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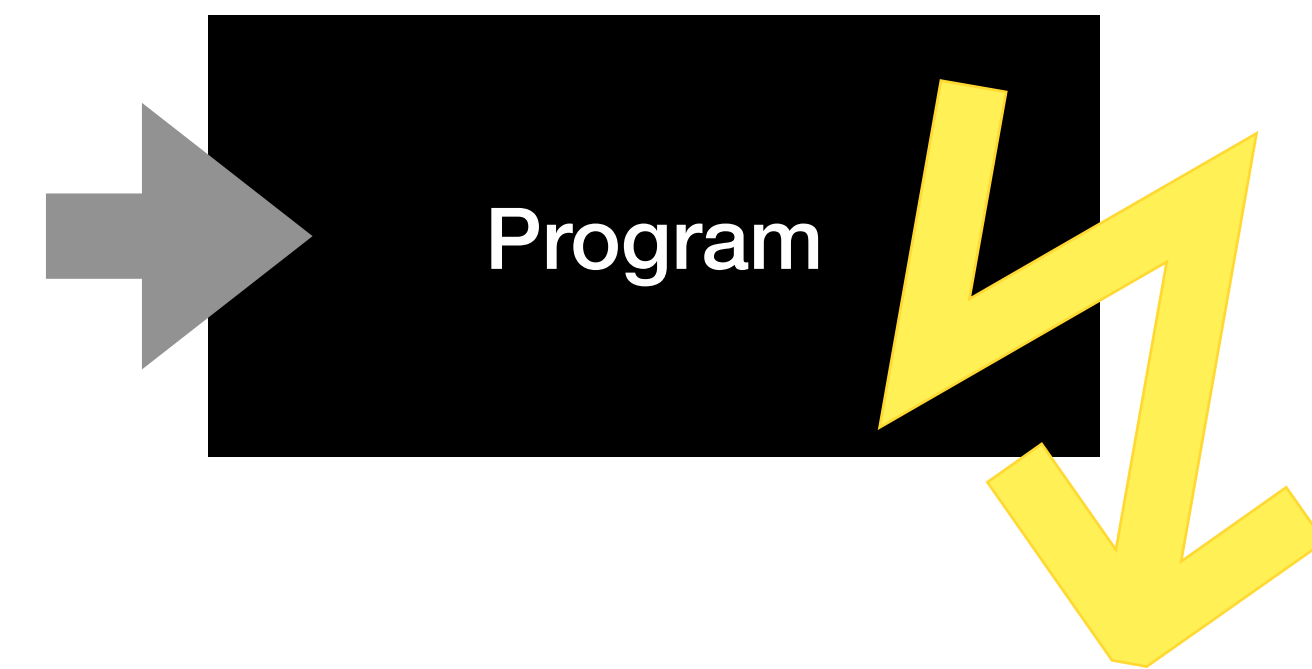
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Fuzzing

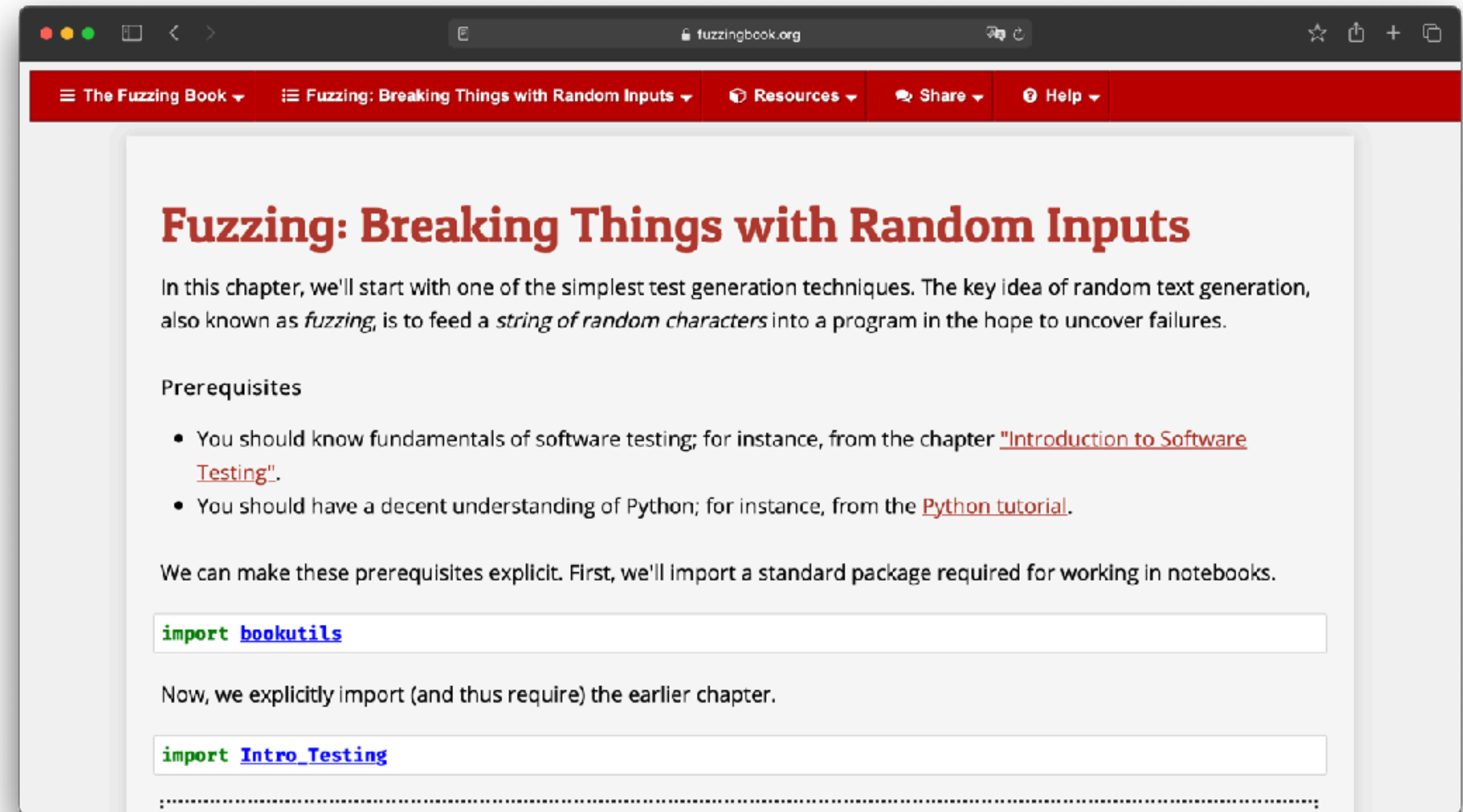
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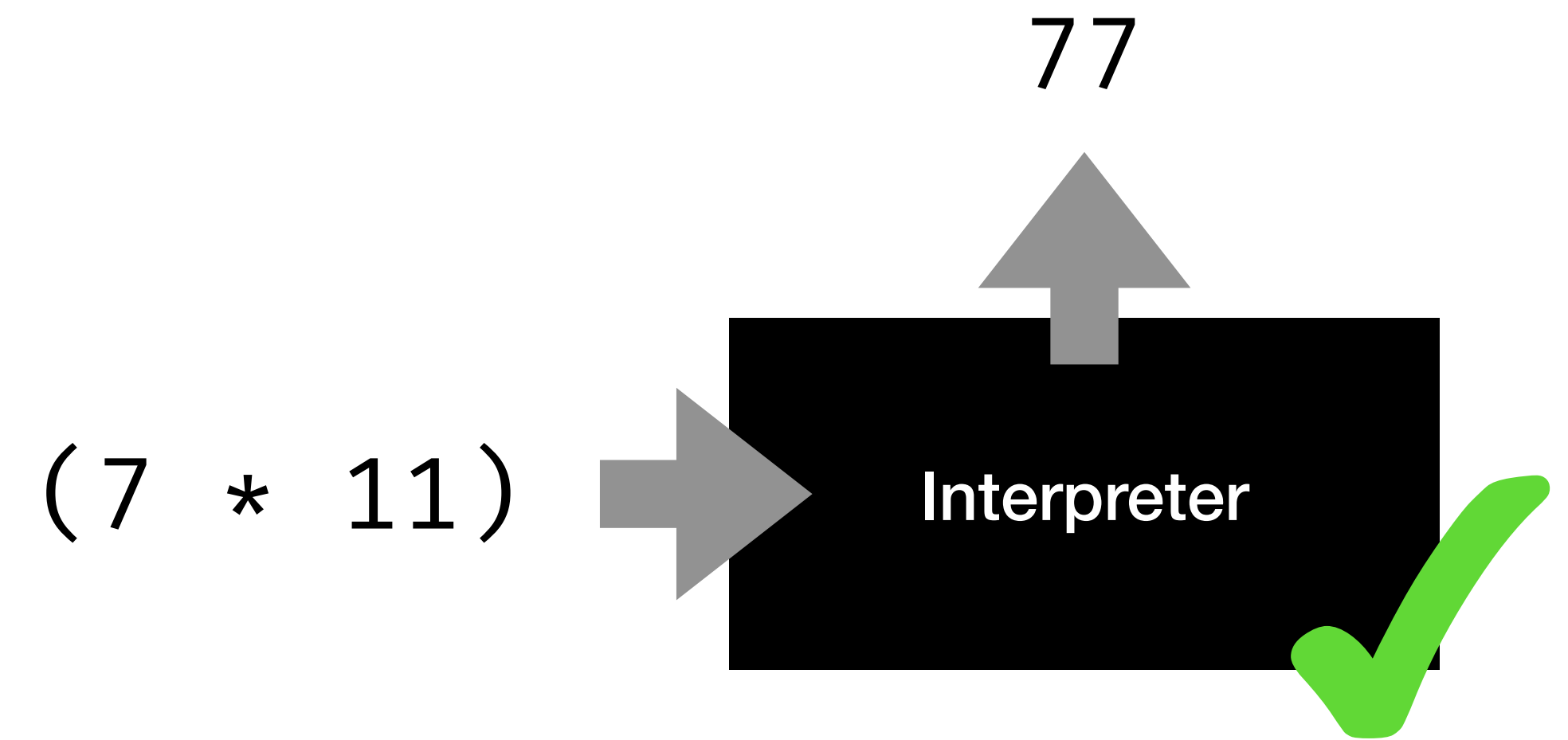
Modern Fuzzers

fuzzingbook.org

- Mutate given **input seeds**
- Are guided by **coverage**
- Solve **path constraints**
- Can be applied **out of the box**
- Find **bugs** and **vulnerabilities**



