

Bytecode Testability Transformation

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```
boolean flag = x < y;
```


```
if(flag) {  
    // target branch  
}
```

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    // target branch  
}
```

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```
1 package test;
2
3 public class Stack {
4
5     private int maxStack;
6     private int emptyStack;
7     private int top;
8     private char[] items;
9
10    public Stack(int size) {
11        maxStack= size;
12        emptyStack = -1;
13        top = emptyStack;
14        items = new char[maxStack];
15    }
16
17    public void push(Object o) {
```

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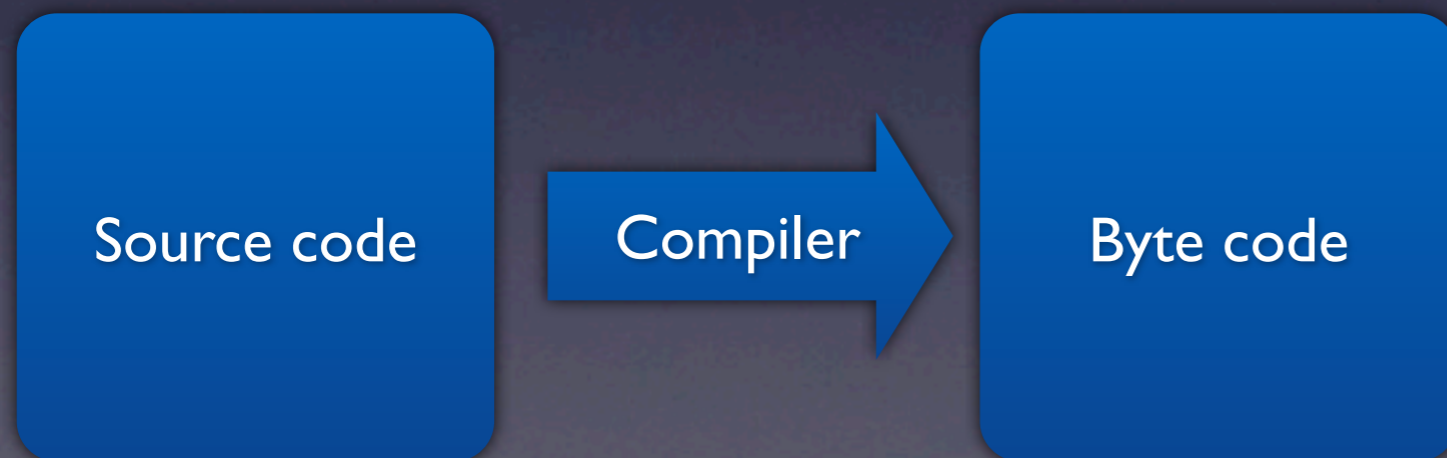
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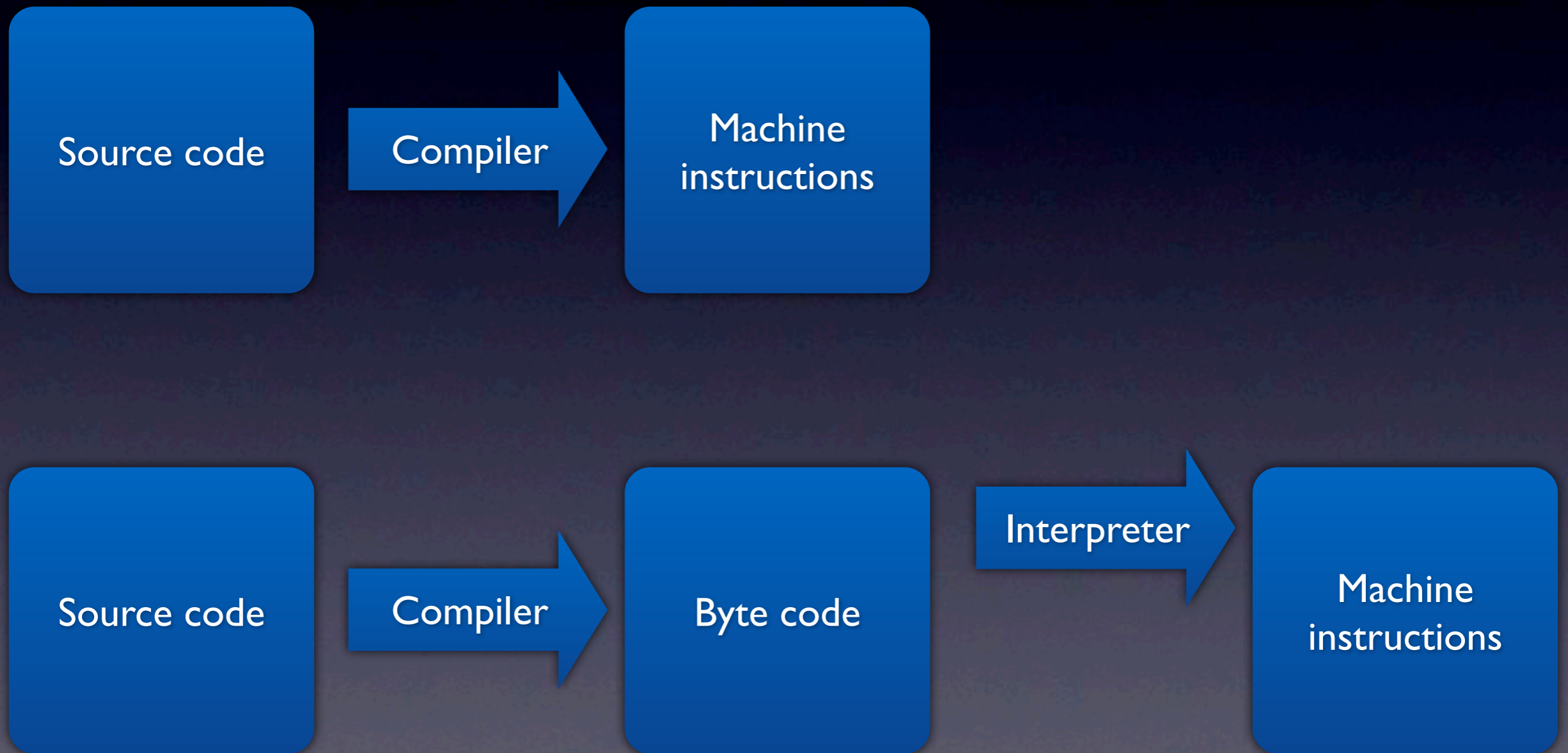
