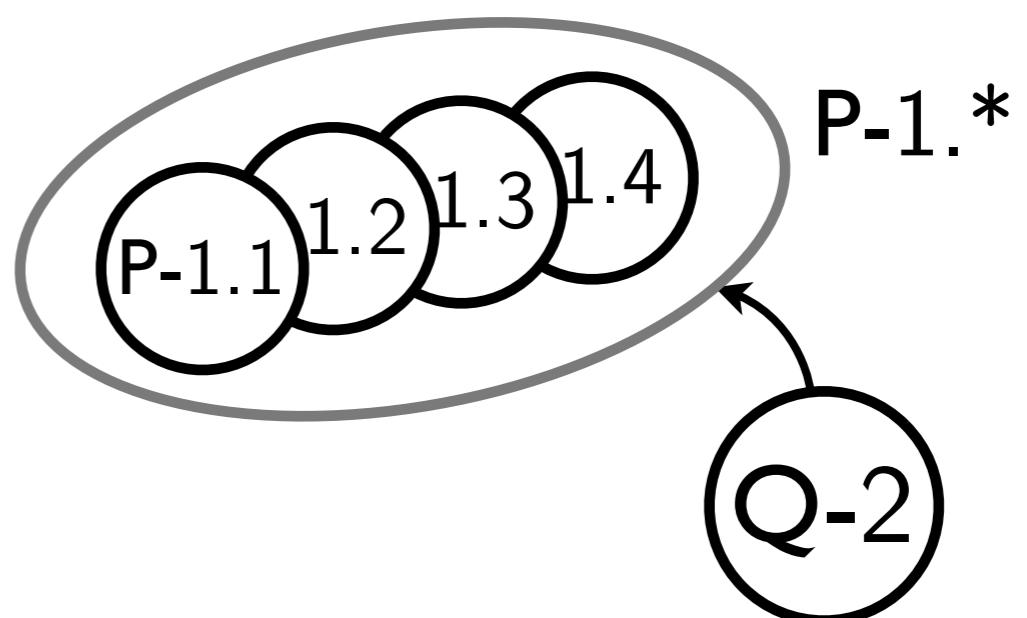
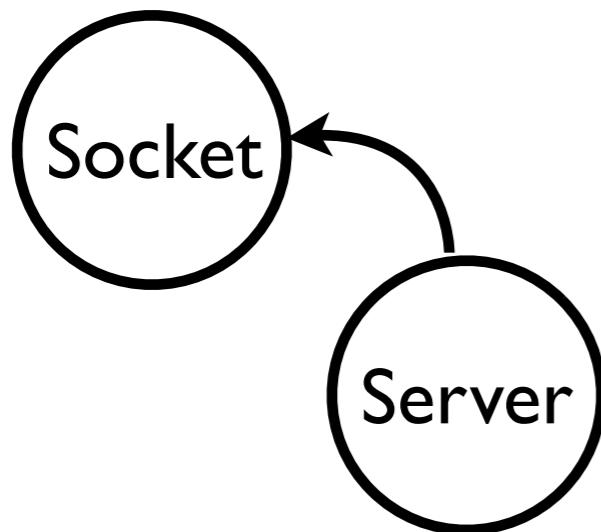
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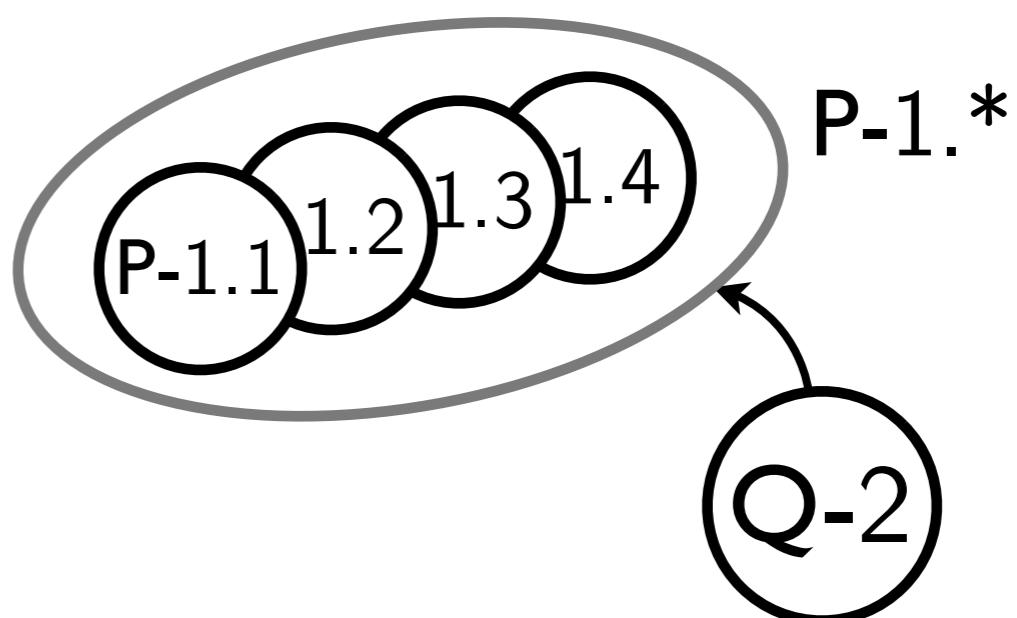
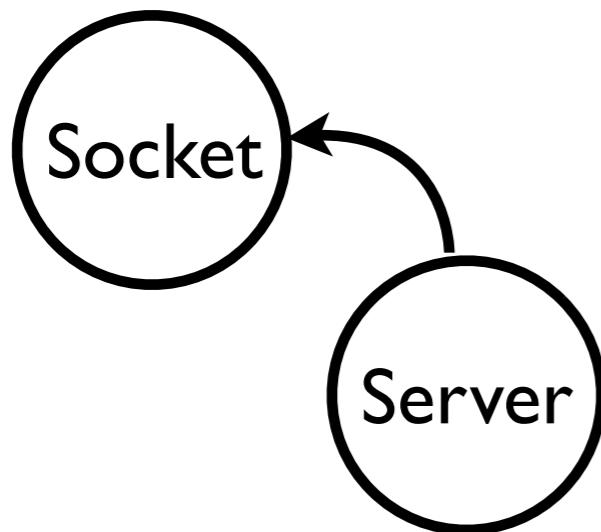
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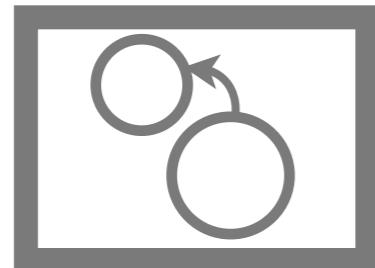
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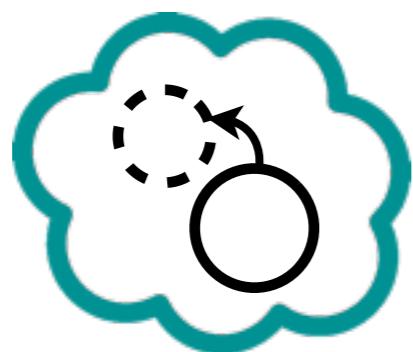


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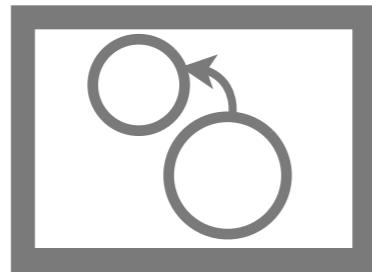
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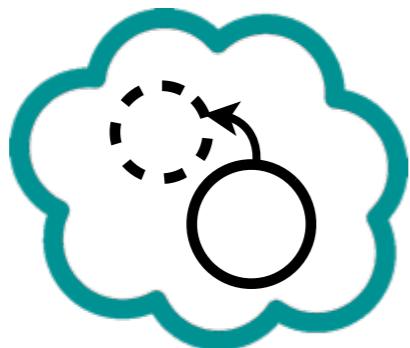
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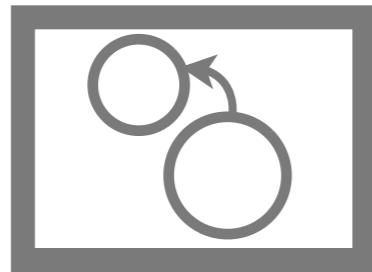
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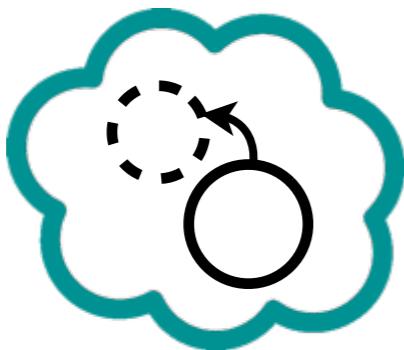
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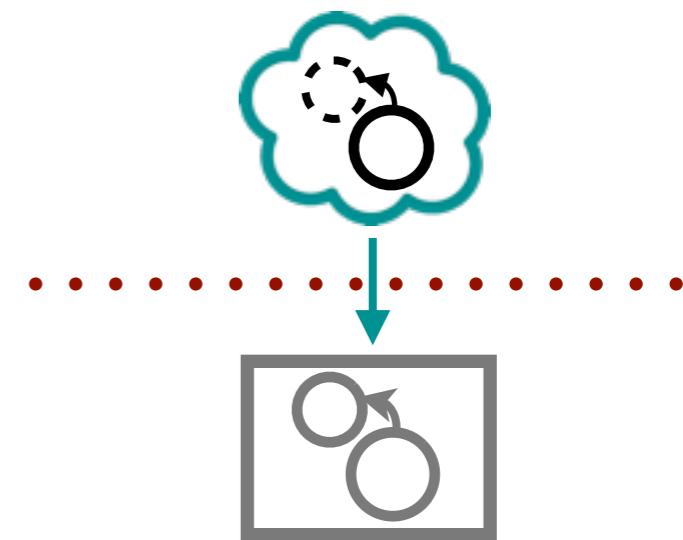
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- functors are ill-suited for separate compilation
  - ML langs require additional system on top

# Introducing Backpack



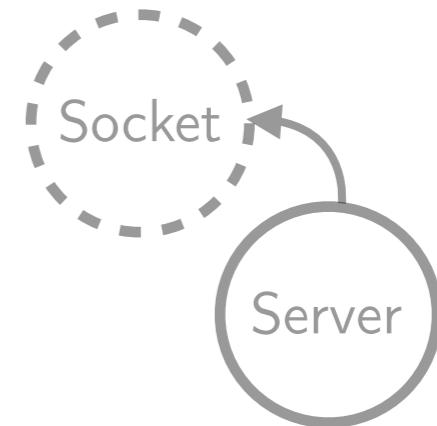
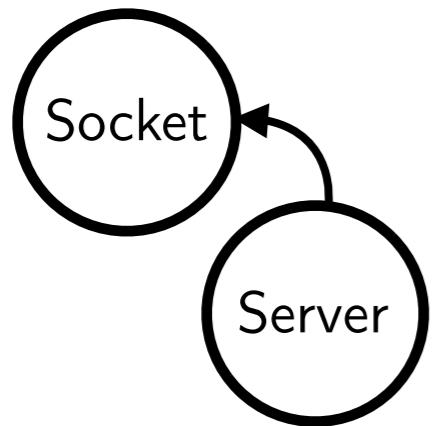
- Retrofits Haskell with strong modularity
  - Designed at *package* level
  - Employs simplified *mixin* design
  - Defined as *elaboration* into weak Haskell modules
  - Separate *typechecking*, not separate compilation

# Outline

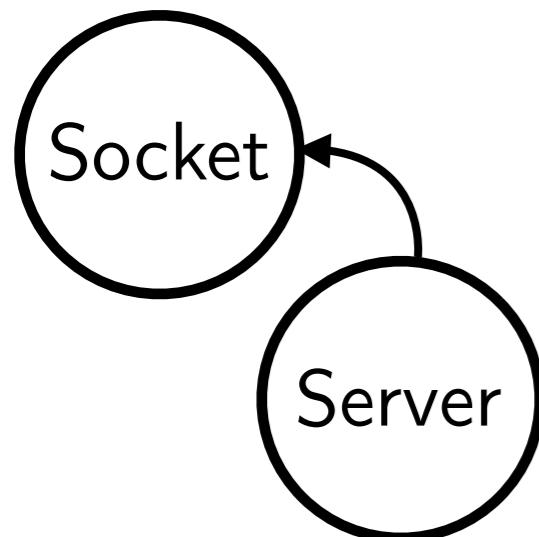
- Language tour
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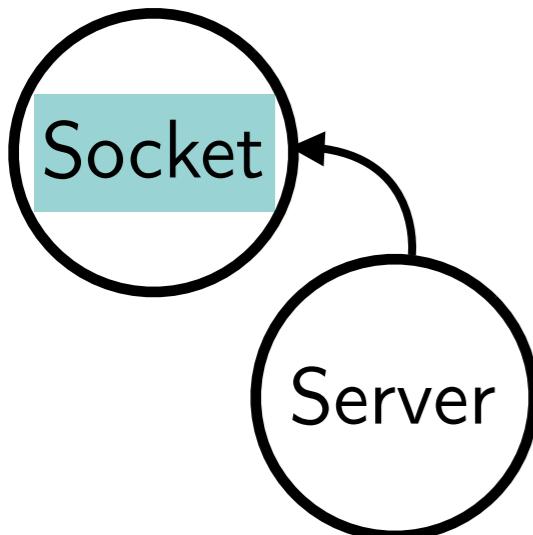
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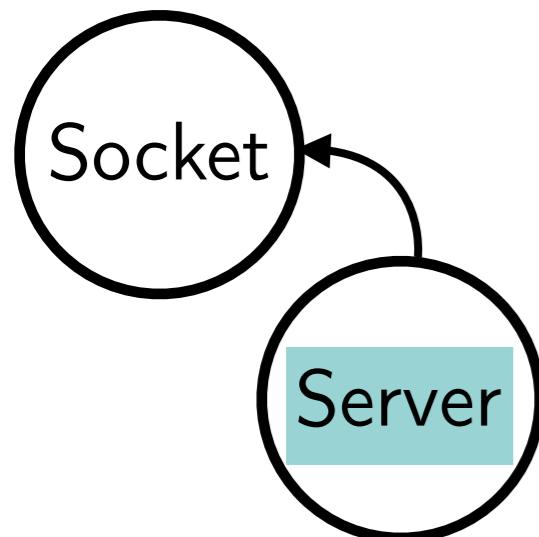
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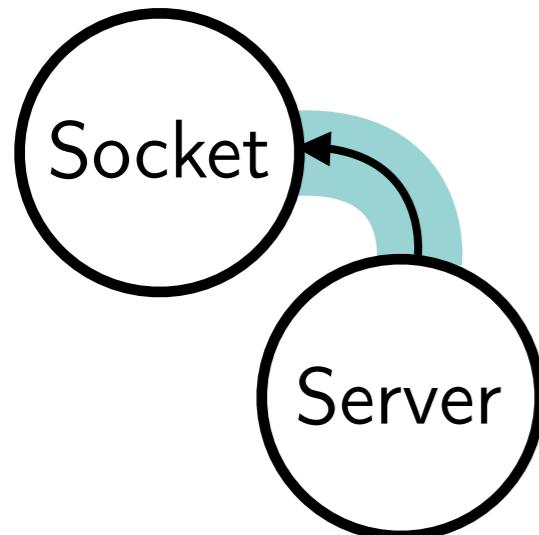
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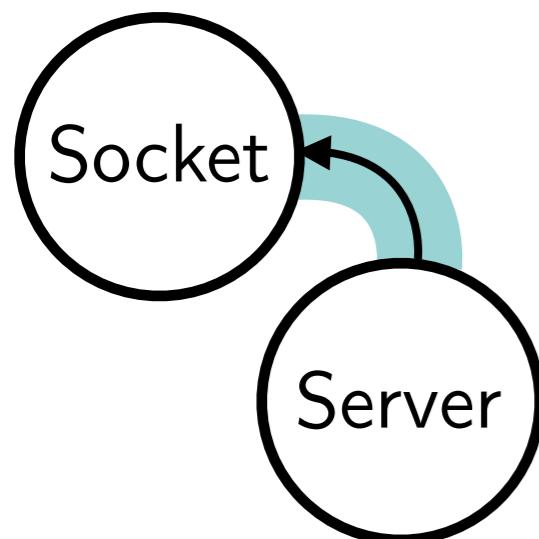
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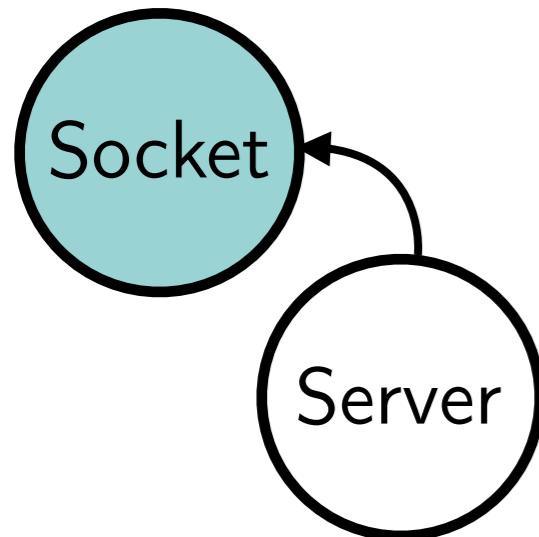
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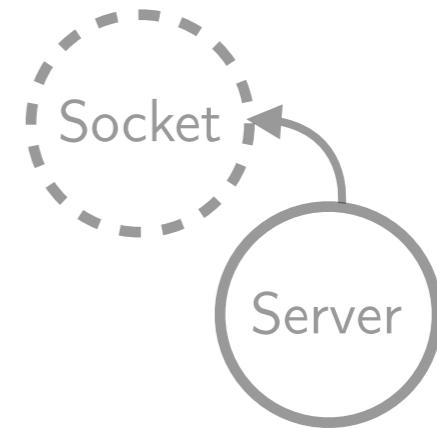
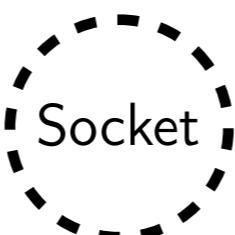
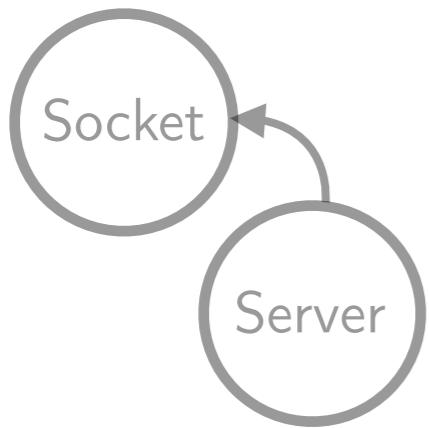
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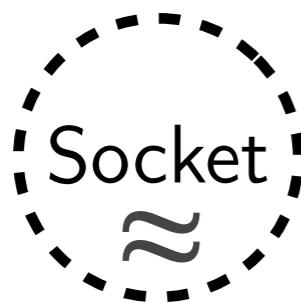
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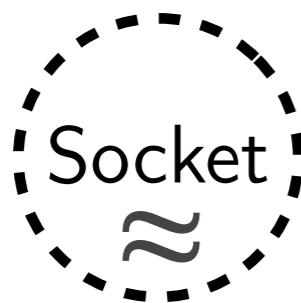