A Language Processor



Most Inputs are Invalid

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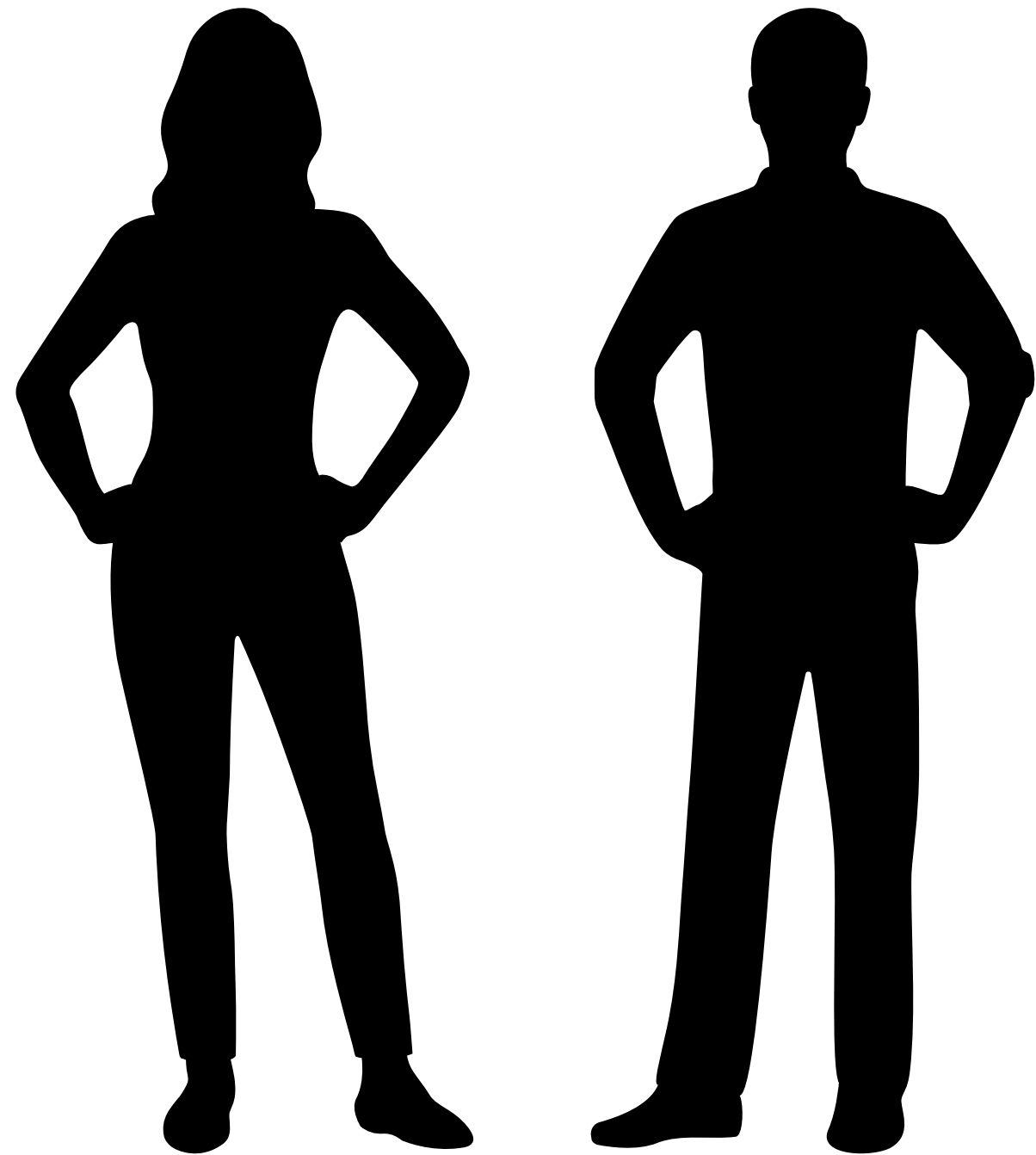
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*How can we teach the fuzzer
what an expression looks like?*

Taming Fuzzers: Adapt Fuzzing to *Your* Needs



You know

- about the **domain**
- about the **program**
- about its **input**
- about **what needs to be tested**

**How do you get
this into a fuzzer?**

Grammars

Specify a **language** (= a set of inputs)

Expansion **rule**

Nonterminal symbol

$\langle \text{start} \rangle ::= \langle \text{expr} \rangle$

$\langle \text{expr} \rangle ::= \langle \text{term} \rangle + \langle \text{expr} \rangle \mid \langle \text{term} \rangle - \langle \text{expr} \rangle \mid \langle \text{term} \rangle$

$\langle \text{term} \rangle ::= \langle \text{term} \rangle * \langle \text{factor} \rangle \mid \langle \text{term} \rangle / \langle \text{factor} \rangle \mid \langle \text{factor} \rangle$

$\langle \text{factor} \rangle ::= + \langle \text{factor} \rangle \mid - \langle \text{factor} \rangle \mid (\langle \text{expr} \rangle) \mid \langle \text{int} \rangle \mid \langle \text{int} \rangle . \langle \text{int} \rangle$

$\langle \text{int} \rangle ::= \langle \text{digit} \rangle \langle \text{int} \rangle \mid \langle \text{digit} \rangle$

$\langle \text{digit} \rangle ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid 5 \mid 6 \mid 7 \mid 8 \mid 9$

Terminal symbol

Grammars as Producers

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8. $\langle \text{digit} \rangle - \langle \text{expr} \rangle$

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8.2 - <expr>

Grammars as Producers

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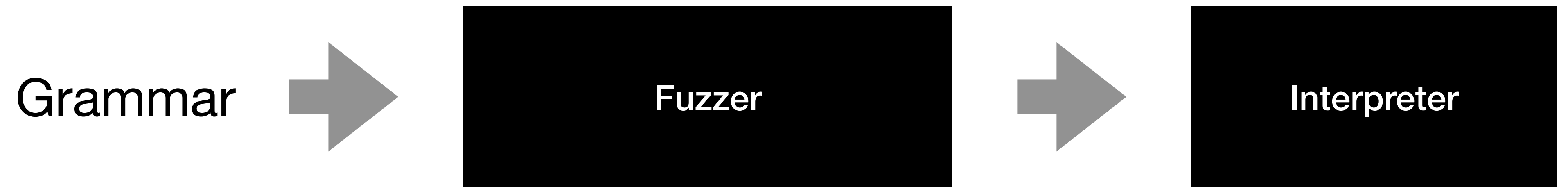
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Fuzzing with Grammars

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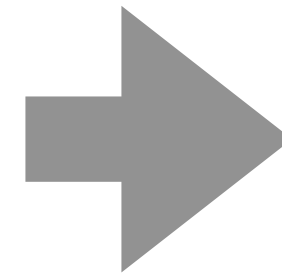


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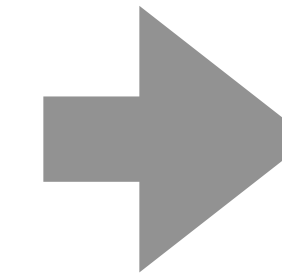


Fuzzing with Grammars

JavaScript Grammar



LangFuzz
Fuzzer



Fuzzing with Grammars

JavaScript Grammar

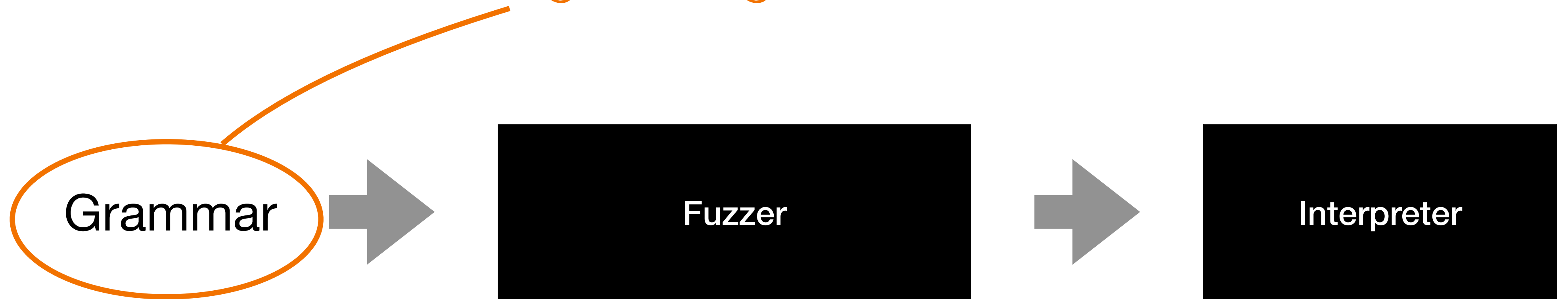


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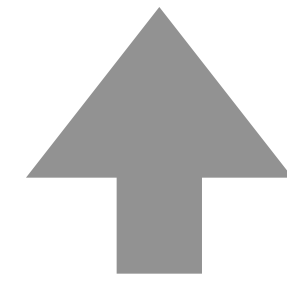
Fuzzing with Grammars

Where do we get the grammar from?



Alternative #1: Mining Grammars

```
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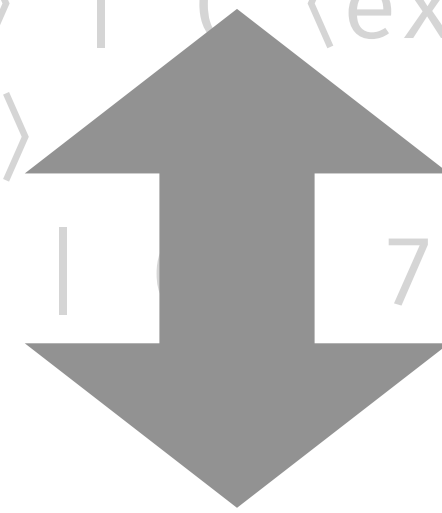