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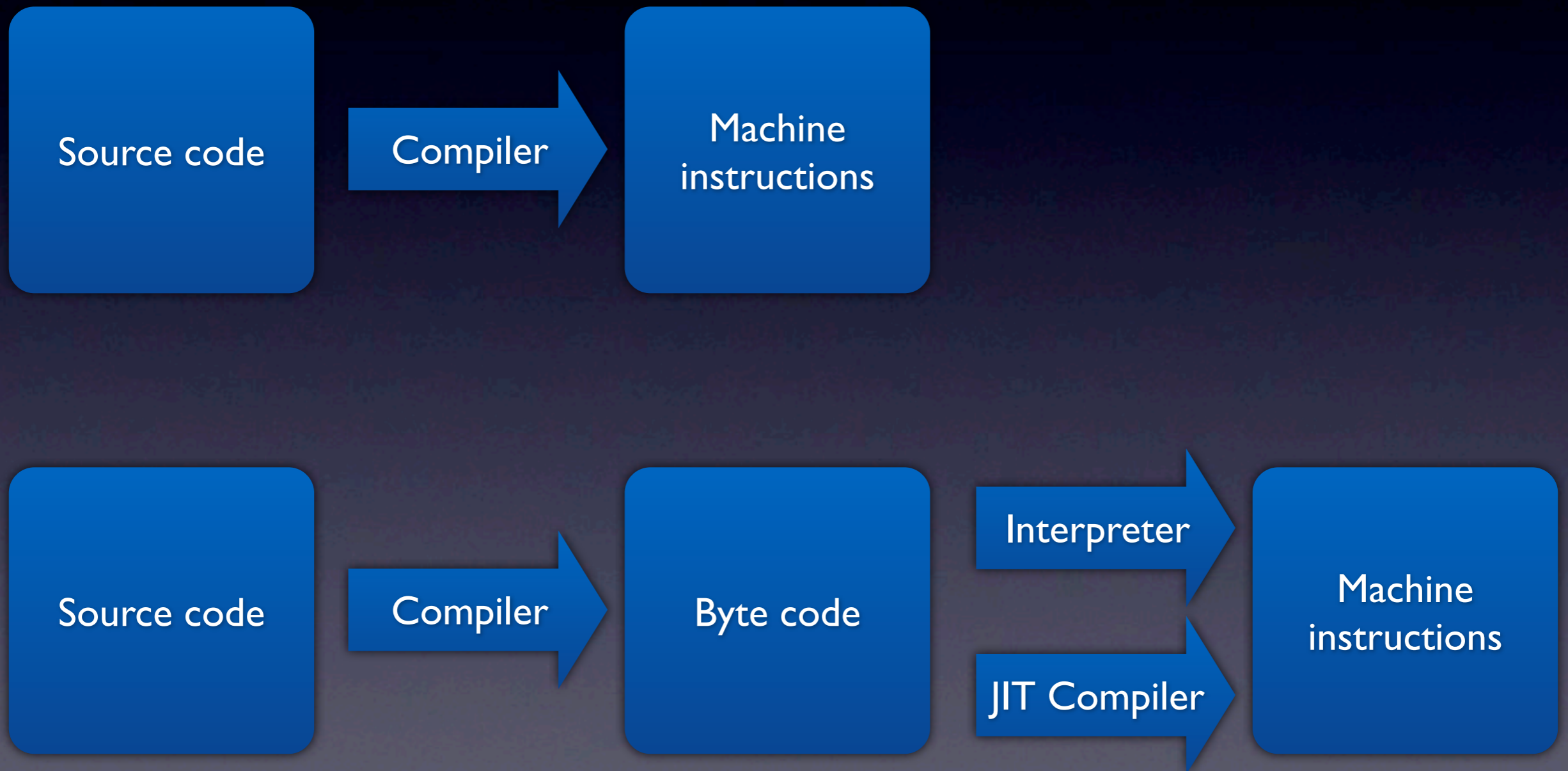
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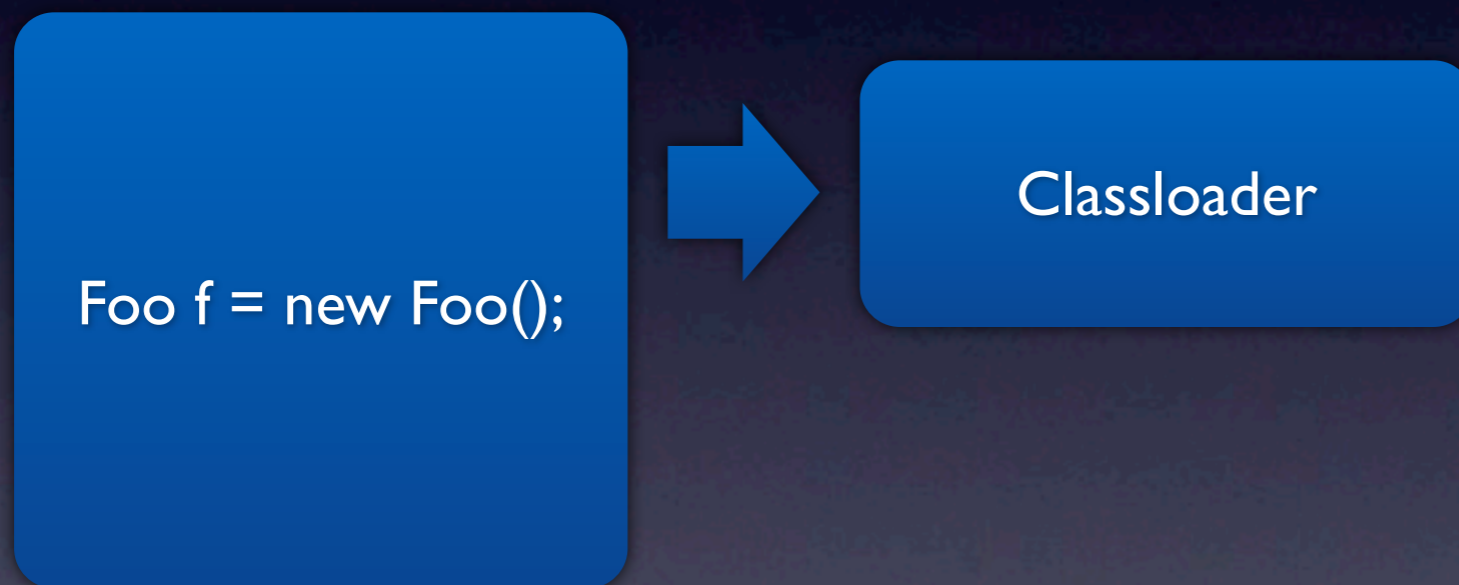
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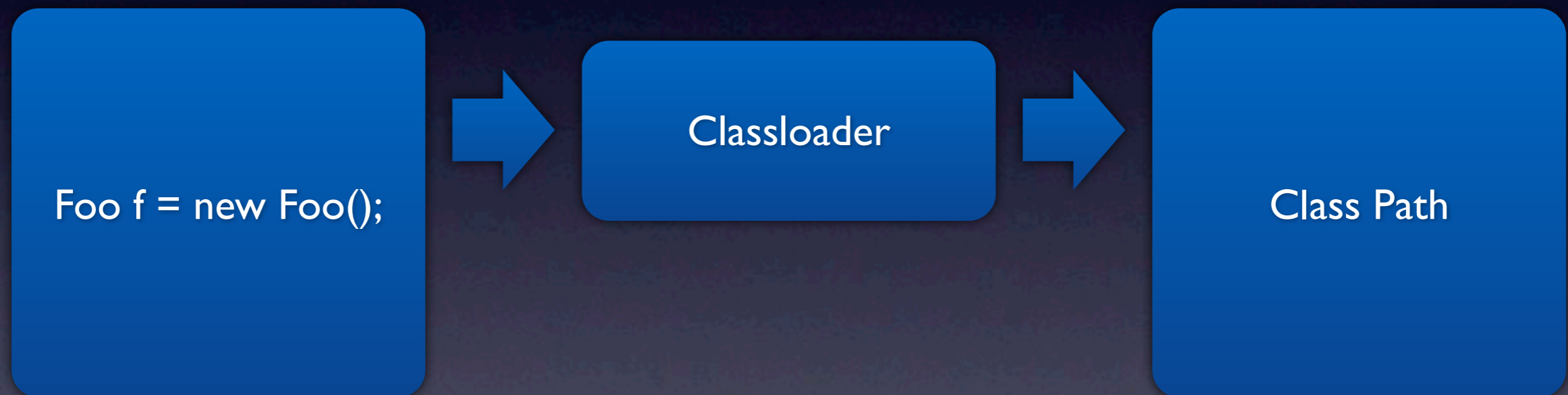
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```
Foo f = new Foo();
```