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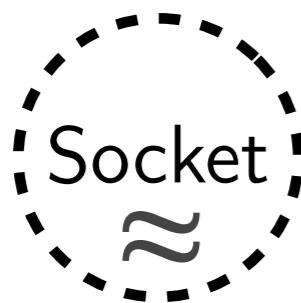


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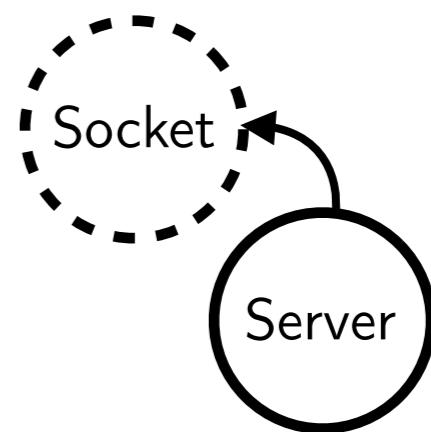
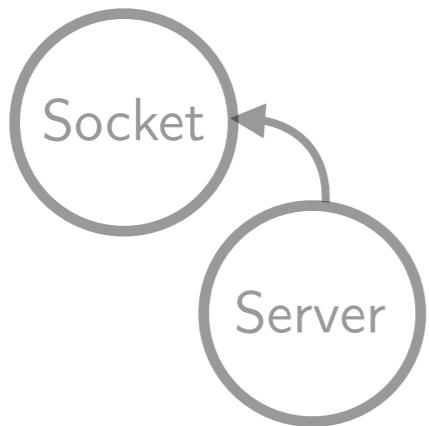
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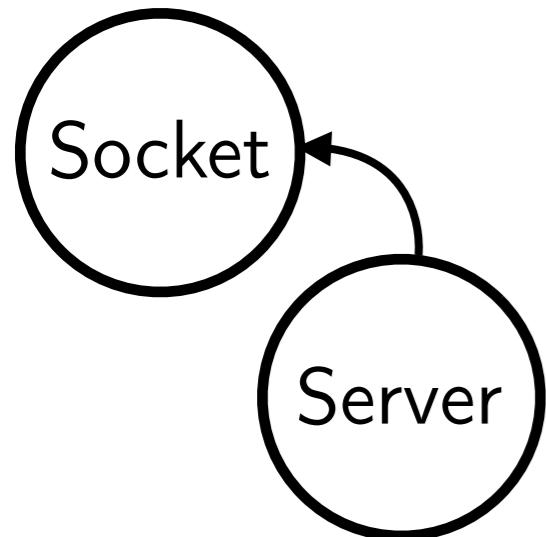
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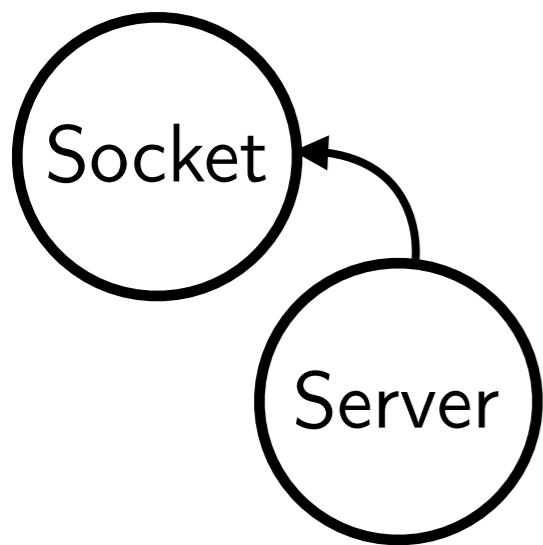
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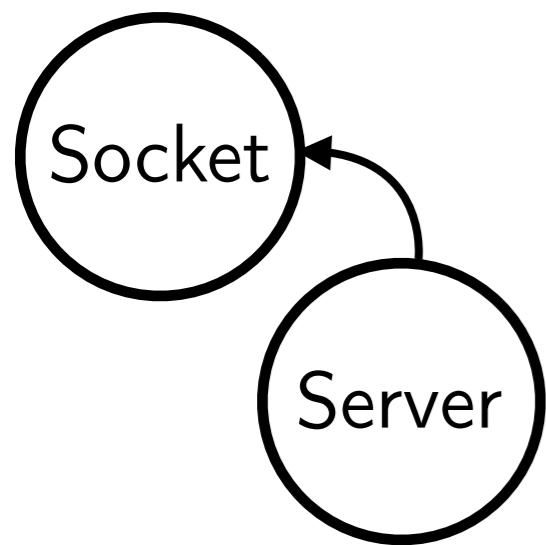


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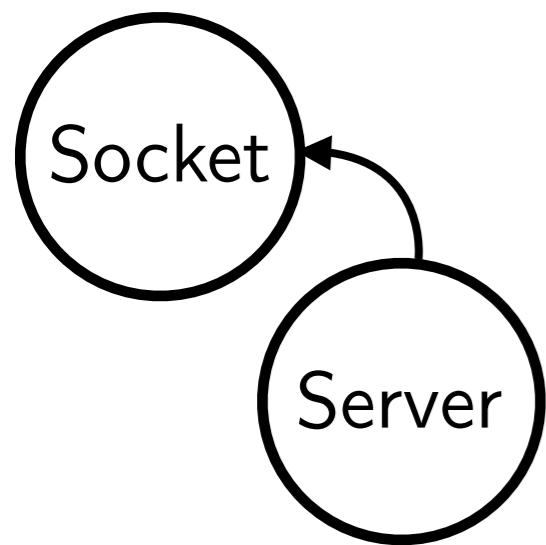


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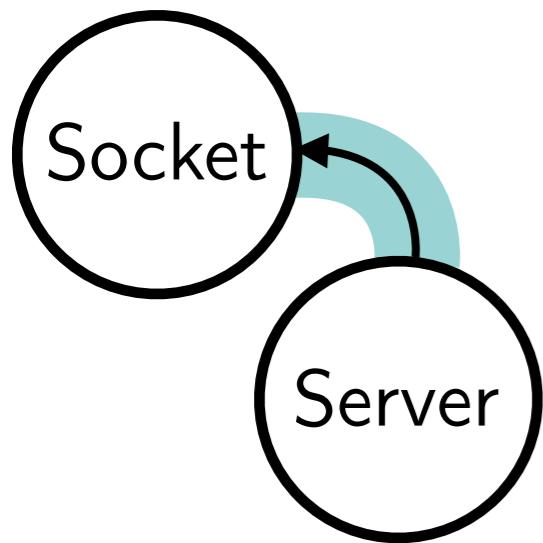
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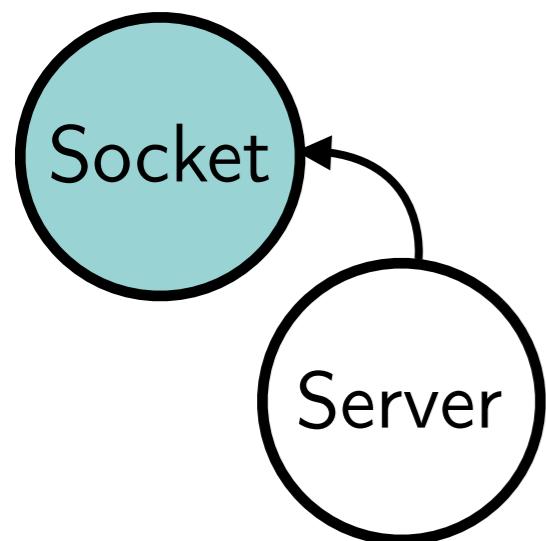
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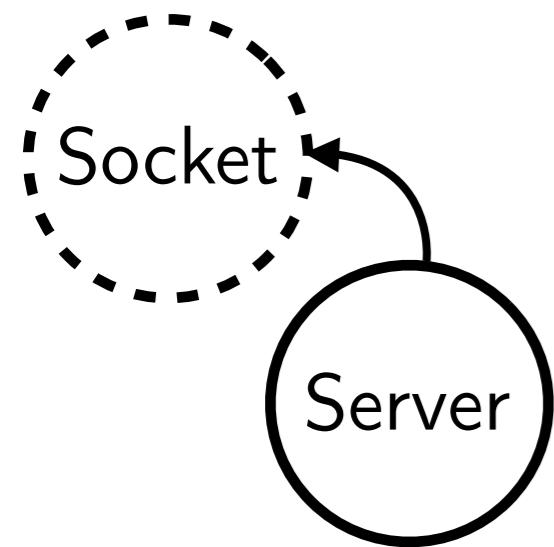


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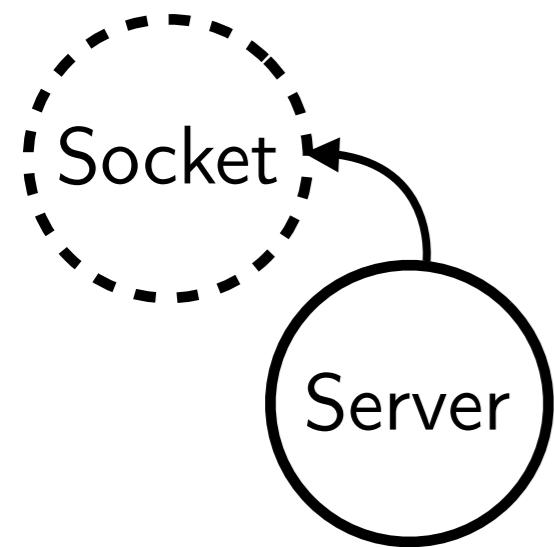
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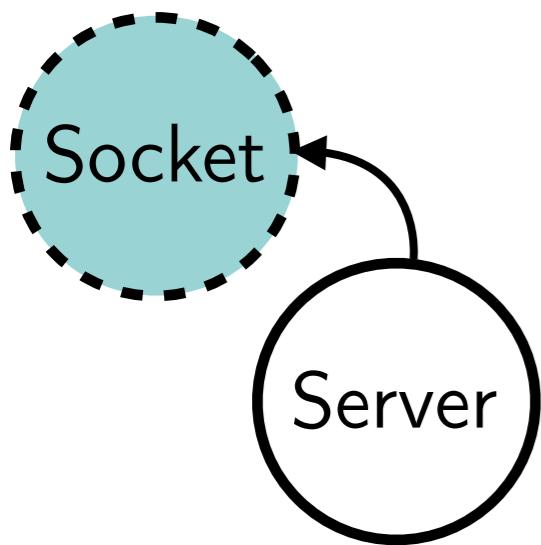
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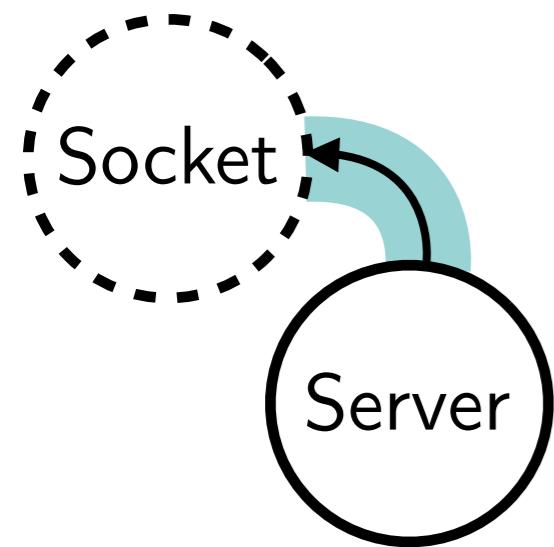
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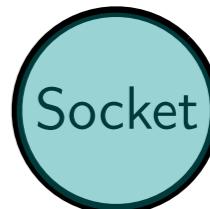
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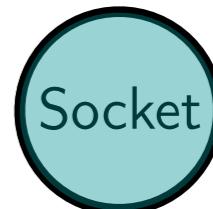
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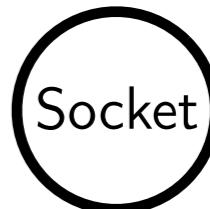
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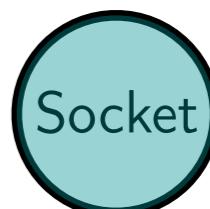