```
void parse_expr() {
    parse_term();
    if (lookahead() == '+') { consume(); parse_expr(); }
    if (lookahead() == '-') { consume(); parse_expr(); }
}

void parse_term() { ... }
void parse_factor() { ... }
void parse_int() { ... }
void parse_digit() { ... }
```

Rules and Locations

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Consumption

*The character is last accessed
(consumed) in this method*

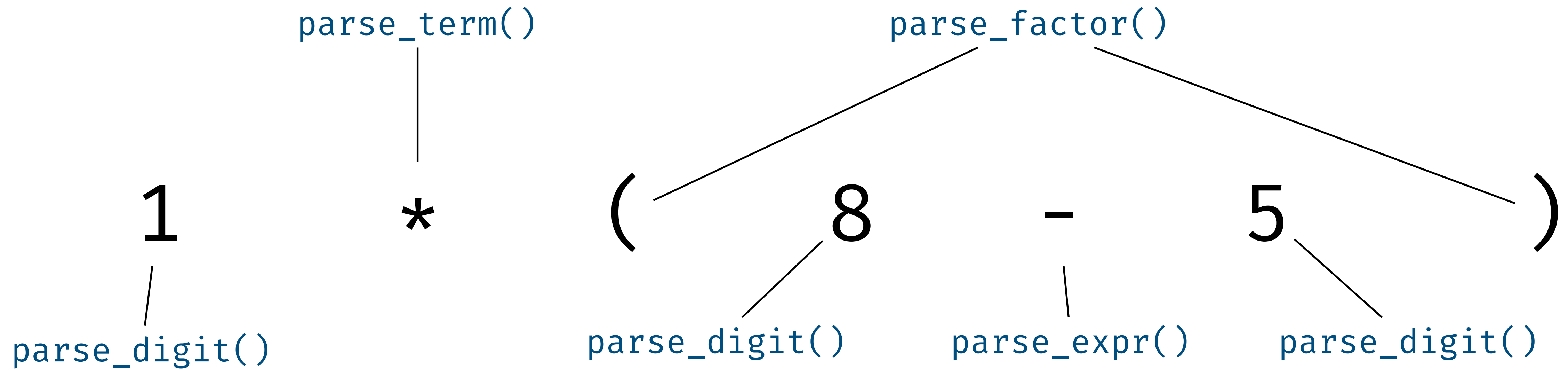
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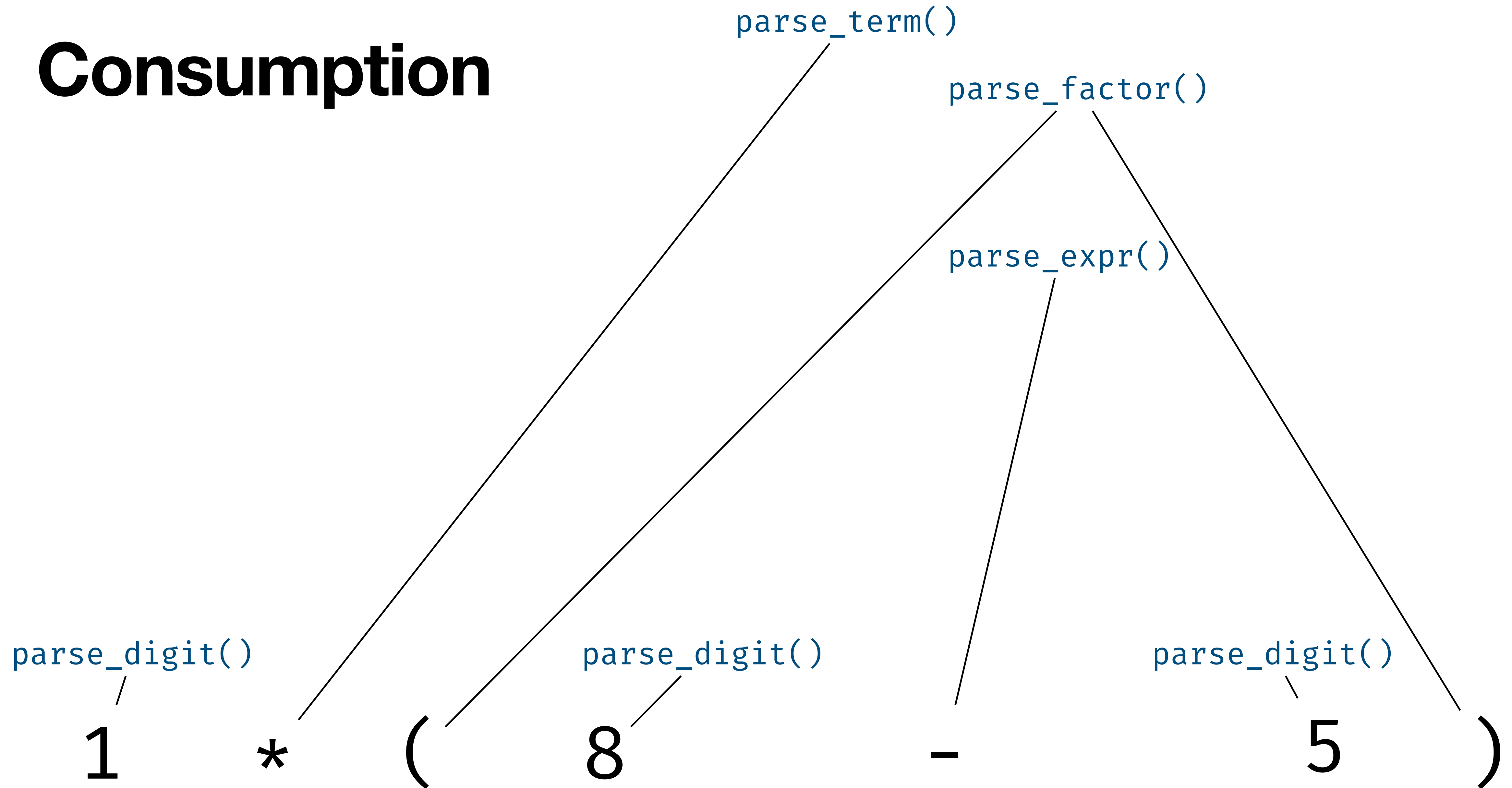
For each input character, we dynamically track where it is consumed

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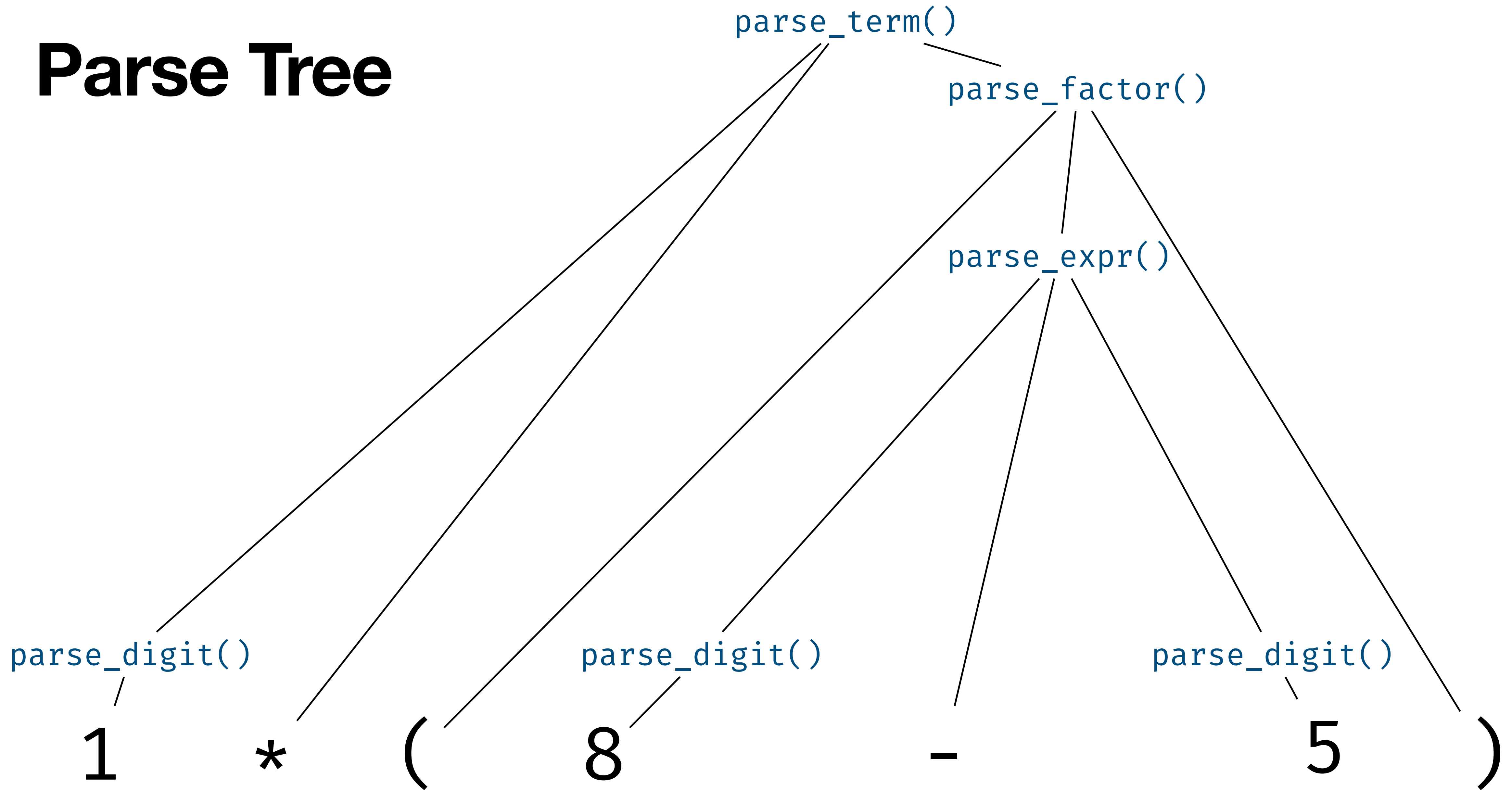
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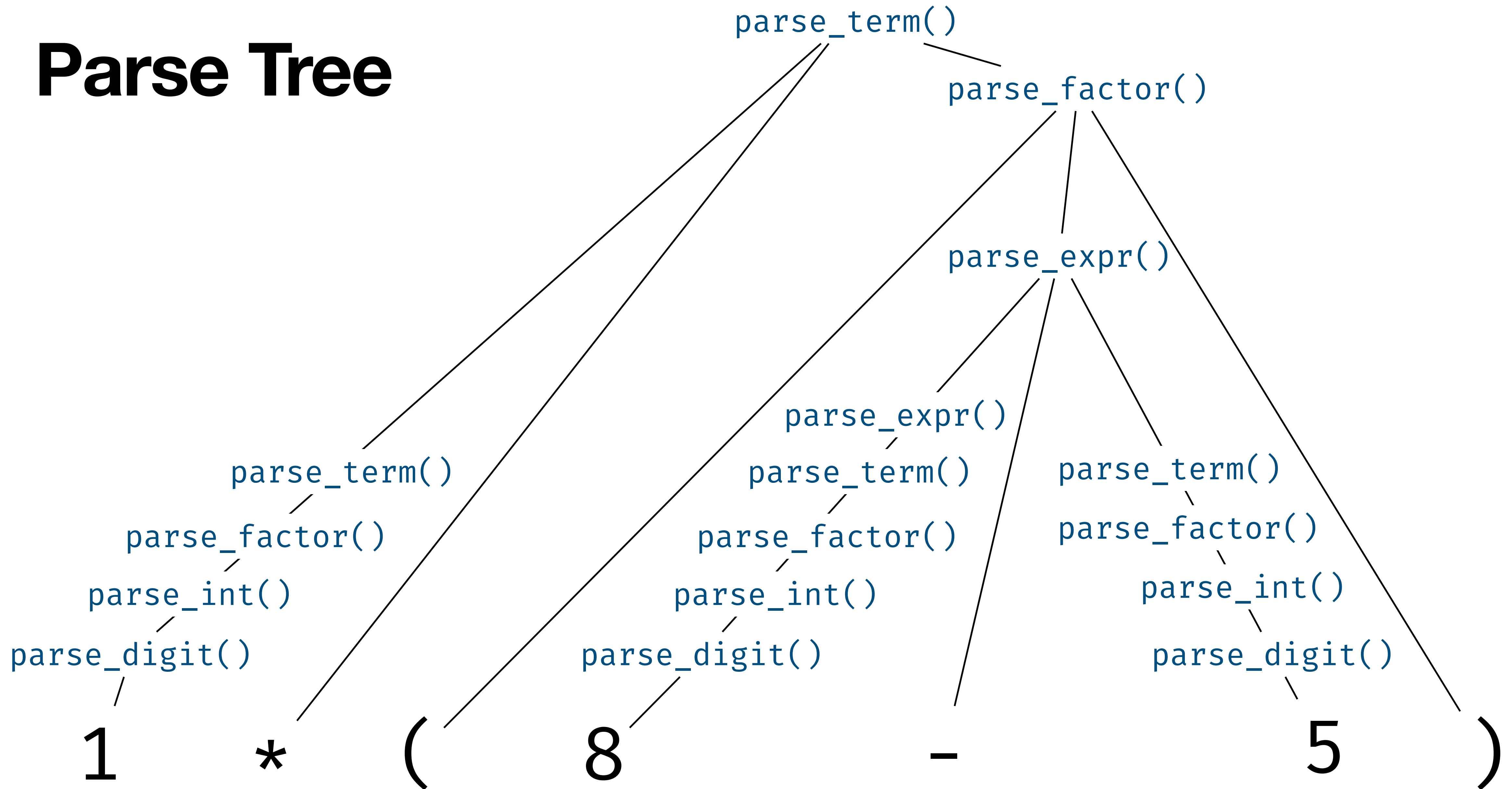
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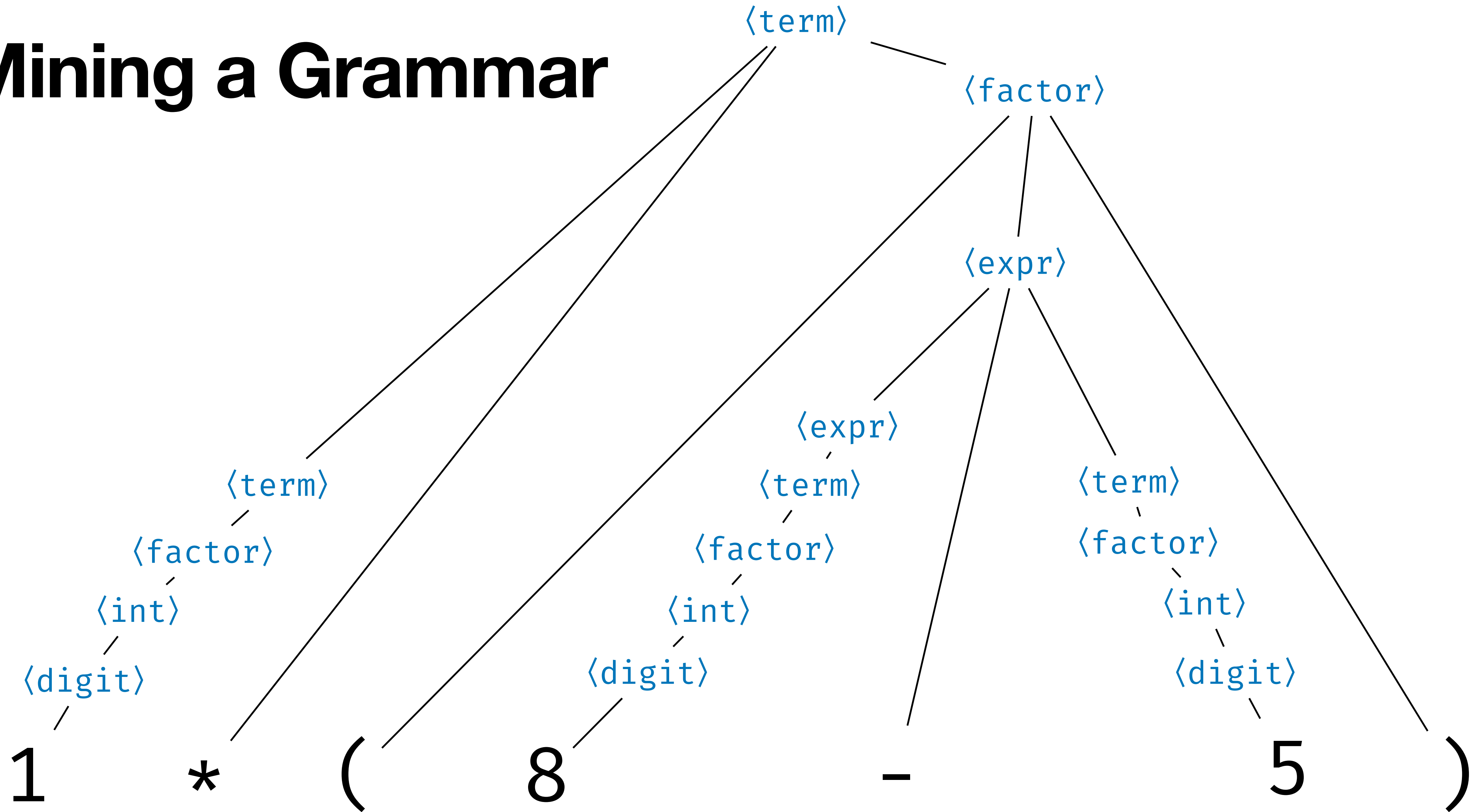
Parse Tree



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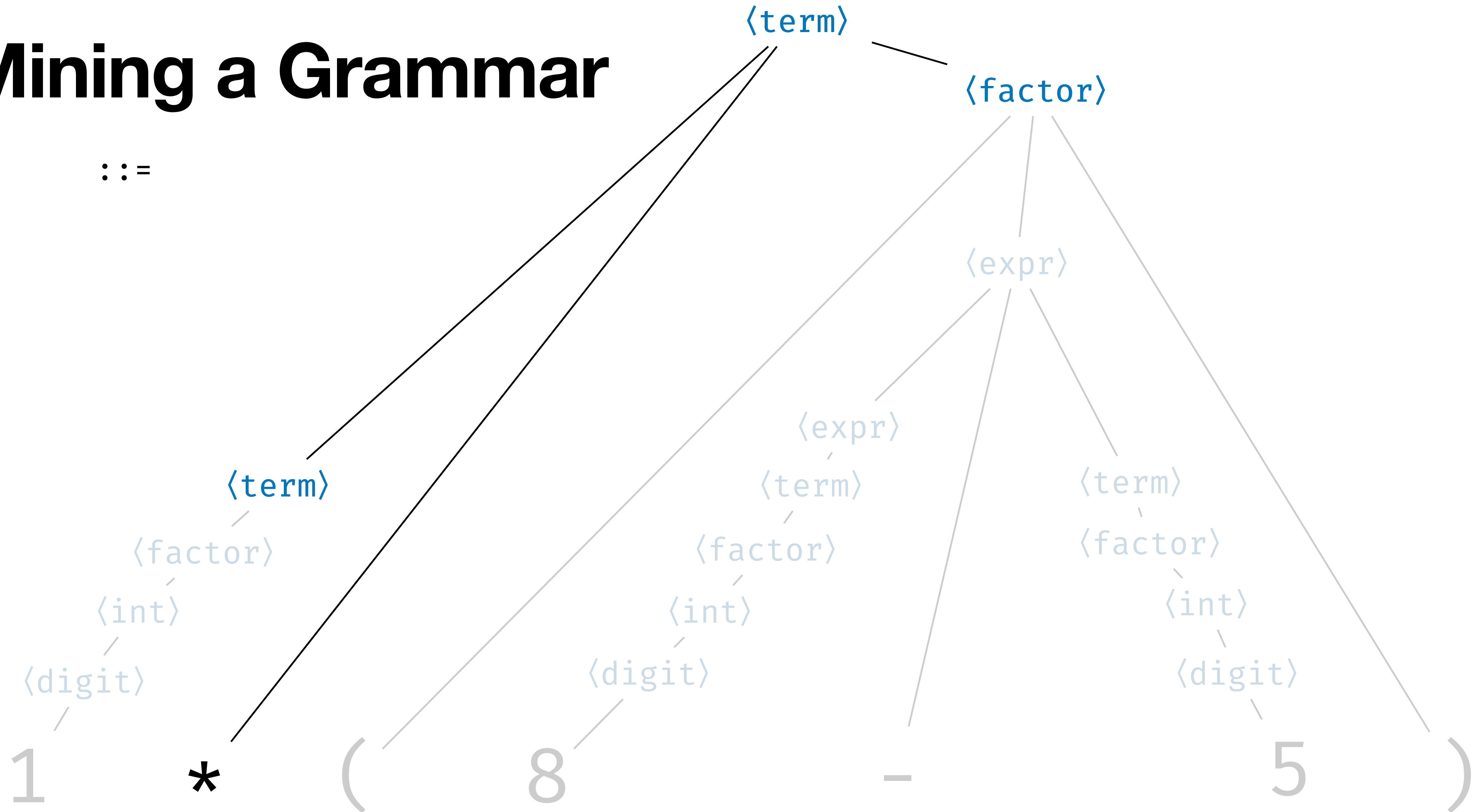


Mining a Grammar



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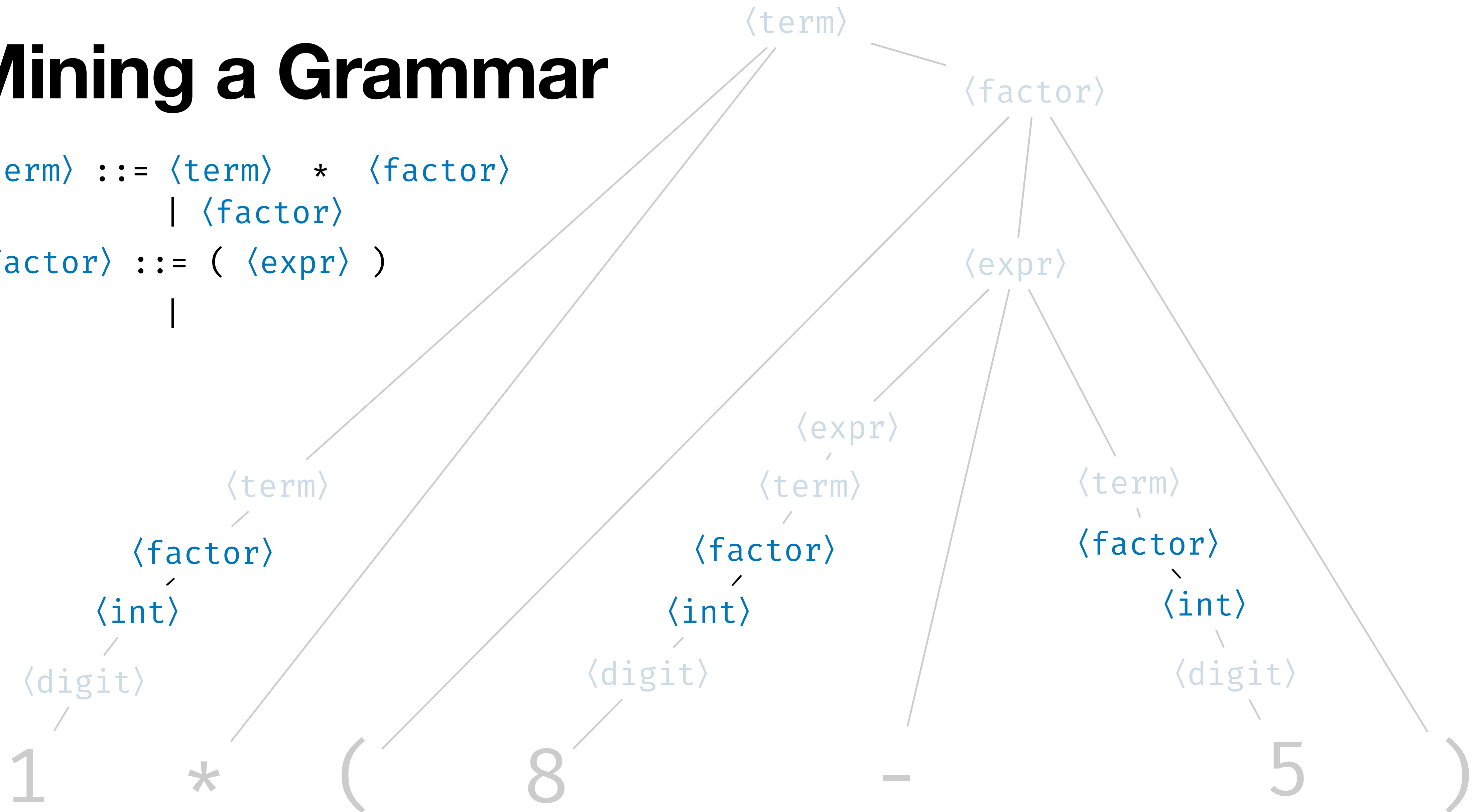
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Mining a Grammar

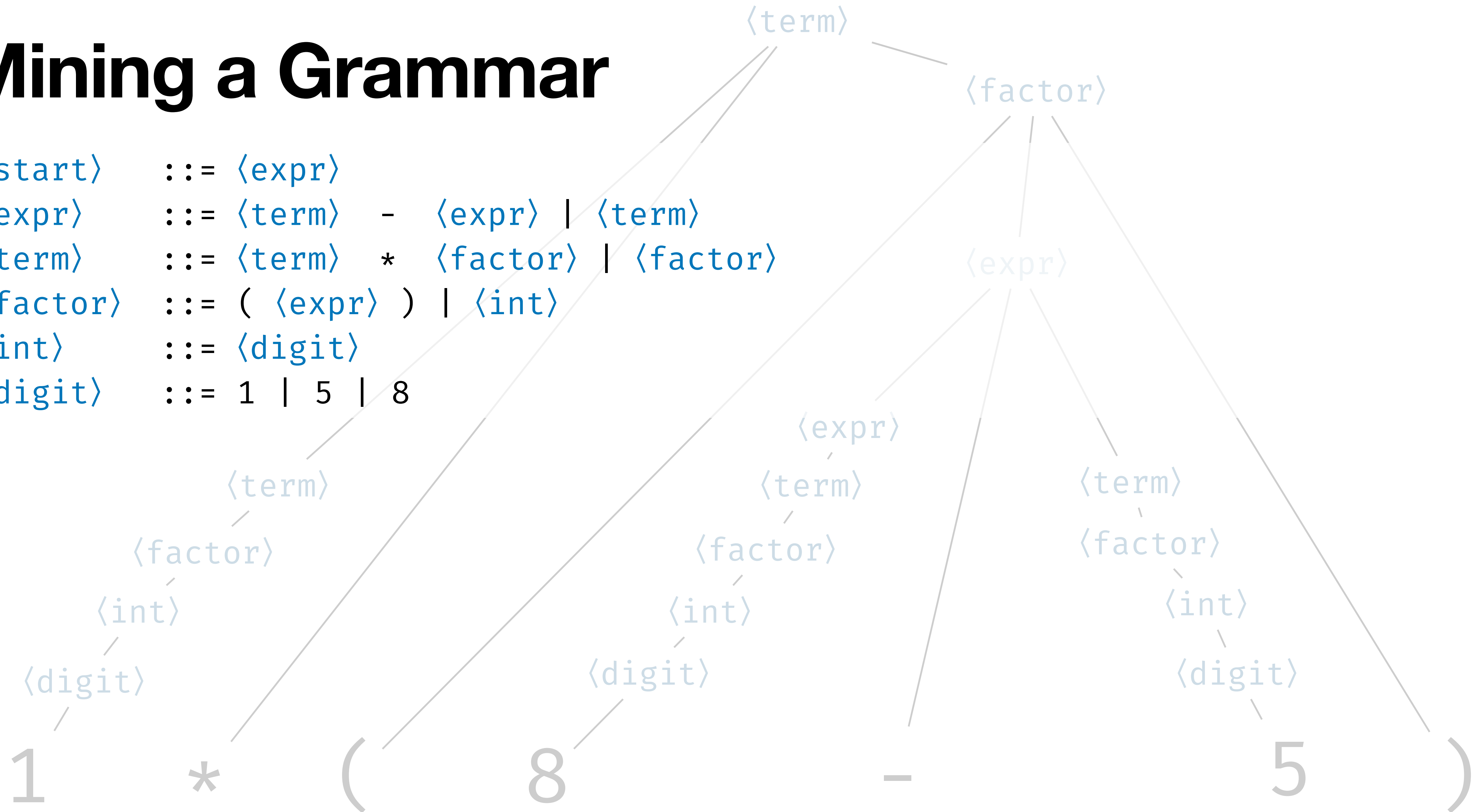
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$\langle \text{factor} \rangle ::= (\langle \text{expr} \rangle)$
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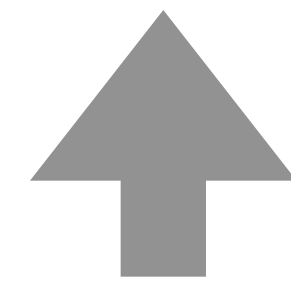
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 $\langle \text{factor} \rangle ::= (\langle \text{expr} \rangle) \mid \langle \text{int} \rangle$
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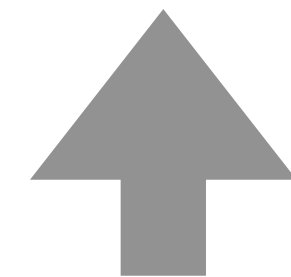


Completing the Grammar

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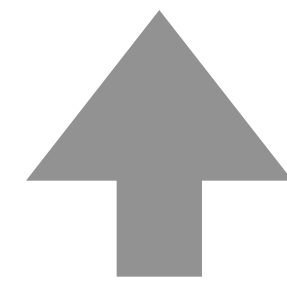
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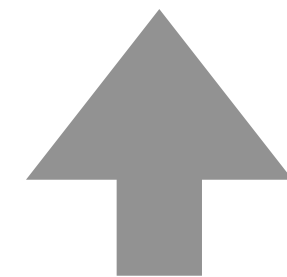
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Completing the Grammar

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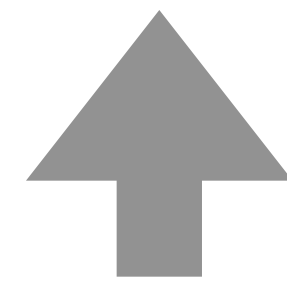
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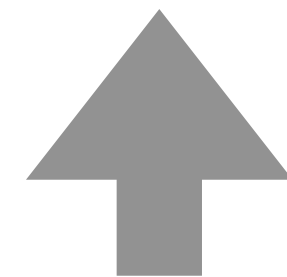
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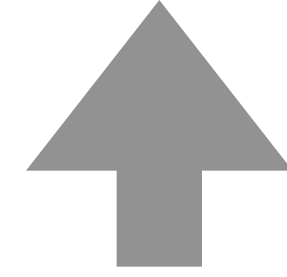
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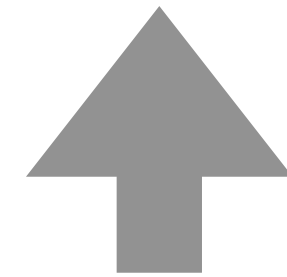
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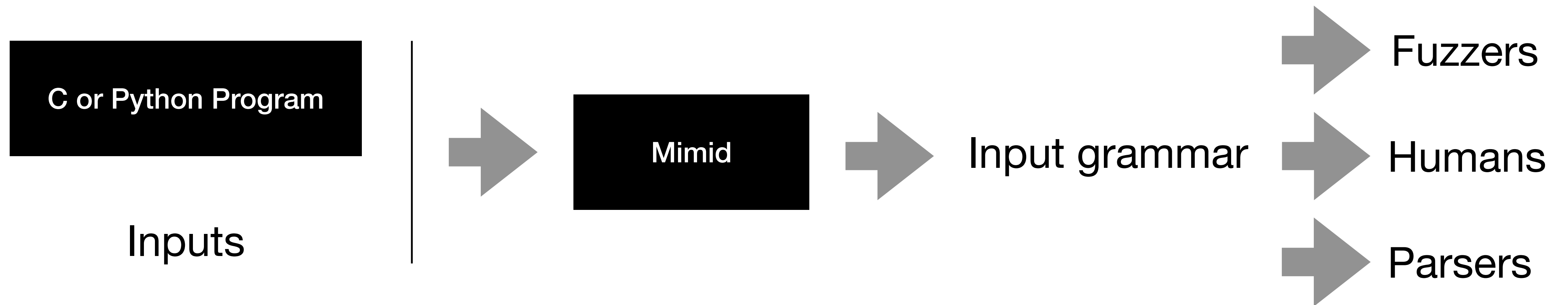


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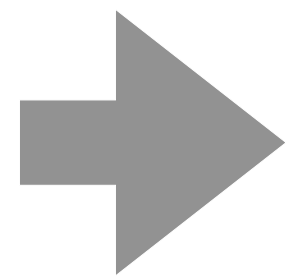
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Mimid: A Grammar Miner

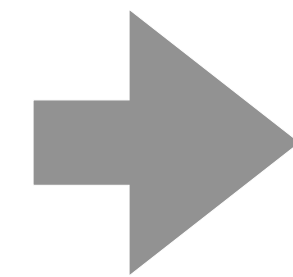


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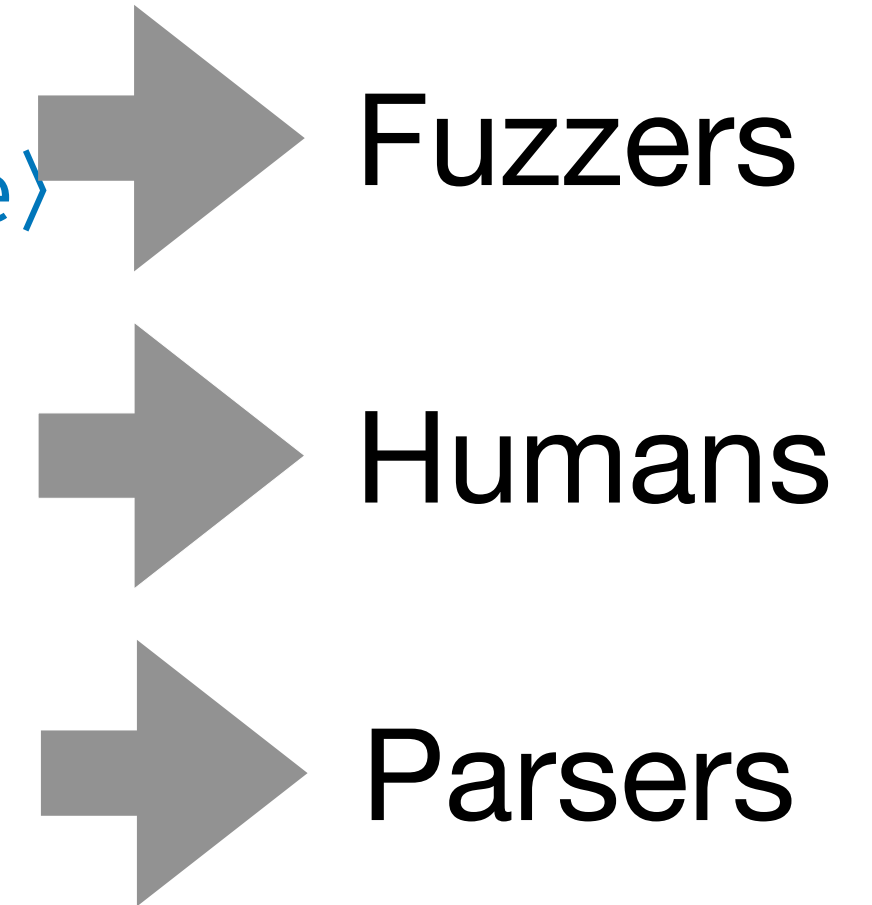
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Humans

Taming Fuzzers

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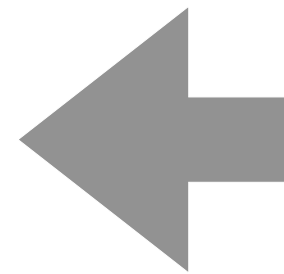
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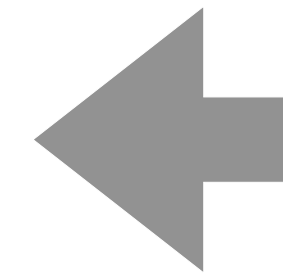
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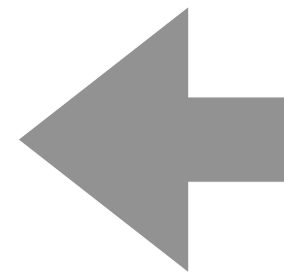
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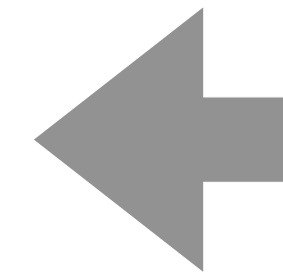
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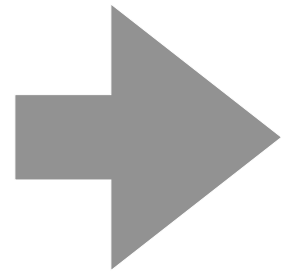
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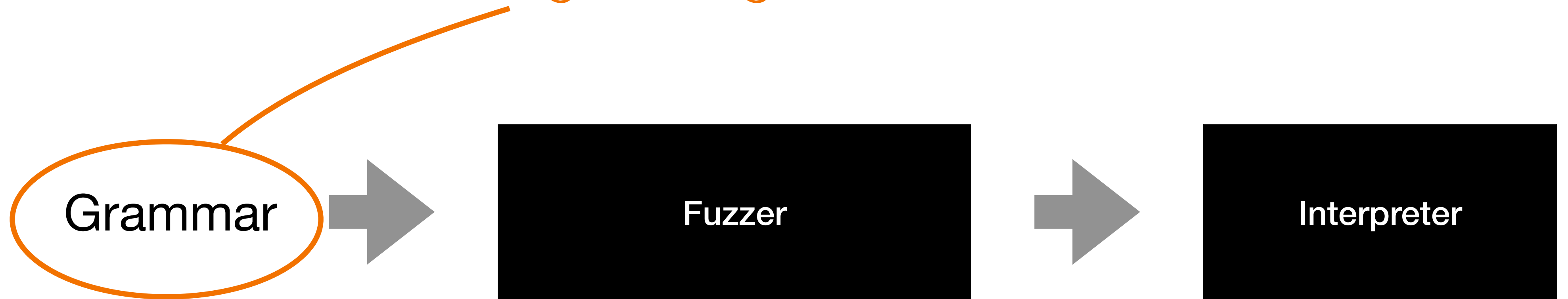
Fuzzer