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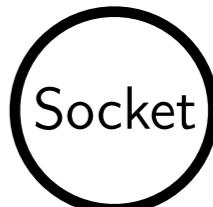


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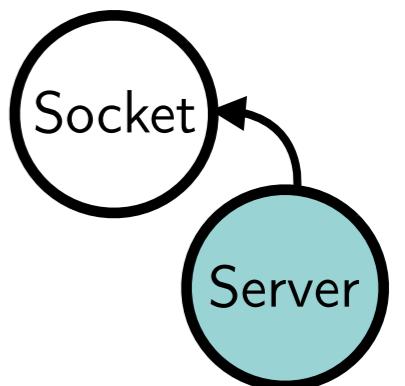
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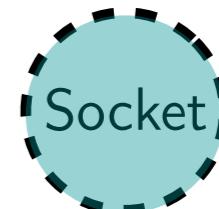
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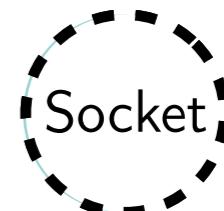
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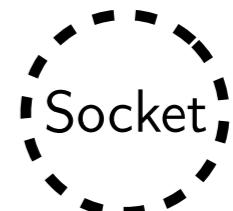
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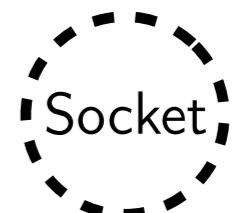


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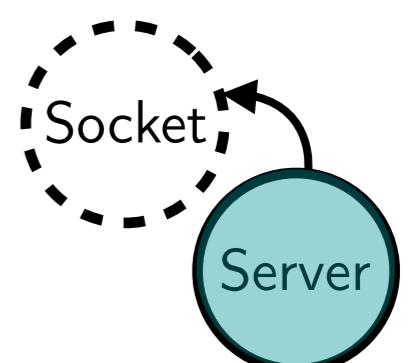


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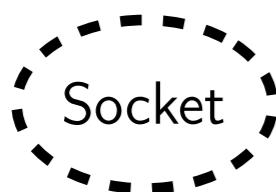


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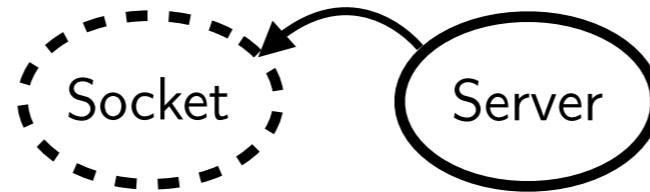


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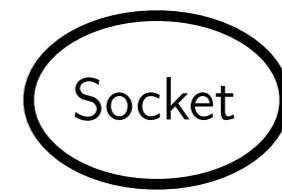
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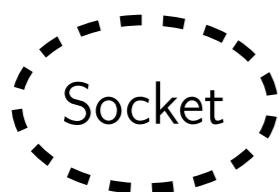
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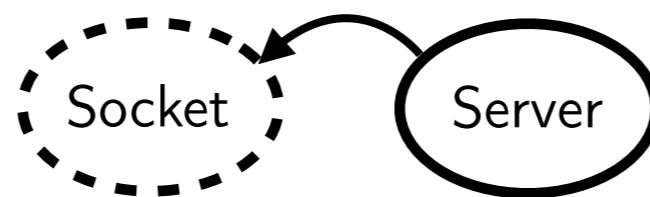
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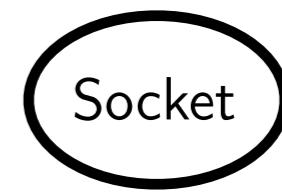
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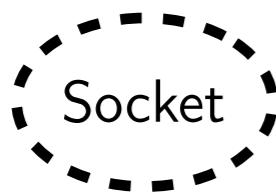
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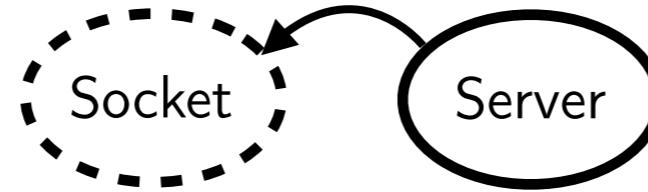
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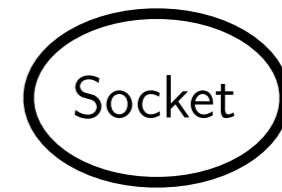
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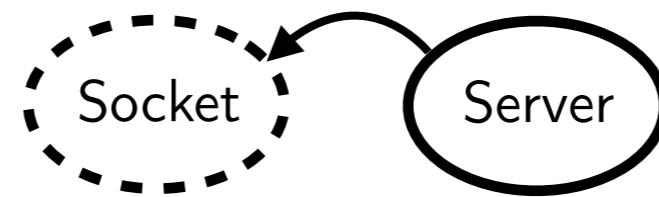
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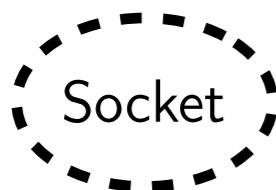


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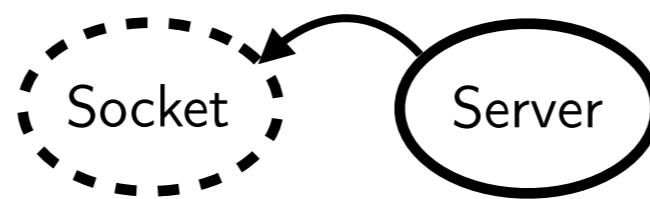


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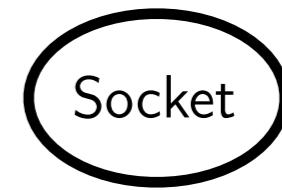
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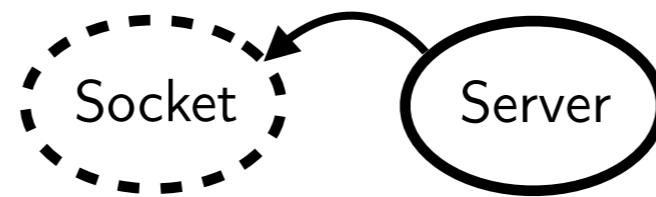
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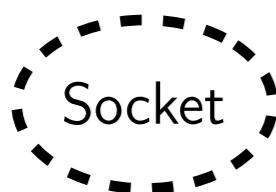


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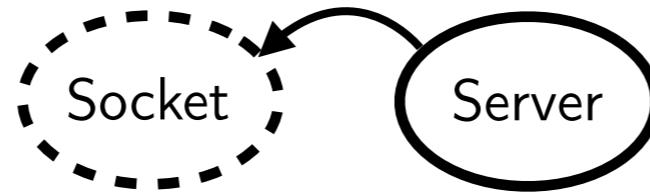


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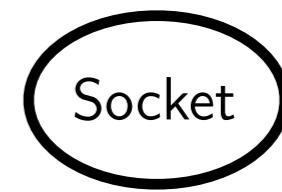
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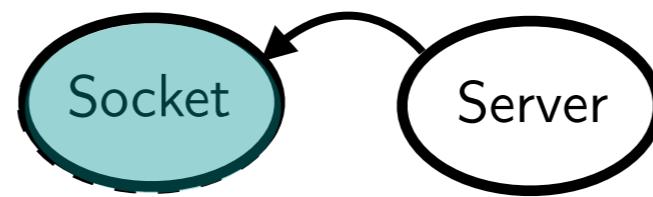
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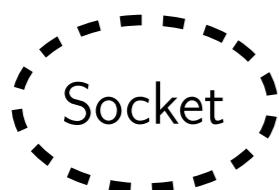


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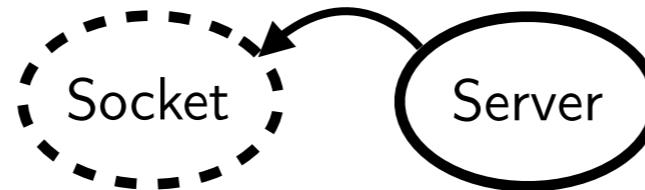


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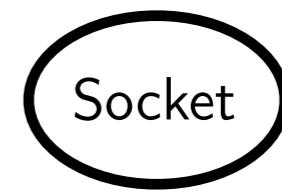
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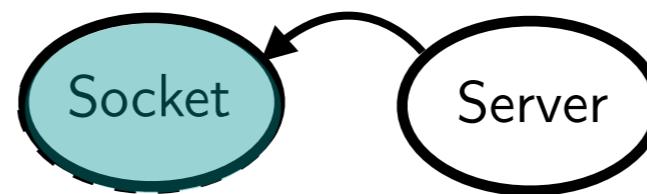
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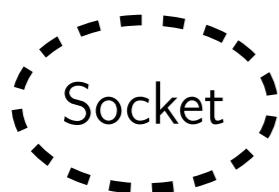


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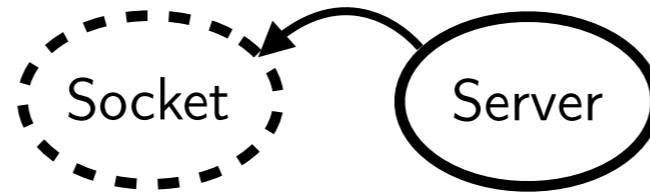

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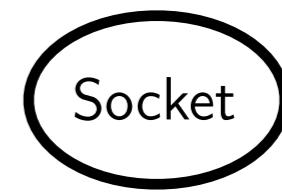
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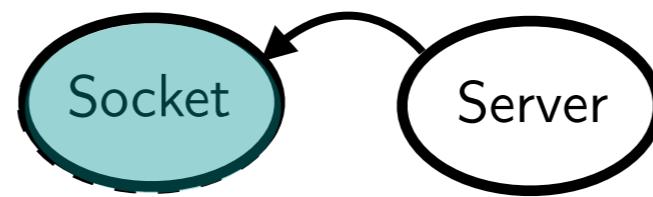
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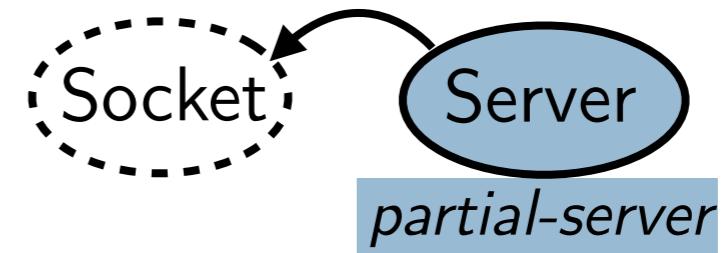
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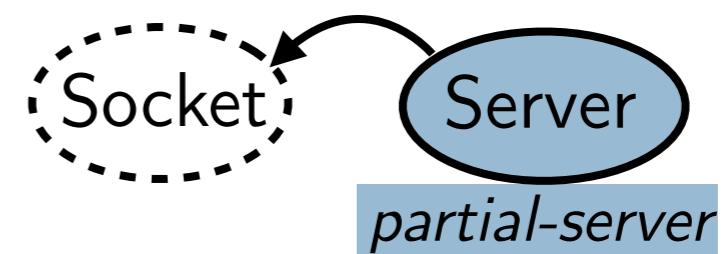
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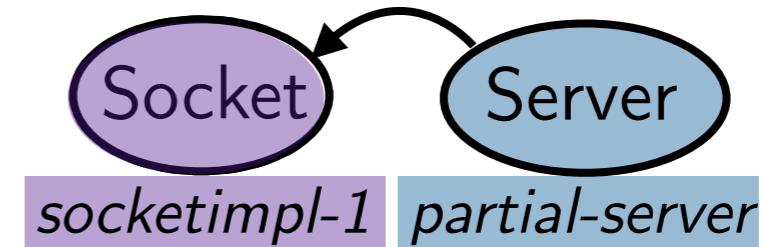


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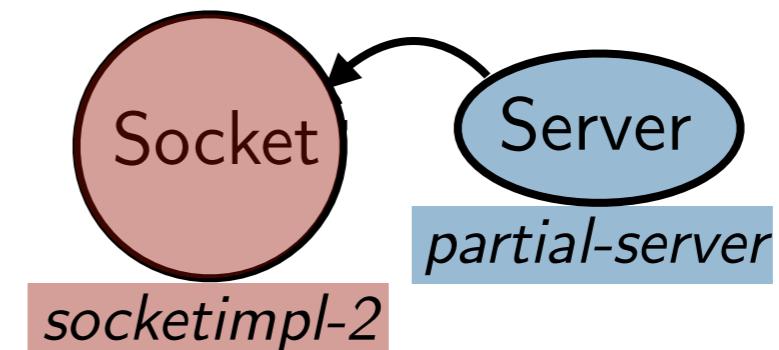


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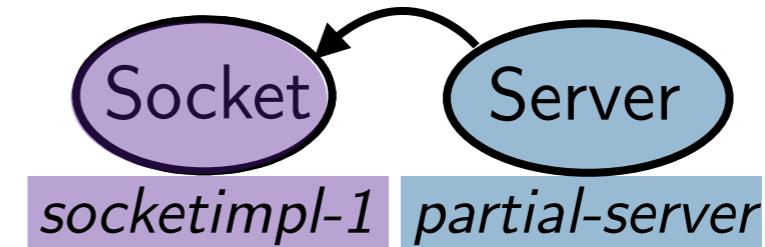


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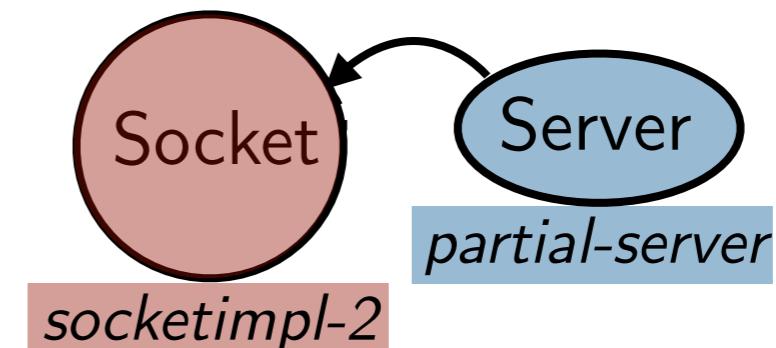