```
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{ "" : ".qF" , "" : "'; DROP TABLE STUDENTS" , "" : 47 }
{ "7" : { "y" : "" } , "" : false , "X" : "N7|:" , "" : [ true ] , "" : [ ] , "" : {
} }
{ "" : [ ] , "9z6}l" : null }
{ "#" : false , "D" : { "" : true } , "t" : 90 , "g" : [ "'; DROP TABLE
STUDENTS" ] , "" : [ false ] , "=R5" : [ ] , " " : "'; DROP TABLE STUDENTS" ,
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70e+10 , "" : "" , "5zJ" : [ false , false ] }
{ "" : "H" , "d;" : "'; DROP TABLE STUDENTS" }
{ "Y!Z" : ".i" , "h" : "'; DROP TABLE STUDENTS" }
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{ "oh" : false }
{ "c" : [ false , 304e+008520 , null , false , "'; DROP TABLE STUDENTS" ,
"m[MD" , [ false ] ] }
```

Fuzzing with Grammars

Where do we get the grammar from?





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010 Editor - Binary Template Repository

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Template File	Description	More Info
<i>Archive</i>		
7ZIP.bt	Parse 7-Zip archive files.	More Info...
CAB.bt	Template for Microsoft cabinet format files.	More Info...

Existing Input Format Specifications