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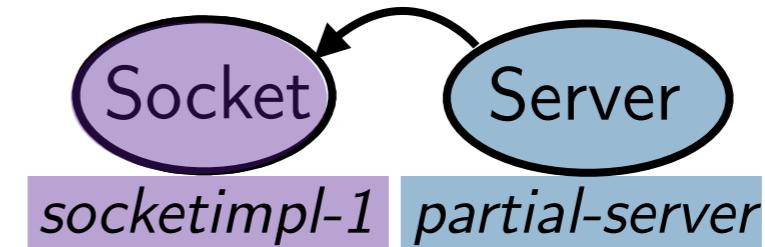
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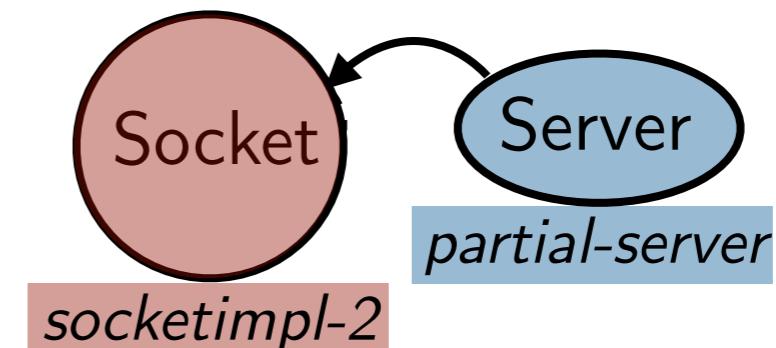
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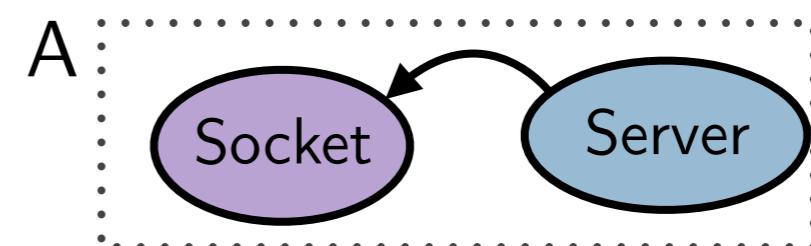
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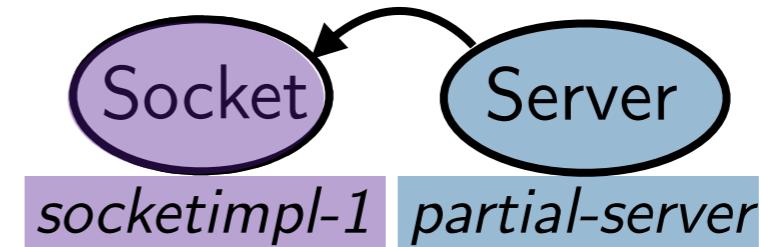


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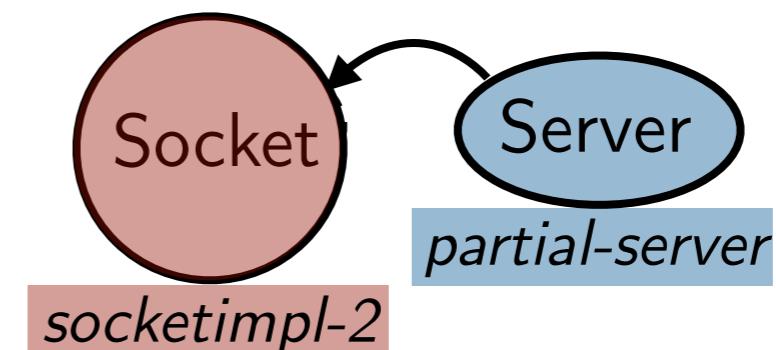


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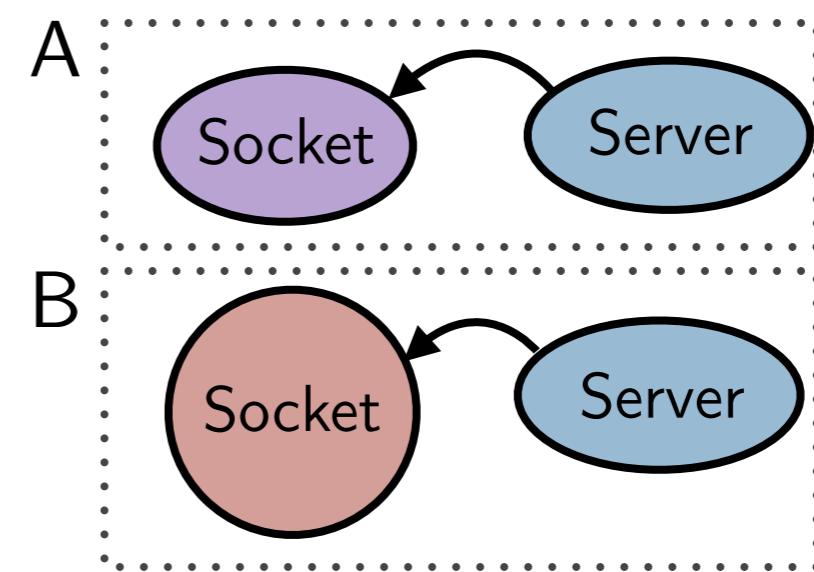
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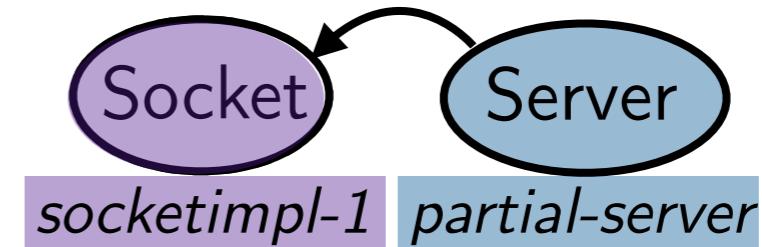


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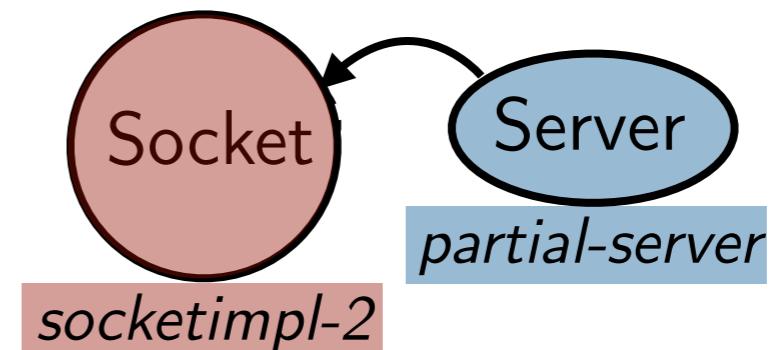


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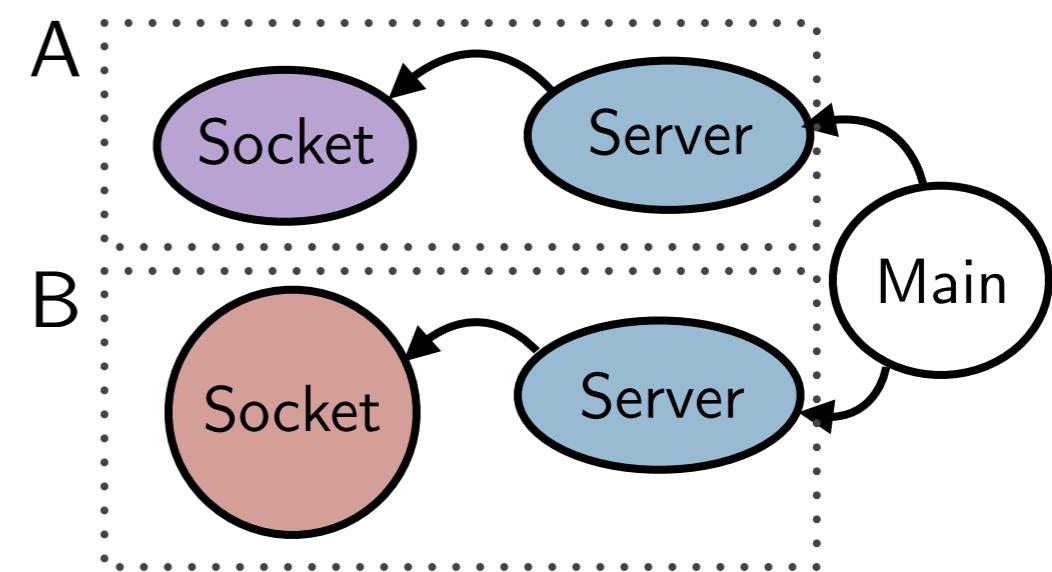
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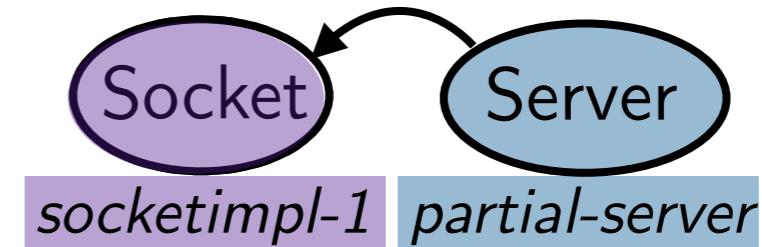


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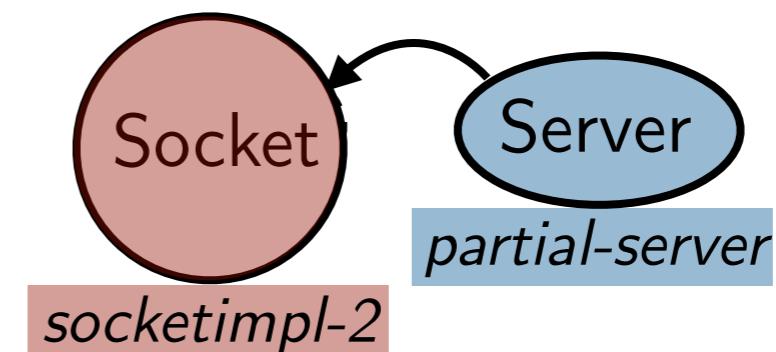


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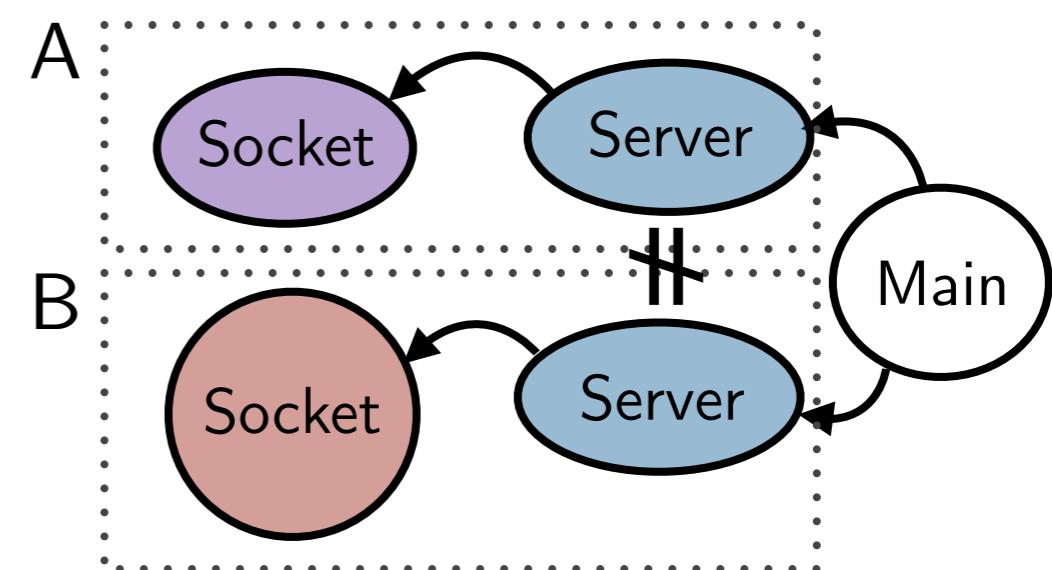
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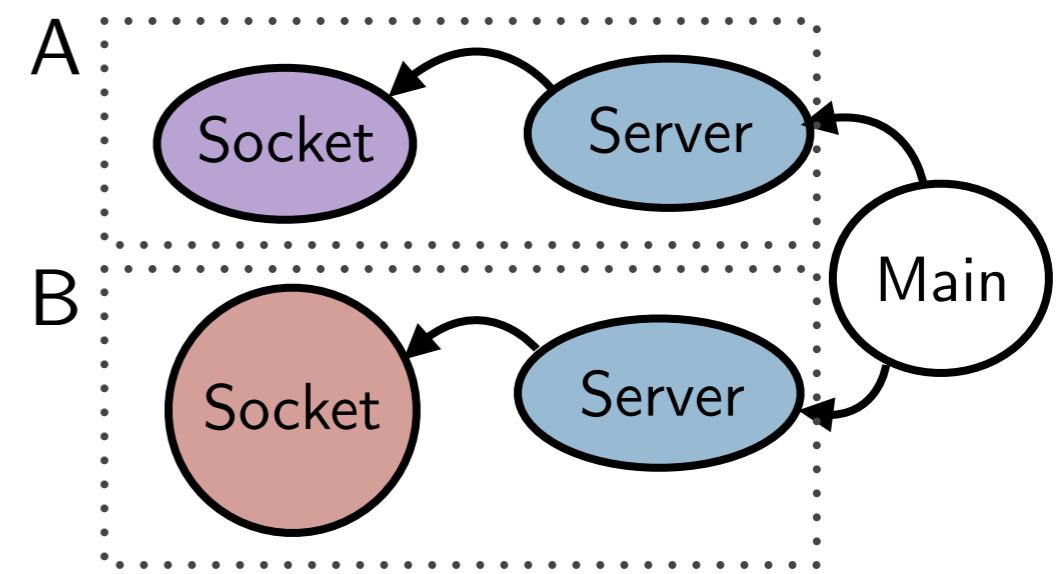


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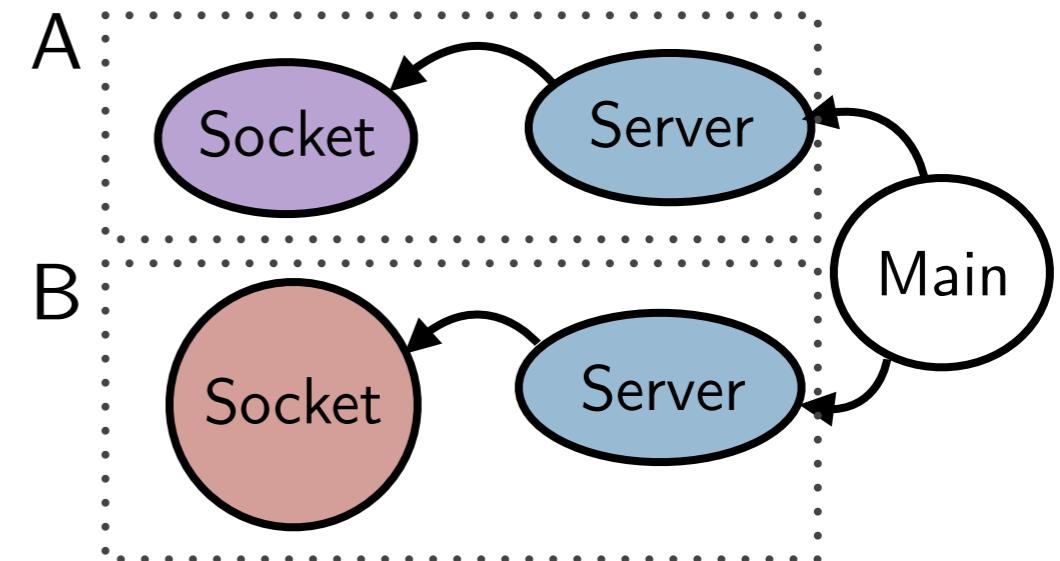
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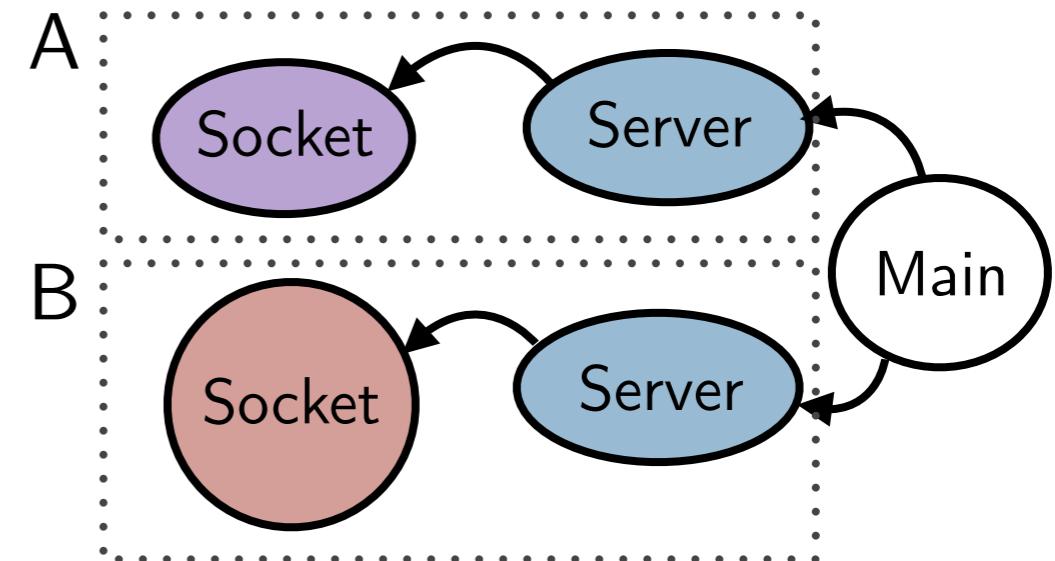
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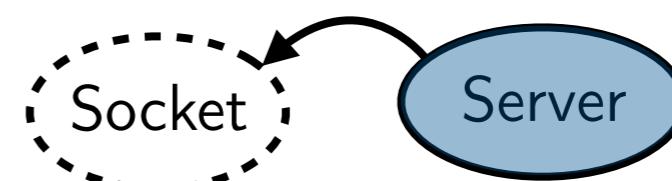
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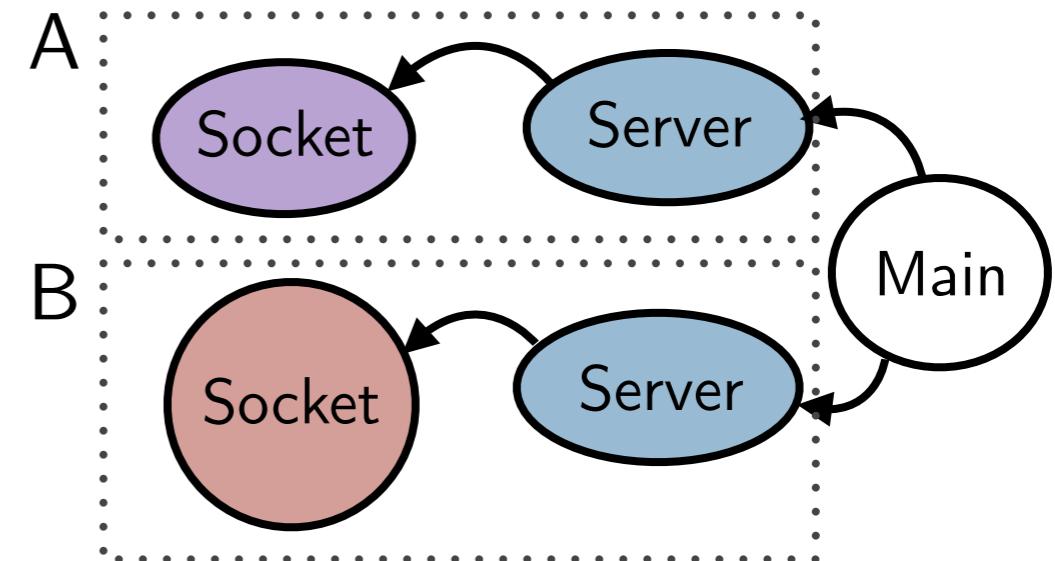


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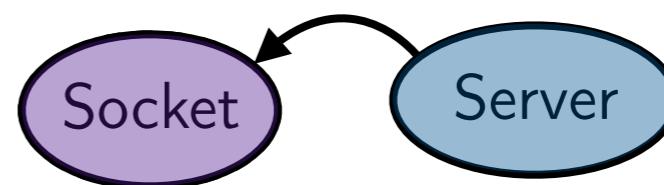


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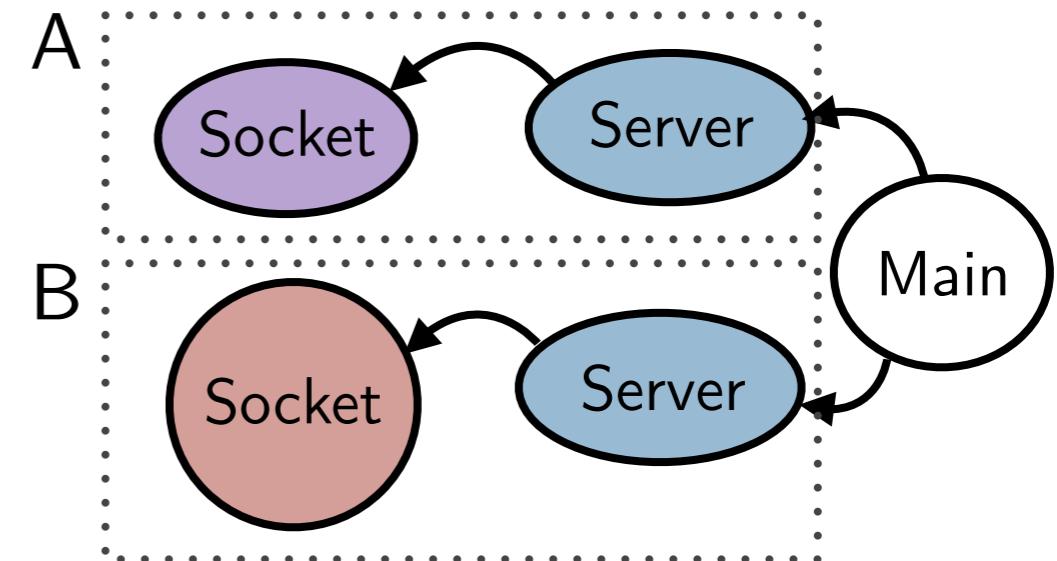


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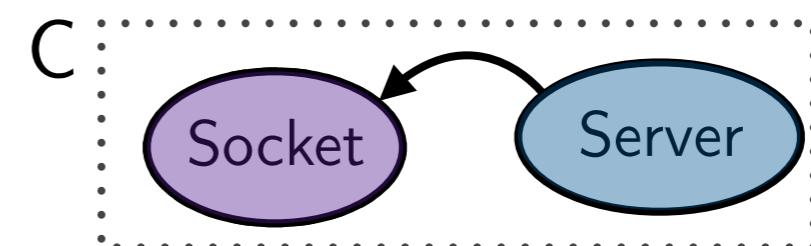


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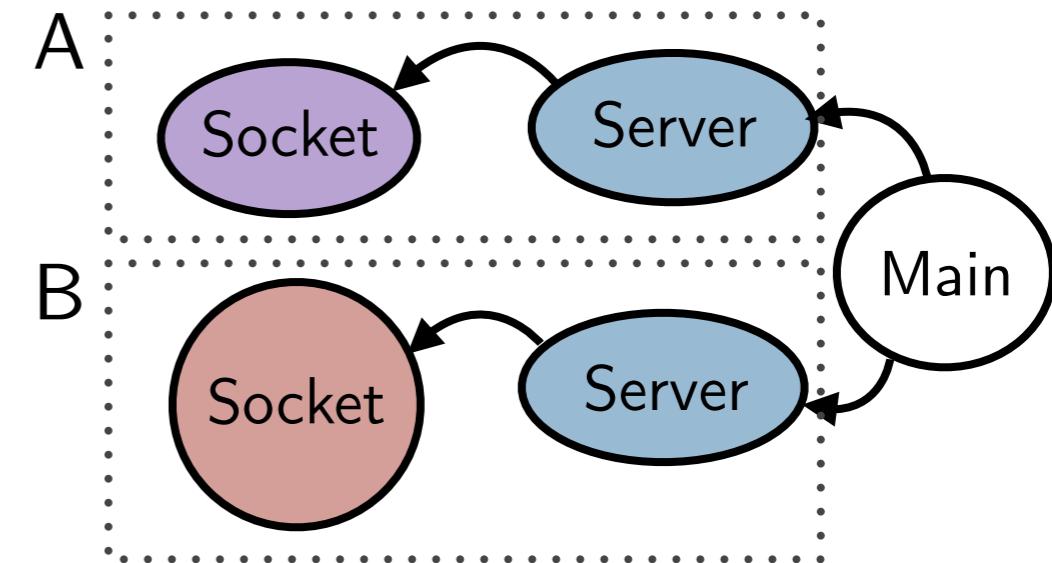


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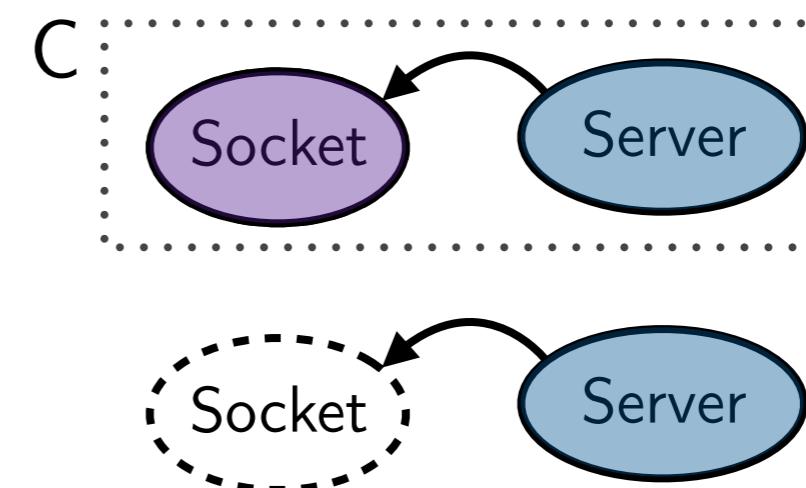


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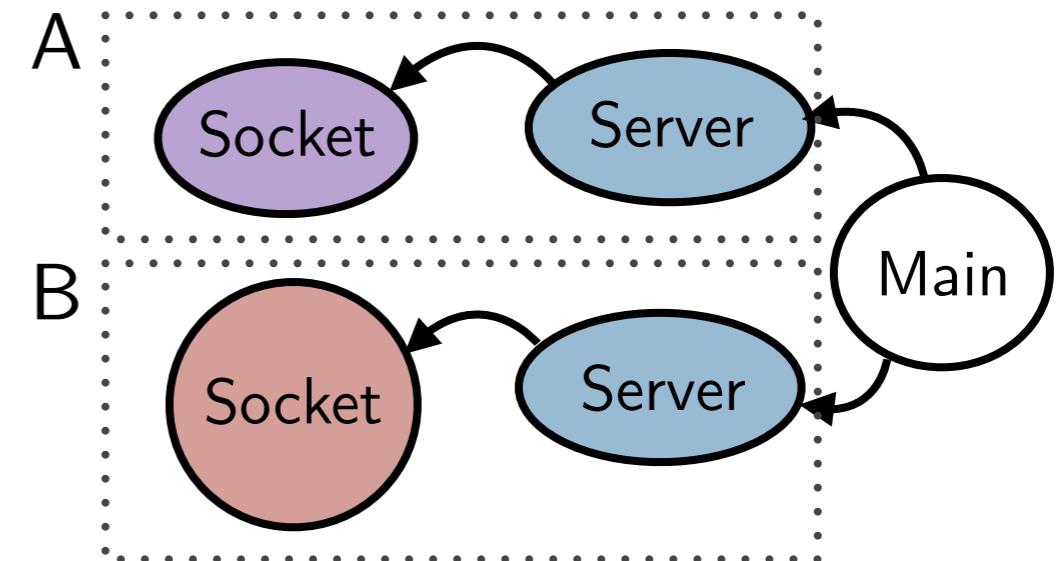


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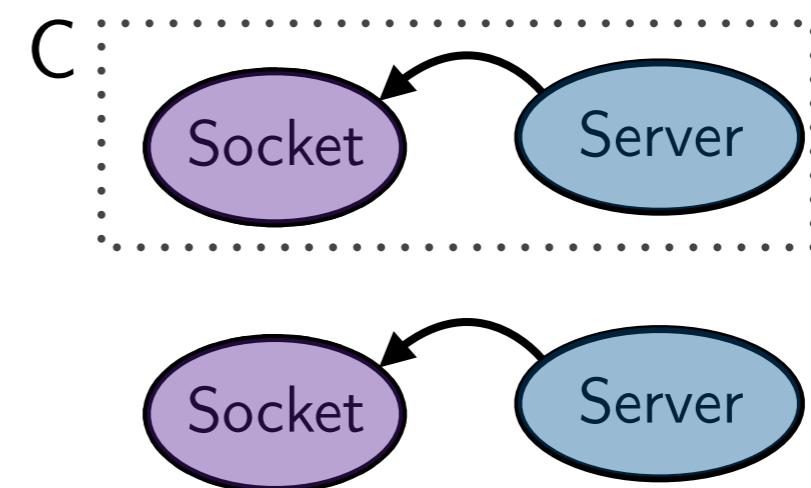


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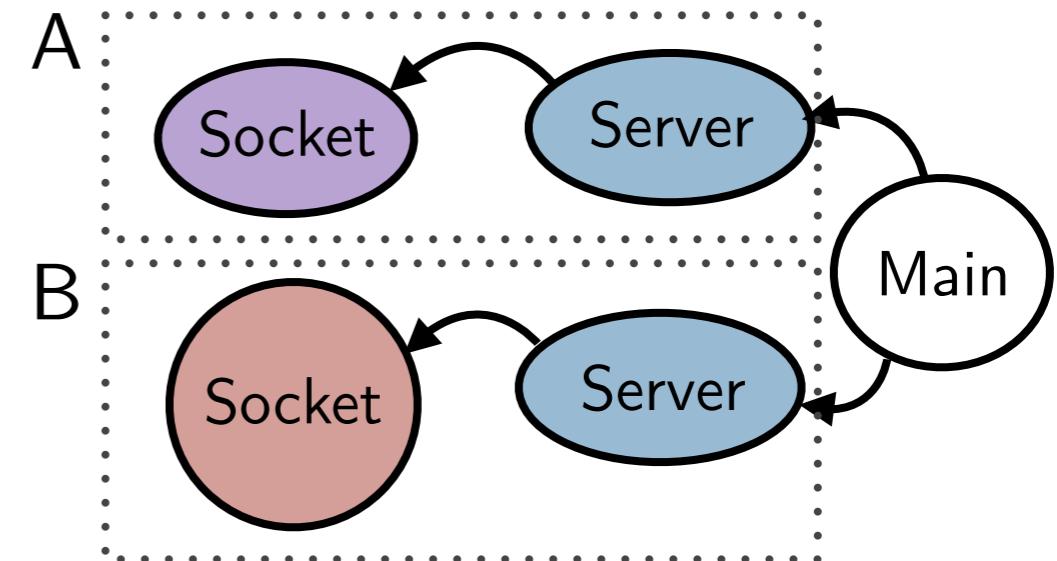