```
//-----  
//--- 010 Editor Binary Template  
//  
//      File: PNG.bt  
//  Authors: Kevin O. Grover, RCS, Mister Wu  
//  Version: 2.3  
//  Purpose: Parse PNG (Portable Network Graphics) and APNG (Animated Portable Network Graphics) image files.  
//  Category: Image  
//  File Mask: *.png,*.apng  
//  ID Bytes: 89 50 4E 47 //PNG  
//  History:  
//  2.3    2018-08-17 K. Grover: Uniform type names. Formatting/comments.  
//  2.2    2017-10-20 Mister Wu: Initial support of APNG chunks: acTL, fcTL, fdAT.  
//  2.1    2017-08-31 K. Grover: Better colors. Alternate chunk colors. Cleaned up messages.  
//  2.0    2016-02-10 SweetScape Software: Merged in extra chunks from PNG12Template.bt, updated header for  
repository submission.  
//  1.1    2009-02-23 K. Grover: Decode IHDR and tEXt chunks.  
//  1.0.1  2005-06-29 K. Grover: Fixed typos in comments.  
//  1.0    2005-05-11 K. Grover: Initial version.  
//  
// This template was written to the PNG 1.2 Specification:  
// http://www.libpng.org/pub/png/spec/1.2/  
//  
// It includes chunks described in the APNG 1.0 Specification:  
// https://wiki.mozilla.org/APNG\_Specification  
//  
// Note however, that it does not check nor parse all chunk subdata, so it  
// should work with all future PNG specifications.  
//  
// Possible caveat: PNG encourages the chunk type to be mapped to  
// strings of the form "[a-zA-Z]{4}". However, it's not a requirement.
```



```
// PNG Data types
typedef struct {
    uint16 btPngSignature[4] <format=hex>;
} PNG_SIGNATURE;
```

```
typedef enum <byte> pngColorSpaceType {
    GrayScale = 0,
    TrueColor = 2,
    Indexed = 3,
    AlphaGrayScale = 4,
    AlphaTrueColor = 6
} PNG_COLOR_SPACE_TYPE;
```

```
// Compression Methods
typedef enum <byte> pngCompressionMethod {
    Deflate = 0
} PNG_COMPR_METHOD;
```

```
// Filter Methods
typedef enum <byte> pngFilterMethod {
    AdaptiveFiltering = 0
} PNG_FILTER_METHOD;
```

```
// Interlace Methods
typedef enum <byte> pngInterlaceMethod {
    NoInterlace = 0,
    Adam7Interlace = 1
} PNG_INTERLACE_METHOD;
```

```
typedef struct {
    byte btRed <format=hex>;
    byte btGreen <format=hex>;
    byte btBlue <format=hex>;
} PNG_PALETTE_PIXEL;
```