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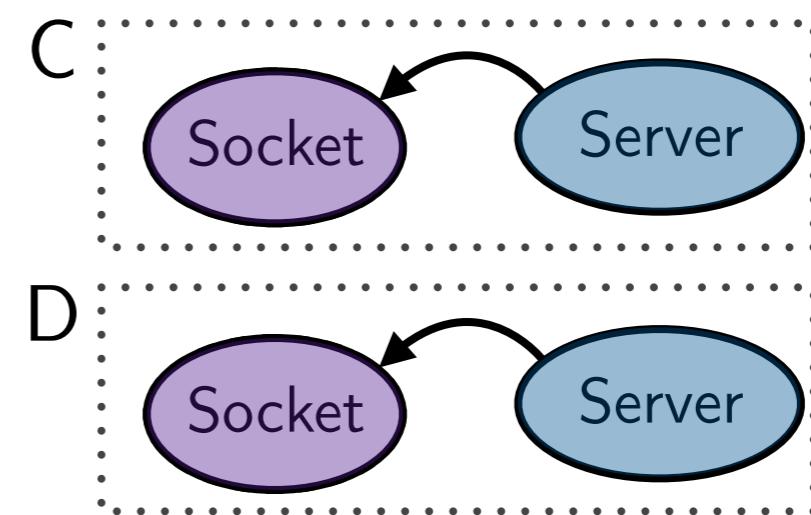


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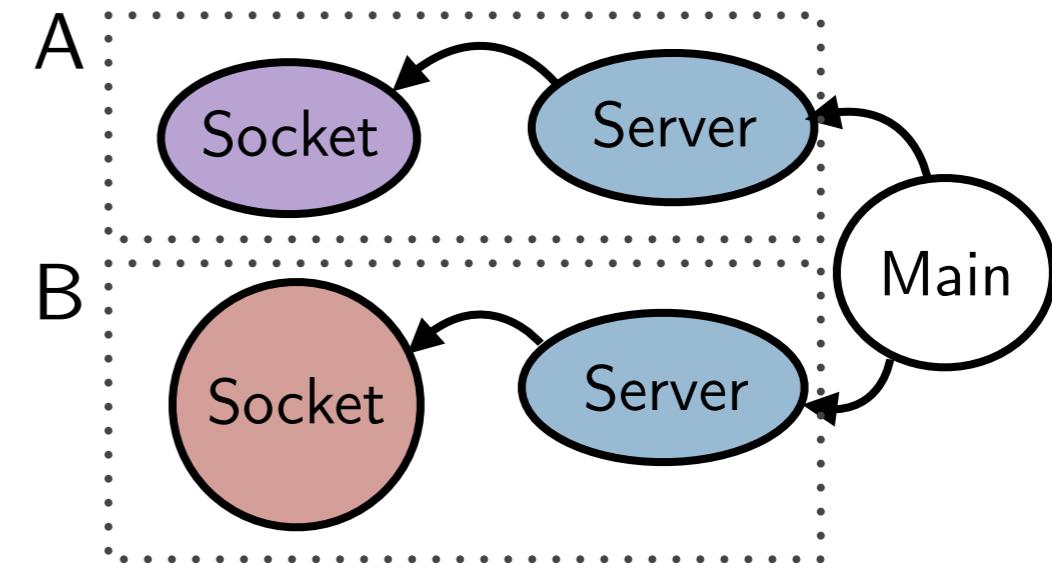


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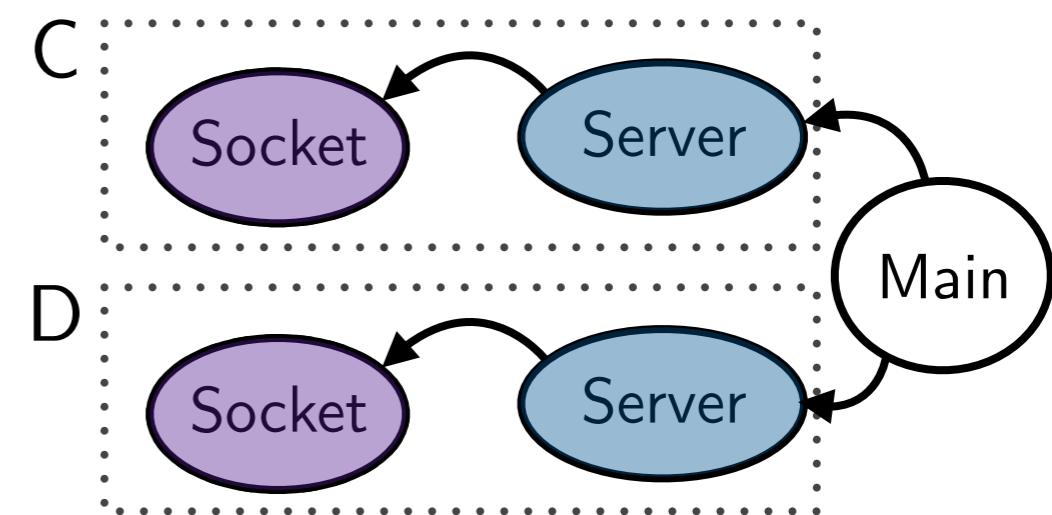


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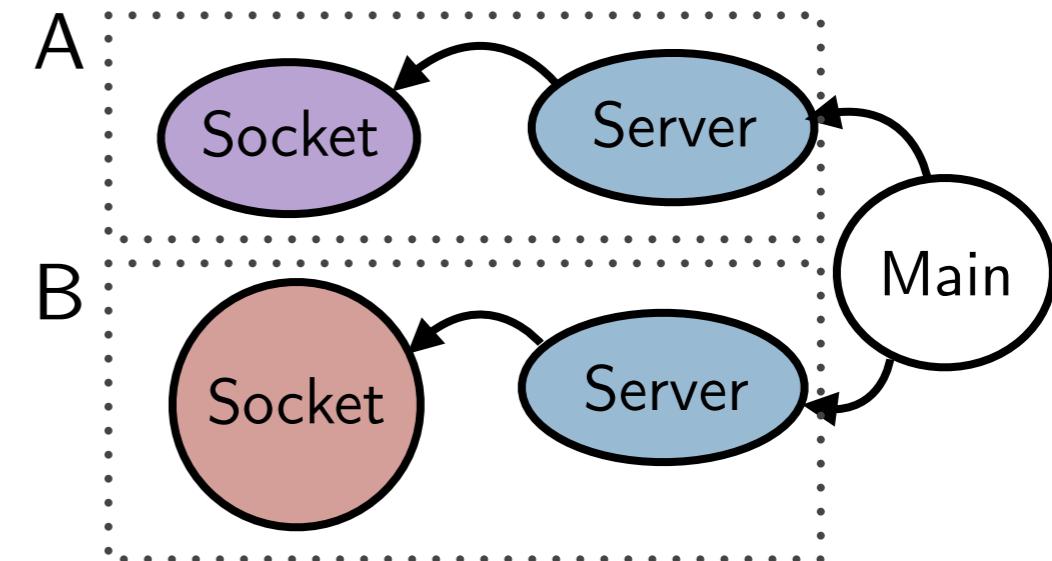


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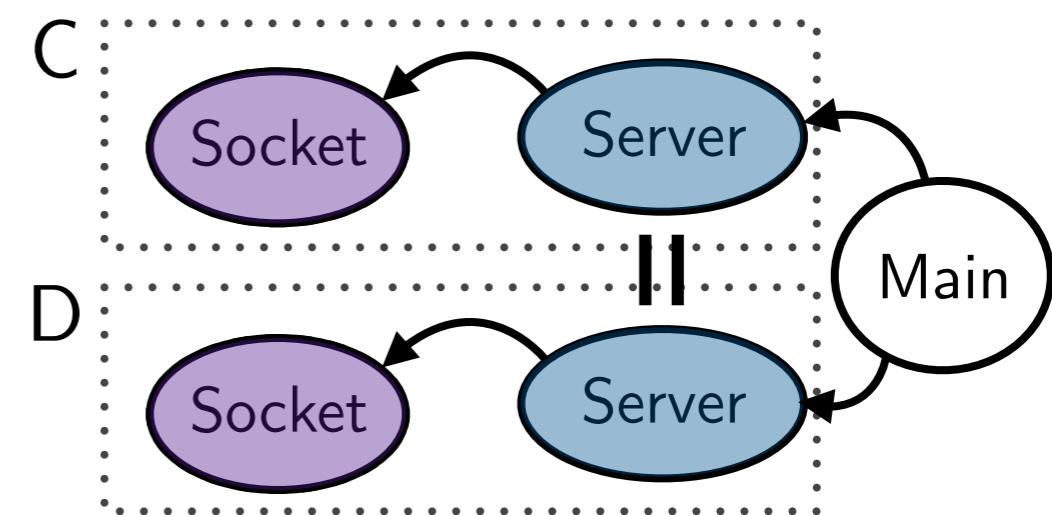


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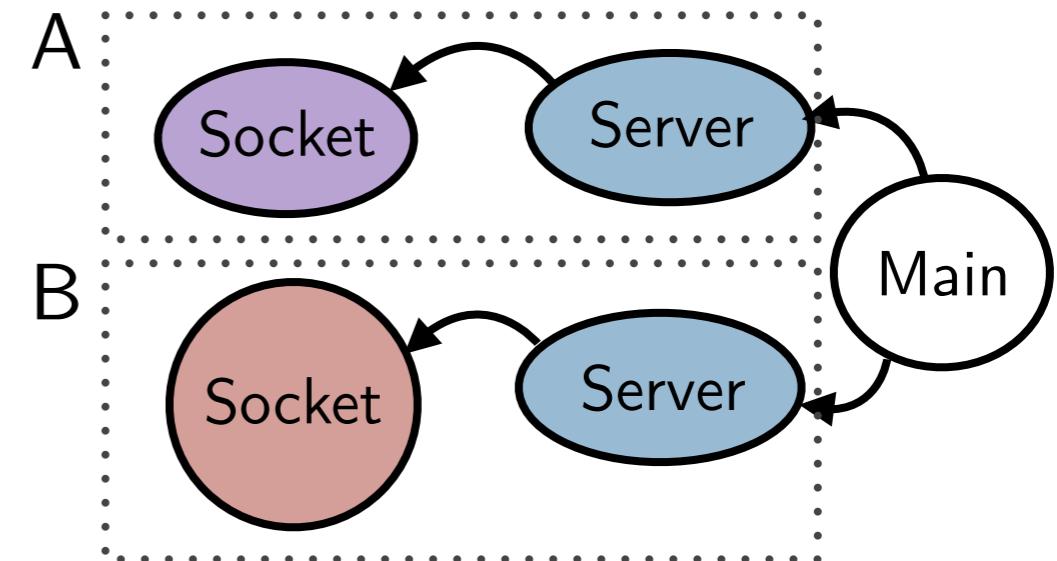


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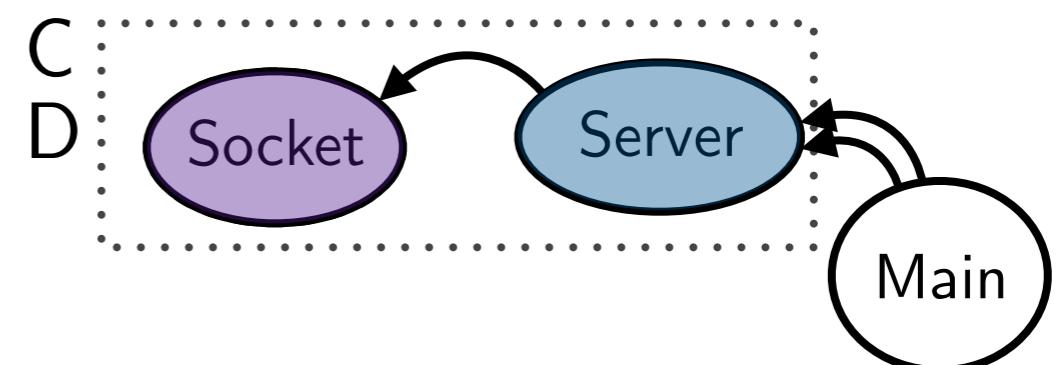


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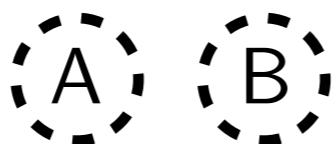
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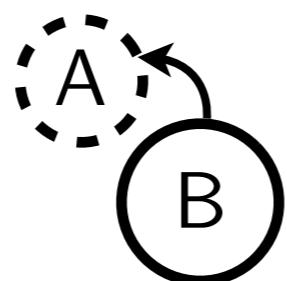
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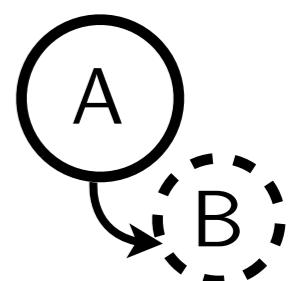
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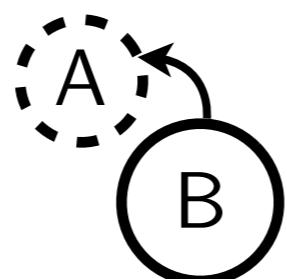
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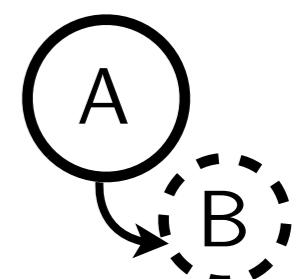
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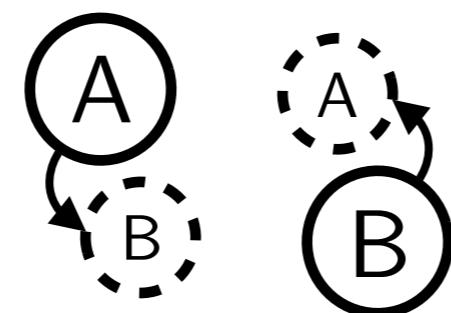
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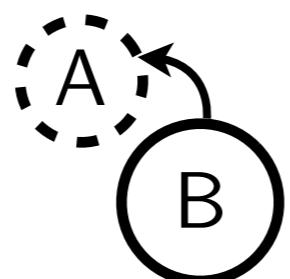
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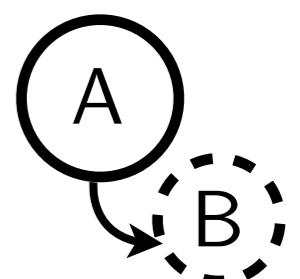
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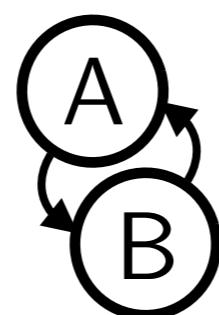
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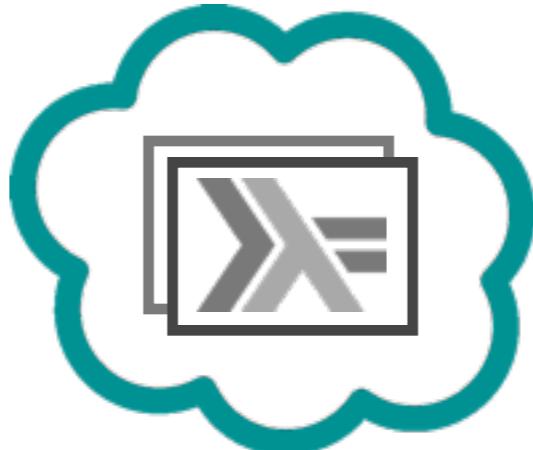
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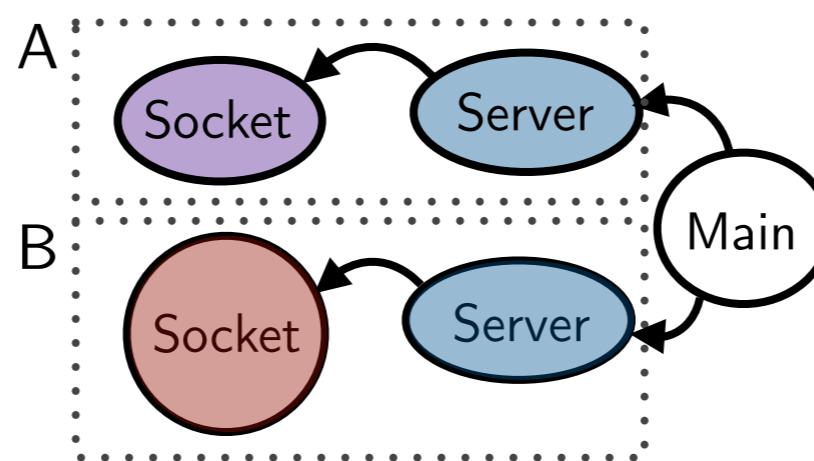
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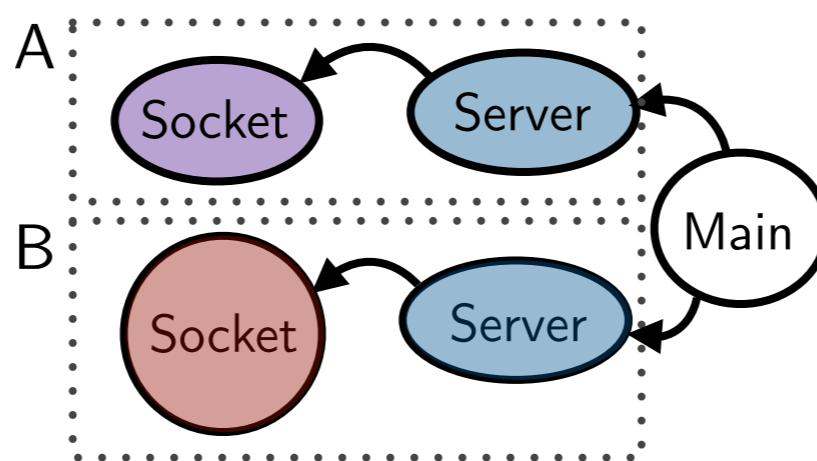
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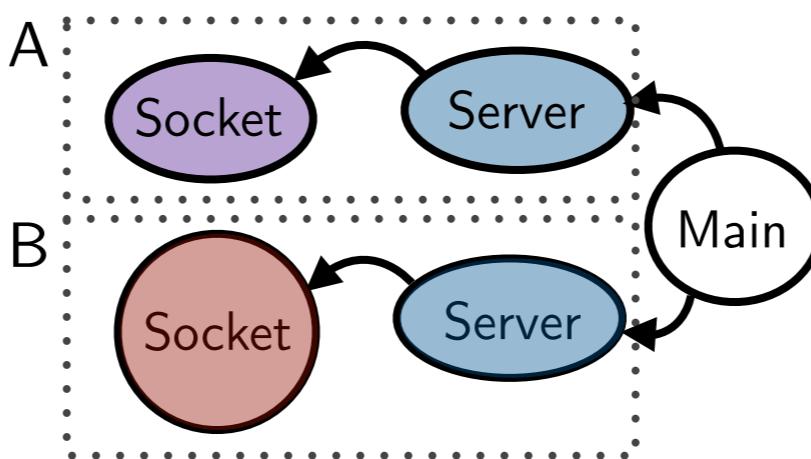
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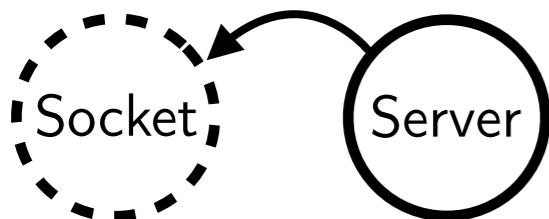
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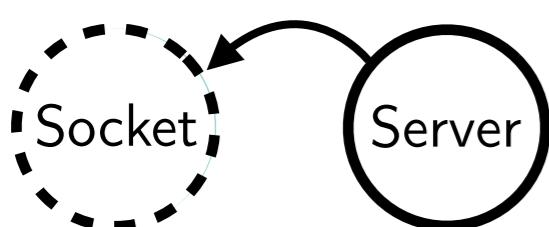
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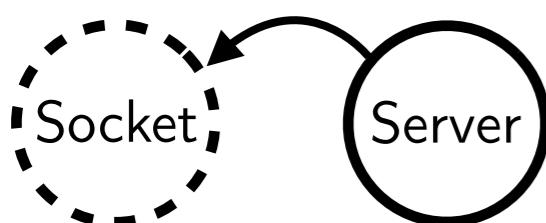
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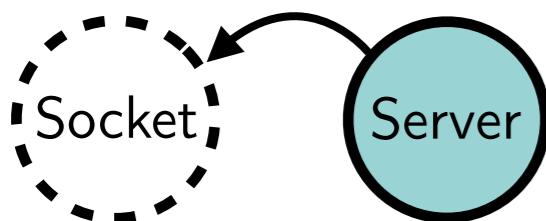
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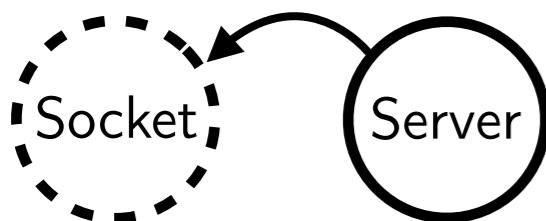
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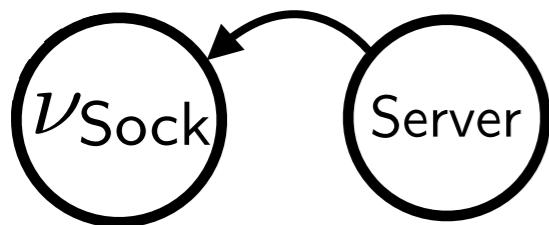
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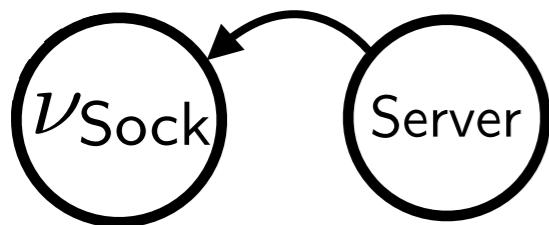
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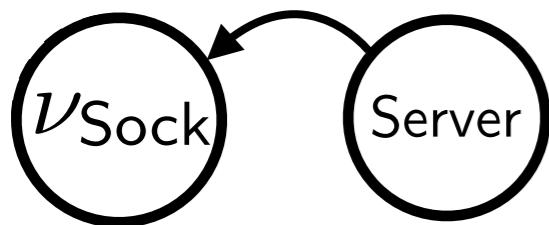
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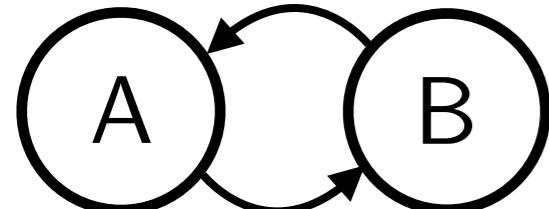
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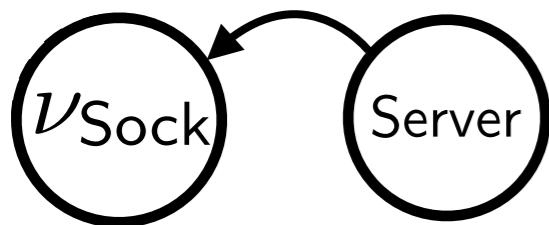
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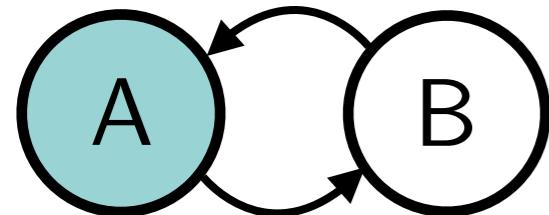
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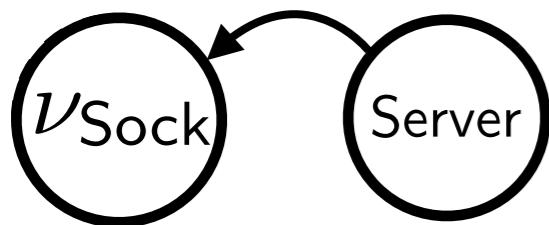
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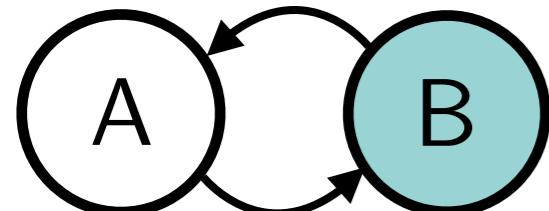
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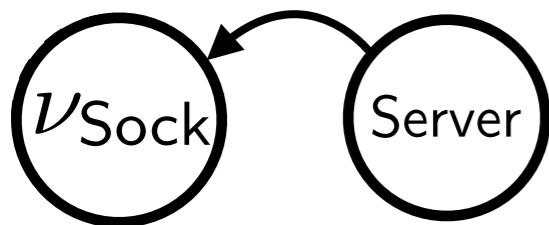
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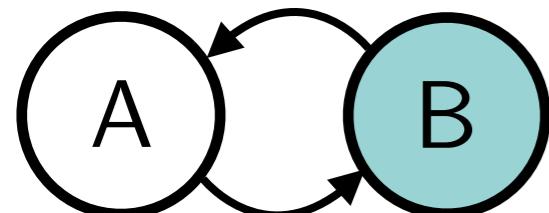
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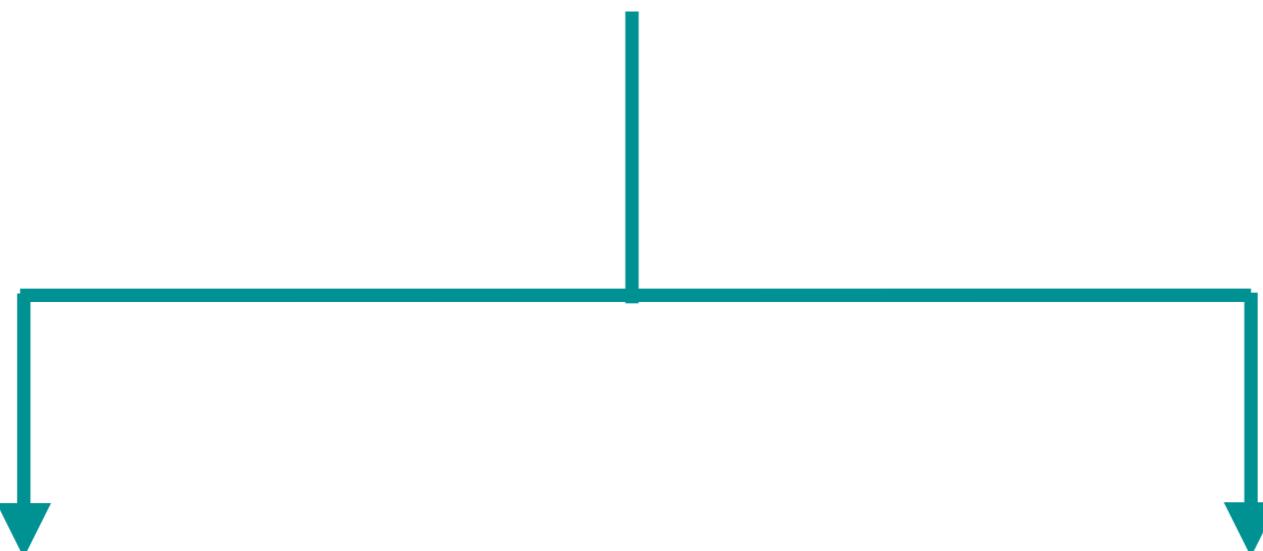
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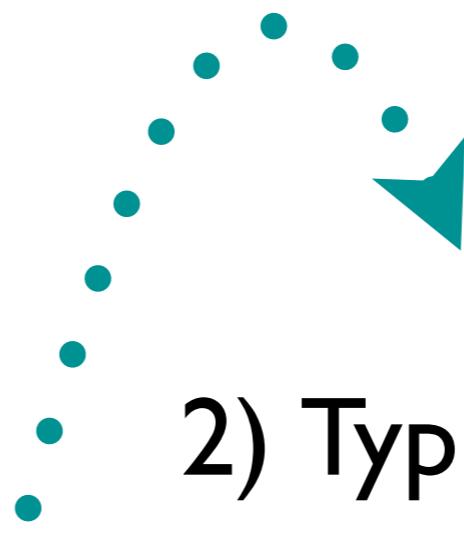
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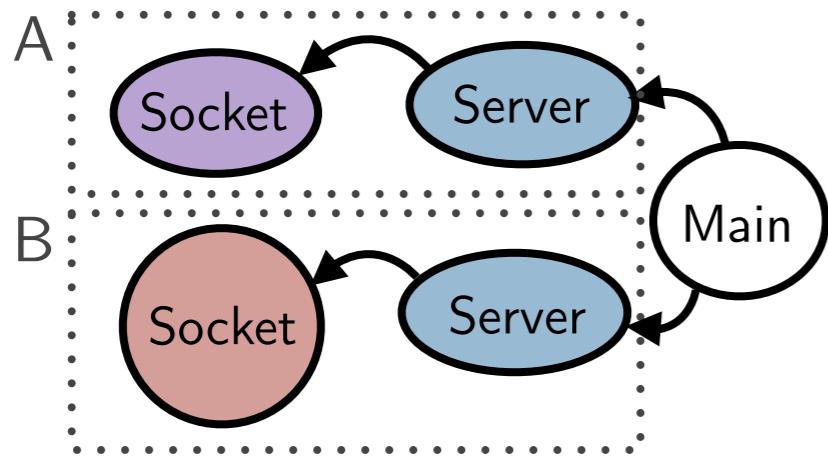
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**MixML**