```
typedef struct {
    uint32 x;
    uint32 v;
```

```

typedef struct {
    string label; // to the first NULL (including)
    char data[length - Strlen(label) - 1]; // rest of the data
} PNG_CHUNK_TEXT <read=readtEXt>;

string readtEXt(local PNG_CHUNK_TEXT &text) {
    local string s;
    SPrintf(s, "%s = %s", text.label, text.data);
    return s;
}

struct PNG_CHUNK_PLTE (int32 chunkLen) {
    PNG_PALETTE_PIXEL plteChunkData[chunkLen/3];
};

struct PNG_CHUNK_CHRM {
    PNG_POINT white;
    PNG_POINT red;
    PNG_POINT green;
    PNG_POINT blue;
};

struct PNG_CHUNK_SRGB {
    PNG_SRGB_CHUNK_DATA srgbChunkData;
};

struct PNG_CHUNK_IEXT (int32 chunkLen) {
    string iextIdChunkData;
    byte iextCompressionFlag;
    PNG_COMPR_METHOD iextComprMethod;
    string iextLanguageTag;
    string iextTranslatedKeyword;
    char iextValChunkData[chunkLen -
        Strlen(iextIdChunkData) -1 -
        Strlen(iextLanguageTag) -1 -
        Strlen(iextTranslatedKeyword) -1 -
        2];
};

```



```

// Generic Chunks
typedef struct {
    uint32 length; // Number of data bytes (not including length,type, or crc)
    local int64 pos_start = FTell();
    CTYPE type <fgcolor=cDkBlue>; // Type of chunk
    if (type.cname == "IHDR")
        PNG_CHUNK_IHDR ihdr;
    else if (type.cname == "tEXt")
        PNG_CHUNK_TEXT text;
    else if (type.cname == "PLTE")
        PNG_CHUNK_PLTE plte(length);
    else if (type.cname == "cHRM")
        PNG_CHUNK_CHRM chrm;
    else if (type.cname == "sRGB")
        PNG_CHUNK_SRGB srgb;
    else if (type.cname == "iEXt")
        PNG_CHUNK_IEXT iext(length);
    else if (type.cname == "zEXt")
        PNG_CHUNK_ZEXT zext(length);
    else if (type.cname == "tIME")
        PNG_CHUNK_TIME time;
    else if (type.cname == "pHYs")
        PNG_CHUNK_PHYS phys;
    else if (type.cname == "bKGD")
        PNG_CHUNK_BKGD bkgd(chunk[0].ihdr.color_type);
    else if (type.cname == "sBIT")
        PNG_CHUNK_SBIT sbit(chunk[0].ihdr.color_type);
    else if (type.cname == "sPLT")
        PNG_CHUNK_SPLT splt(length);
    else if (type.cname == "acTL")
        PNG_CHUNK_ACTL actl;
    else if (type.cname == "fcTL")
        PNG_CHUNK_FCTL fctl;
    else if (type.cname == "fdAT")
        PNG_CHUNK_FDAT fdat;
    else if( length > 0 )
        ubyte data[length]; // Data (or not present)
    local int64 data_size = FTell() - pos_start;

```

```

else if (type.cname == "PLTE")
    PNG_CHUNK_PLTE    plte(length);
else if (type.cname == "cHRM")
    PNG_CHUNK_CHRM    chrm;
else if (type.cname == "sRGB")
    PNG_CHUNK_SRGB    srgb;
else if (type.cname == "iEXt")
    PNG_CHUNK_IEXT    iext(length);
else if (type.cname == "zEXt")
    PNG_CHUNK_ZEXT    zext(length);
else if (type.cname == "tIME")
    PNG_CHUNK_TIME    time;
else if (type.cname == "pHYs")
    PNG_CHUNK_PHYS    phys;
else if (type.cname == "bKGD")
    PNG_CHUNK_BKGD    bkgd(chunk[0].ihdr.color_type);
else if (type.cname == "sBIT")
    PNG_CHUNK_SBIT    sbit(chunk[0].ihdr.color_type);
else if (type.cname == "sPLT")
    PNG_CHUNK_SPLT    splt(length);
else if (type.cname == "acTL")
    PNG_CHUNK_ACTL    actl;
else if (type.cname == "fcTL")
    PNG_CHUNK_FCTL    fctl;
else if (type.cname == "fdAT")
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else if( length > 0 )
    ubyte    data[length];          // Data (or not present)
local int64 data_size = FTell() - pos_start;
uint32  crc <format=hex, fgcolor=cDkPurple>; // CRC (not including length or crc)
local uint32 crc_calc = Checksum(CHECKSUM_CRC32, pos_start, data_size);
if (crc != crc_calc) {
    local string msg;
    Sprintf(msg, "*ERROR: CRC Mismatch @ chunk[%d]; in data: %08x; expected: %08x", CHUNK_CNT, crc, crc_calc);
    error_message( msg );
}
CHUNK_CNT++;
} PNG_CHUNK <read=readCHUNK>;

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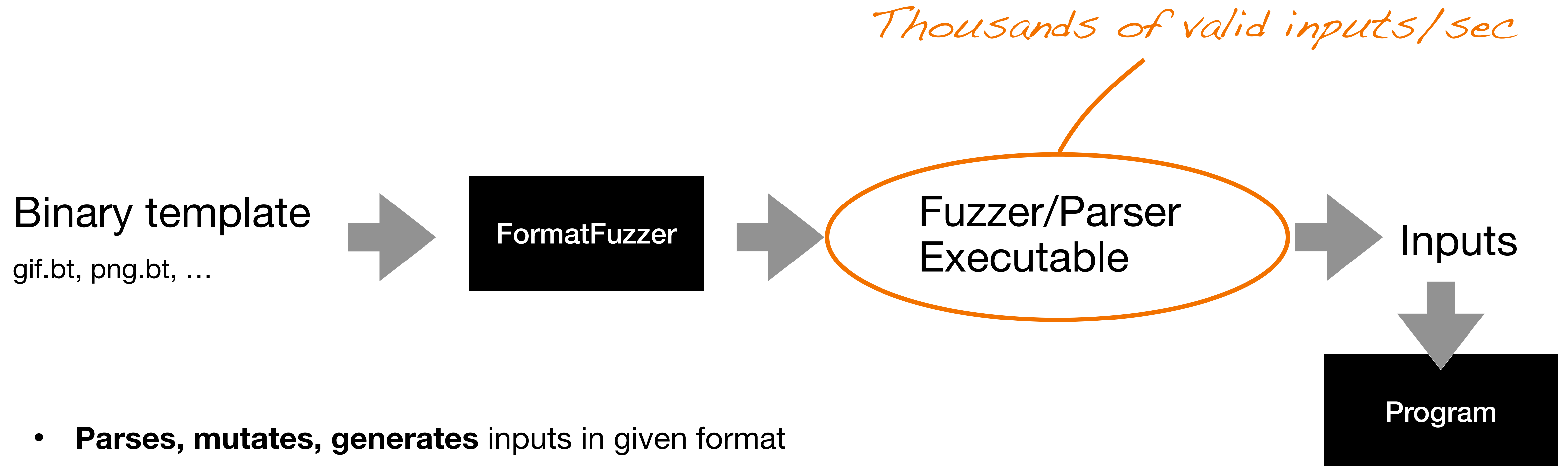
This is actually a grammar:

```

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| <PNG_CHUNK_PLTE>
| <PNG_CHUNK_CHRM>
| ...

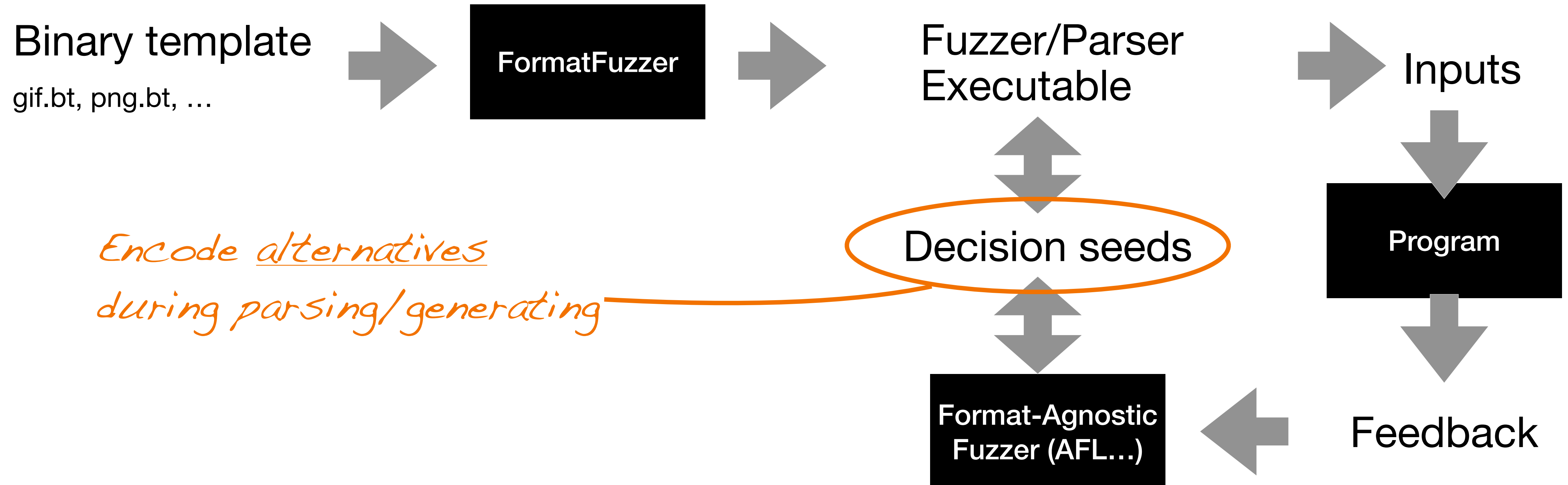
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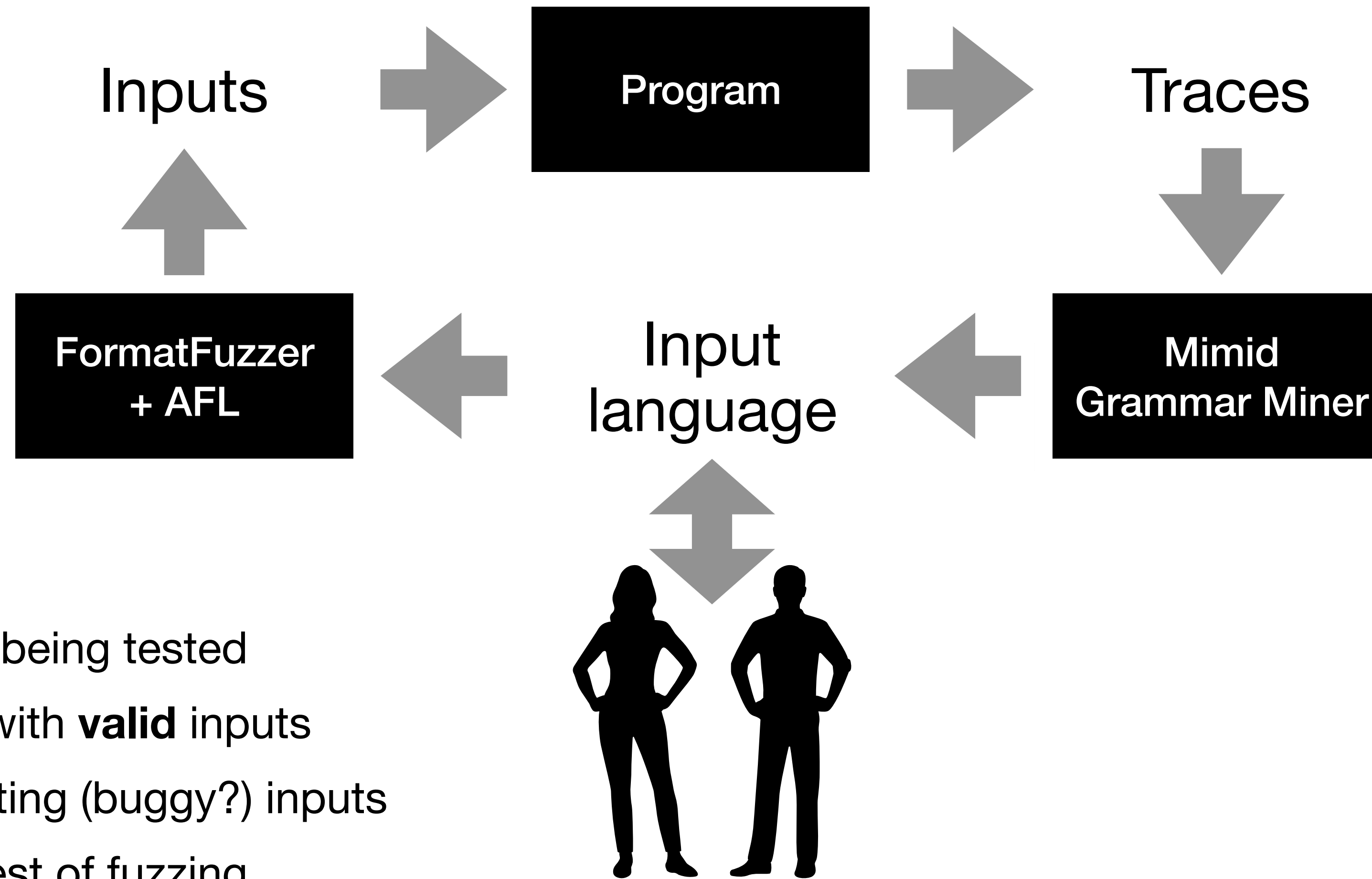
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FormatFuzzer

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Grammars

Specify a language (= a set of inputs)

Expansion rule

Nonterminal symbol