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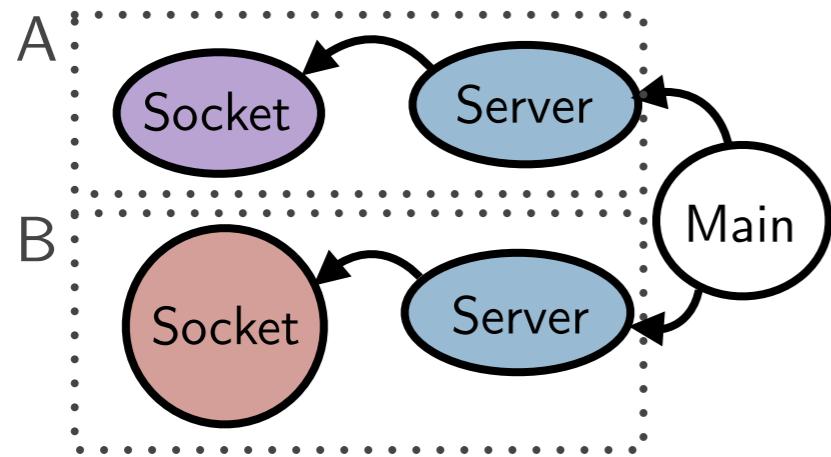
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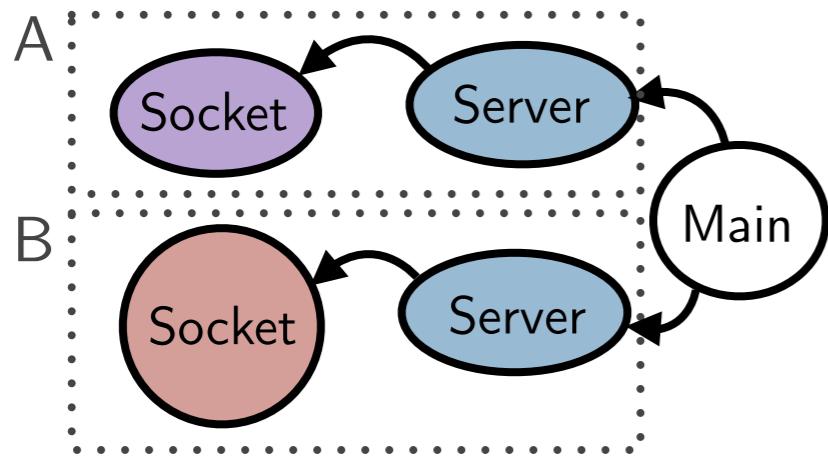
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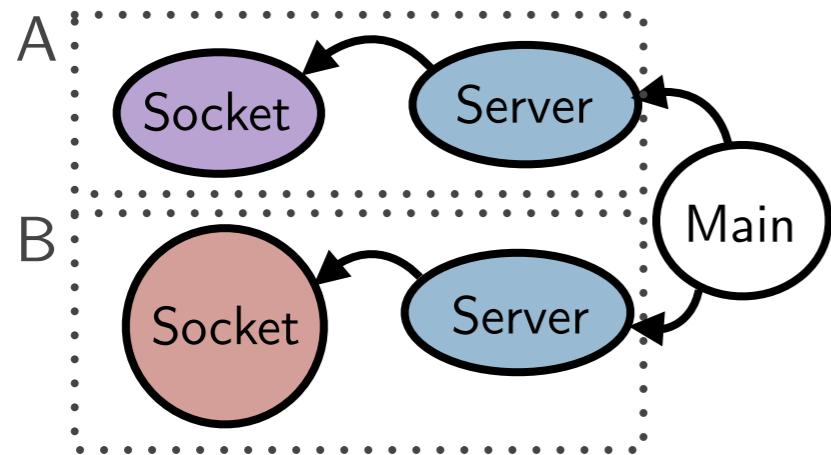
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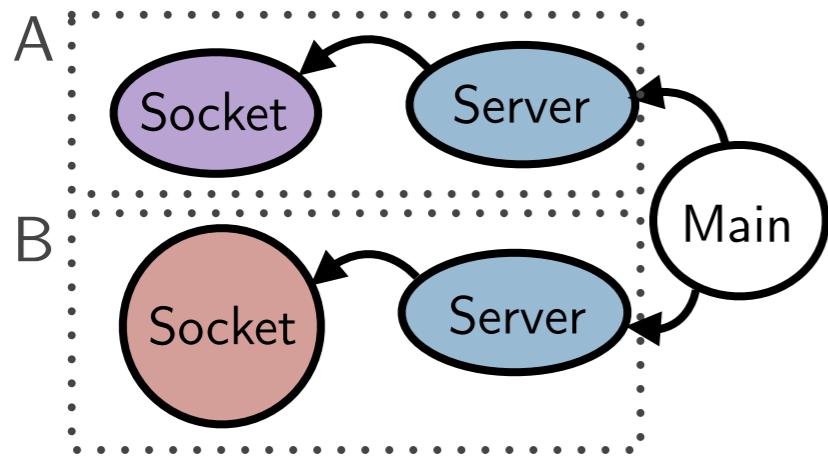
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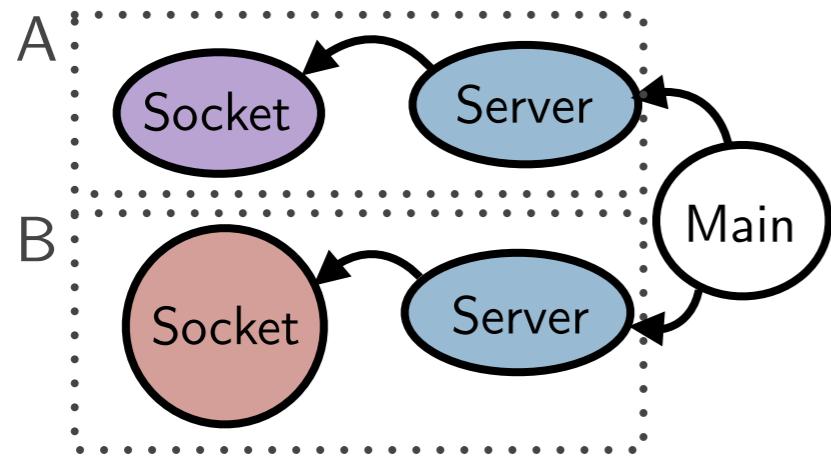
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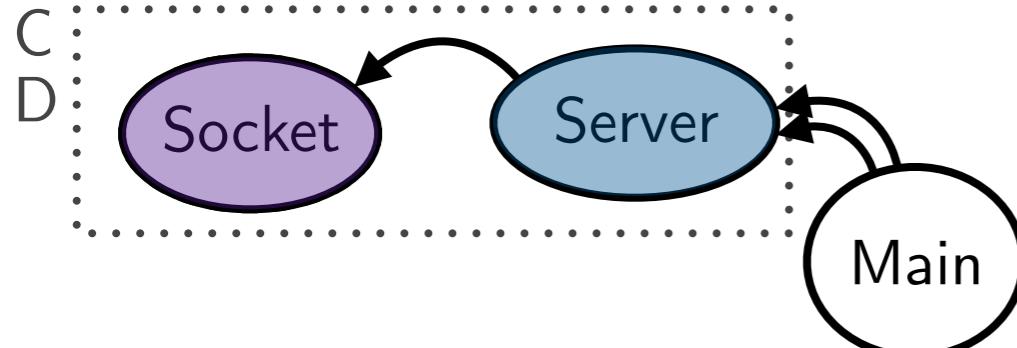
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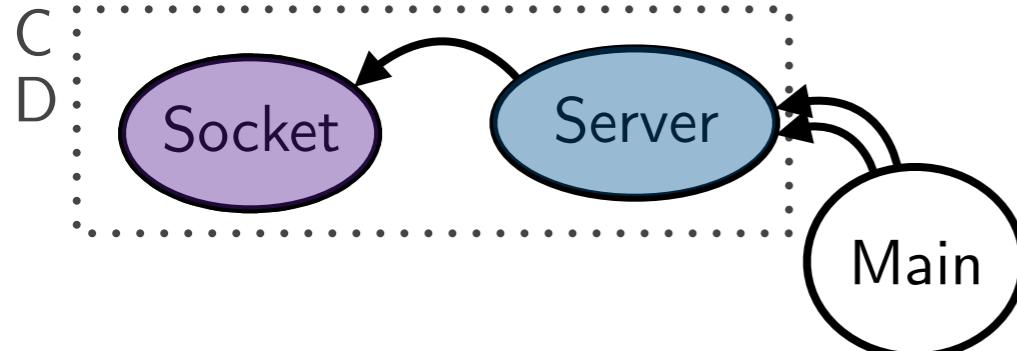
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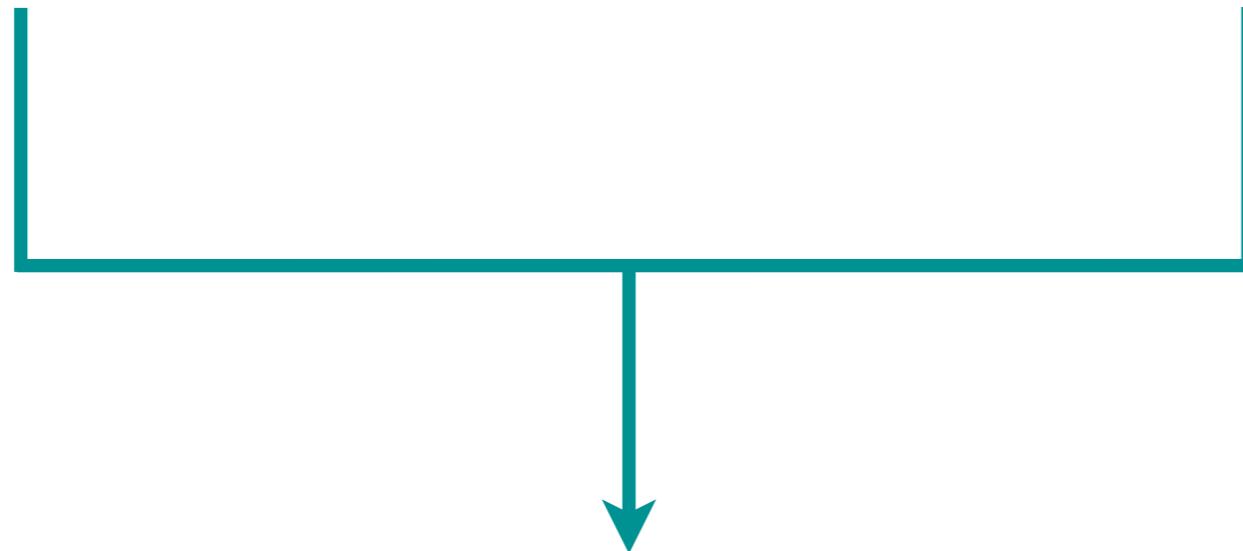
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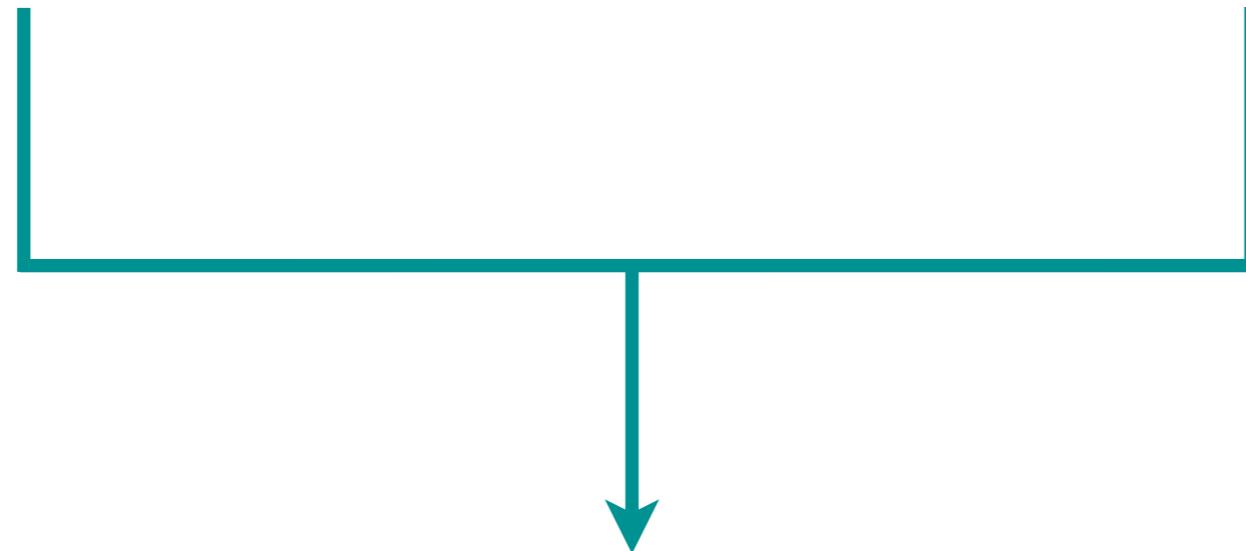
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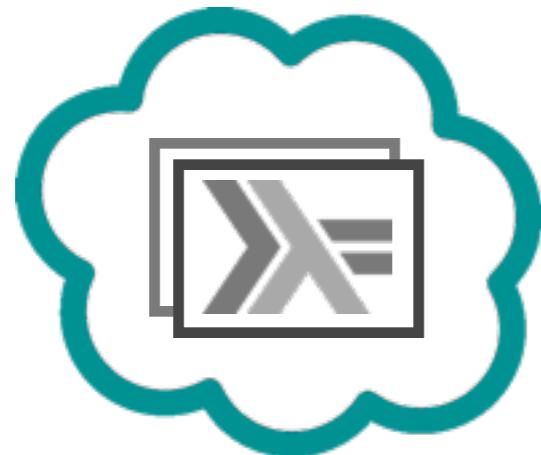
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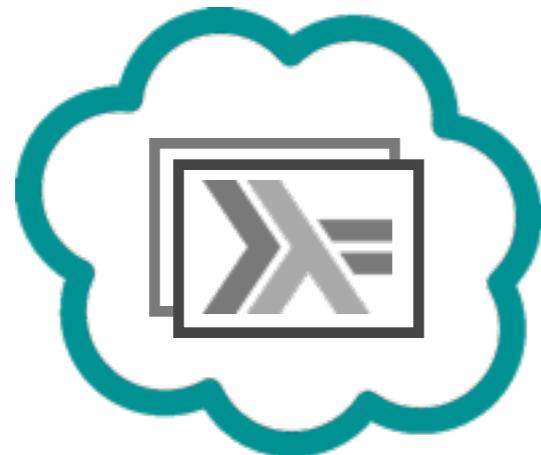
# Contributions



- Retrofits Haskell with strong modularity
  - Designed at *package* level
  - Employs simplified *mixin* design
  - Defined as *elaboration* into weak Haskell modules
  - Separate *typechecking*, not separate compilation
- Generic design could work for other weak langs



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# Bonus Materials

# Proving soundness was hard.

- First had to formally define “plain Haskell modules” and binary interface files
  - But not Haskell typechecking!
- Only formalization\* of Haskell modules with:
  - separately checkable recursive modules
  - conventional metatheory, e.g. *Weakening*, *Substitution*
- Definitions and metatheory are parameterized by axioms for “core” level of terms and types
  - Could generalize to other “weak” langs with Haskell’s module semantics

\* others: [Faxén, JFP ’02] [Diatchki et al., Haskell ’02]

# Type Classes

**package** problematic **where**

A :: [data T; ...]

B :: [data T; ...]

C =   
 [ import qualified A  
 import qualified B  
 instance Eq A.T where  
 eq t1 t2 = True  
 instance Eq B.T where  
 eq t1 t2 = False ]

- Which instances from A and B impls does C see?
  - Elab. of C must specify imported instances
- Package type presumes A.T distinct from B.T
  - Can't use same impl for A and for B

# Implementation Check

```
package containers-sig-1.x where
  include prelude-sig-4.x
  Data.Set :: [import Prelude; ...]
```

```
package containers-impl-1.5 where
  include prelude-sig-4.x
  HiddenImpl = [...]
  Data.Set    = [import Prelude
               import HiddenImpl
               ...]
  implements containers-sig-1.x
```

- Author wants to check that she **implements** sig
- But **not all holes** in sig are implemented in impl
- How exactly to define **implements** then?

# Conditionals

```
package mylib where
```

```
  Foo = [ #ifdef __GHC__  
          import GhcStuff  
          ...ghc-specific impl...  
        #else  
          ...default impl...  
        #endif ]
```

*wrong!*  
**#if in program  
is not typeable  
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*right!*  
**conditional at  
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