```

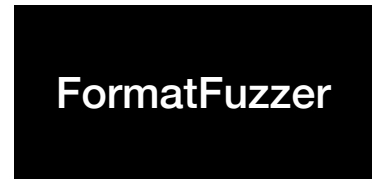
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<factor> ::= + <factor> | - <factor> | ( <expr> ) | <int> | <int> . <int>
<int>   ::= <digit> <int> | <digit>
<digit> ::= 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9
  
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Terminal symbol

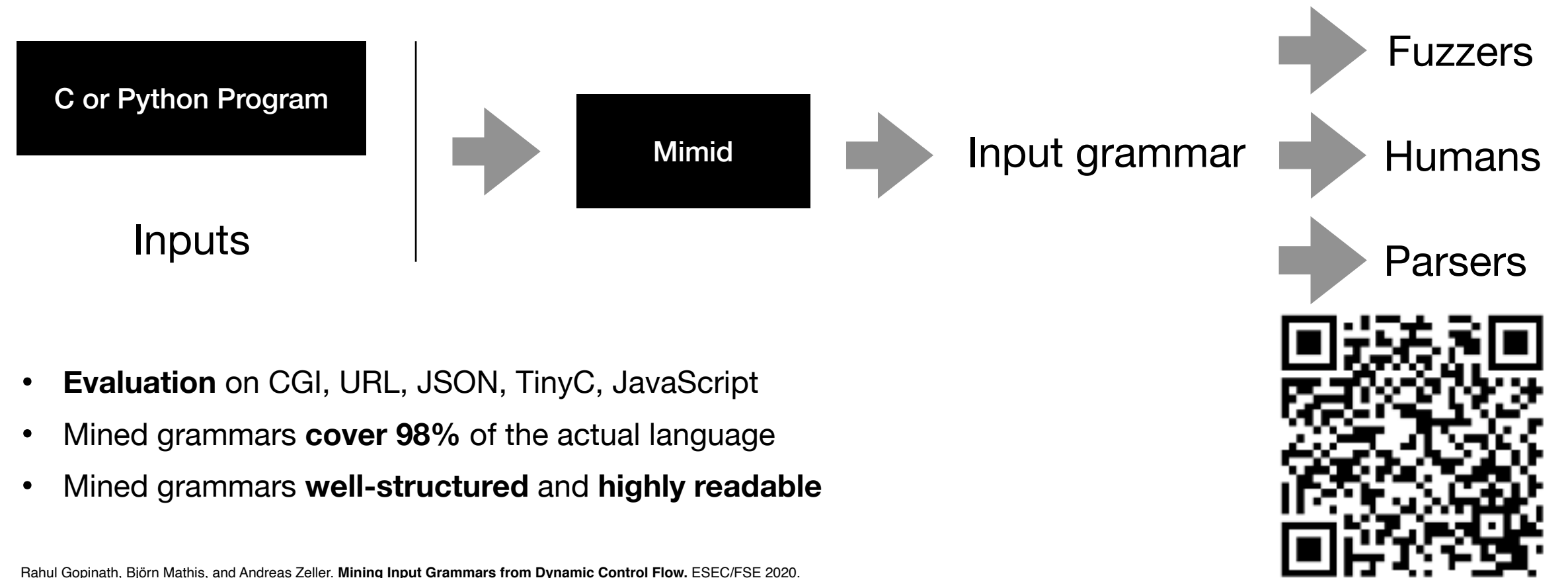


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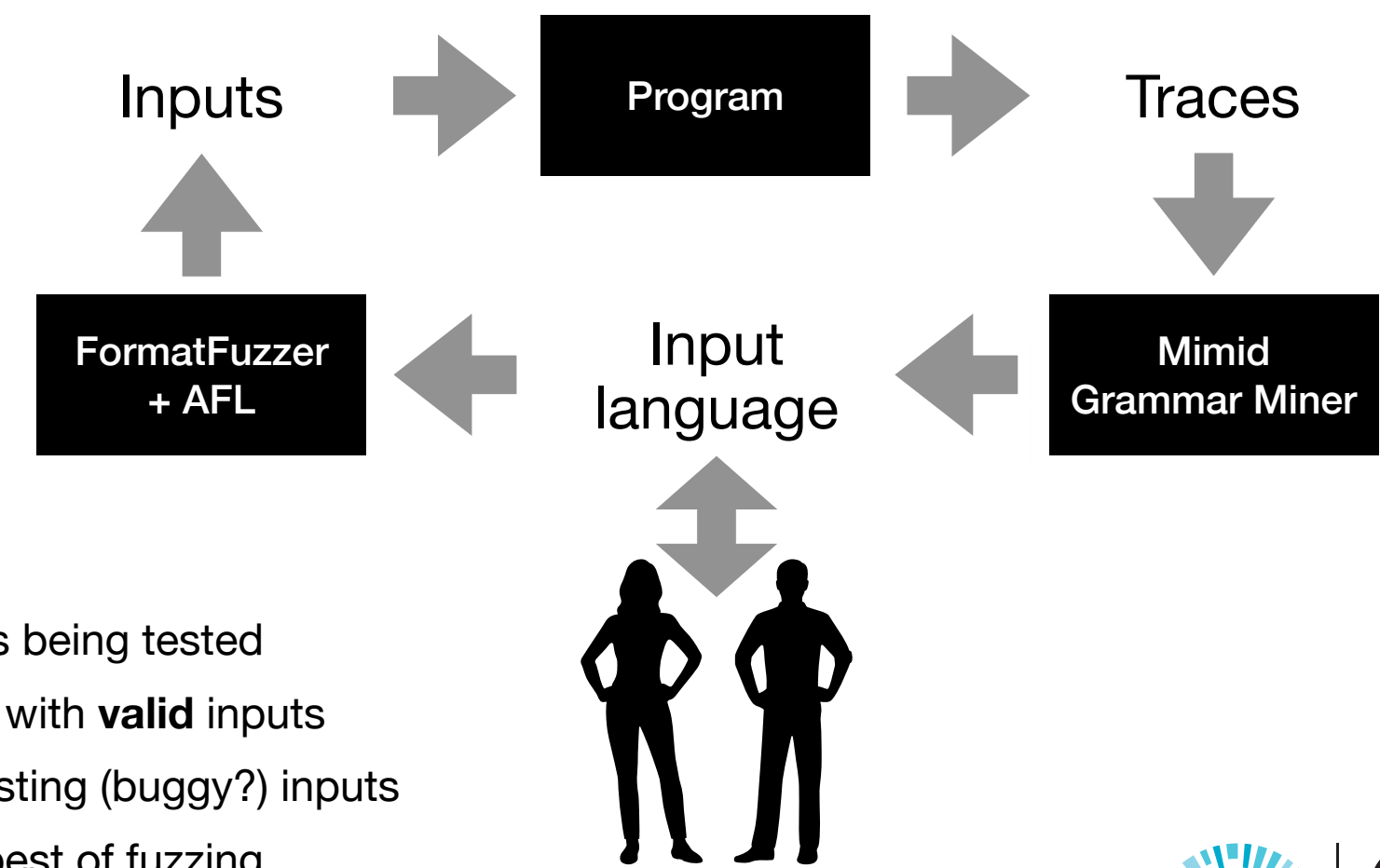


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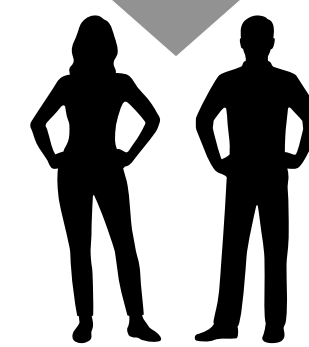
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Useful Links

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- **The Fuzzing Book (book + software)** – <https://www.fuzzingbook.org>
- **FormatFuzzer (software)** – <https://uds-se.github.io/FormatFuzzer/>
- **Mining Grammars (paper)** – <https://publications.cispa.saarland/3101/>