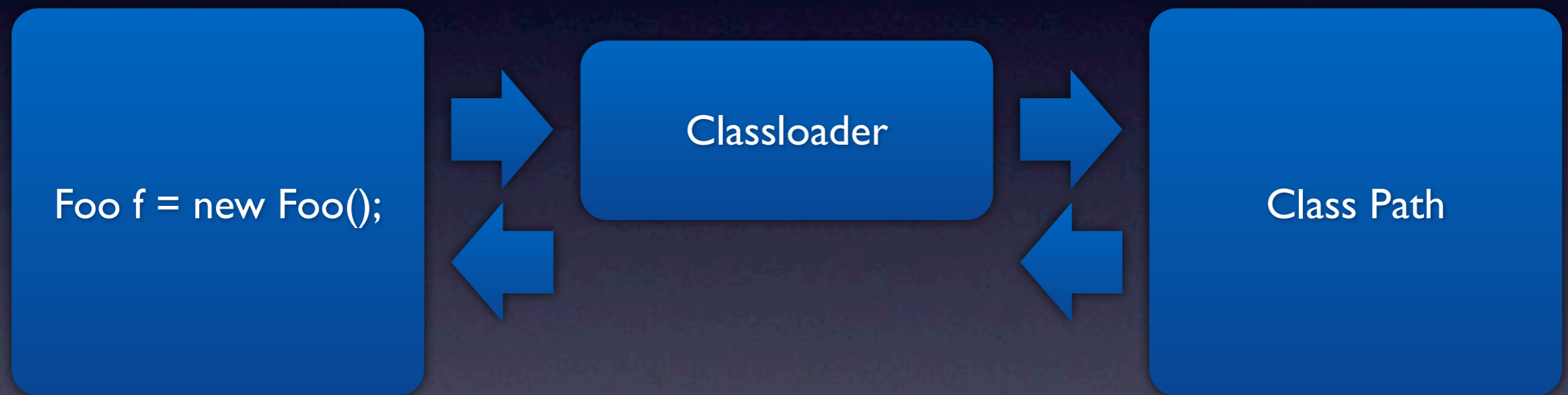
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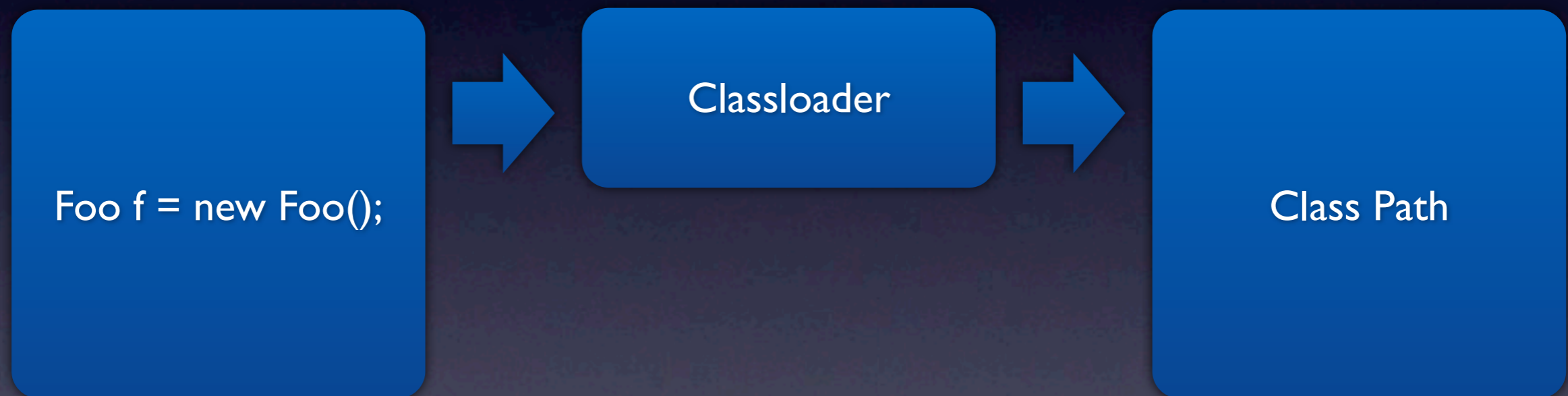
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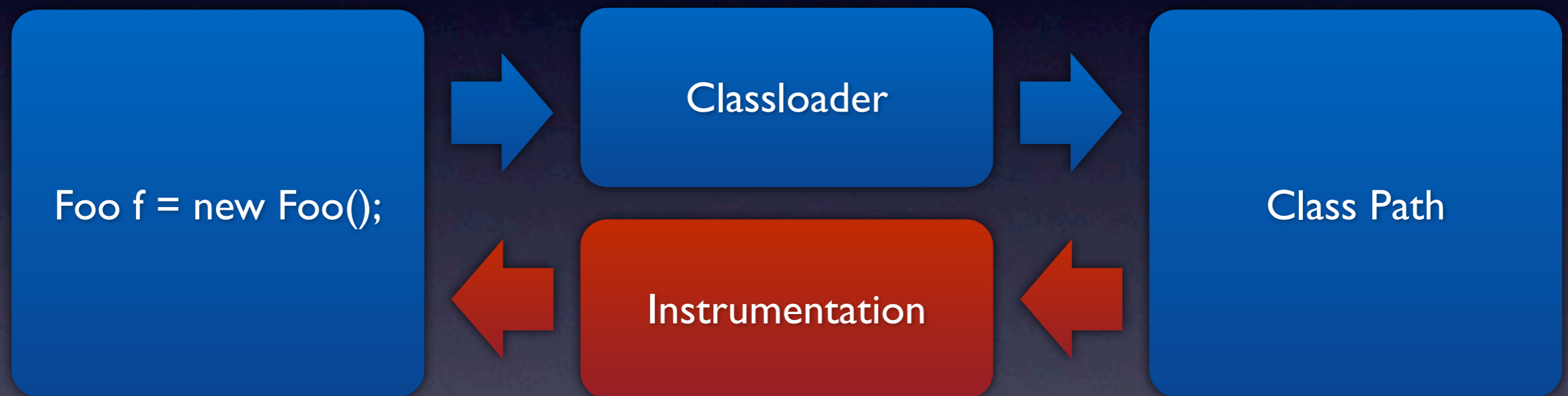
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Bytecode

ICONST_0

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ICONST_0



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ICONST_0
ICONST_1



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ICONST_0
ICONST_1



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ICONST_0
ICONST_1
IADD



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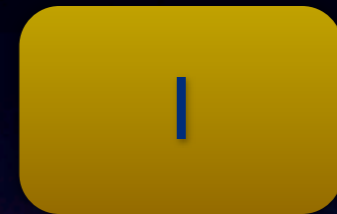
ICONST_0

ICONST_1

IADD

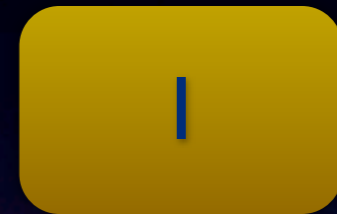
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ICONST_1
IADD



Bytecode

ICONST_0
ICONST_1
IADD
IFNE L1



Bytecode

ICONST_0
ICONST_1
IADD
IFNE L1
...



Bytecode

ICONST_0

ICONST_1

IADD

IFNE L1

...

INVOKEVIRTUAL ...



Bytecode

```
ICONST_0  
ICONST_1  
IADD  
IFNE L1  
...  
INVOKEVIRTUAL ...
```



Bytecode

```
ICONST_0  
ICONST_1  
IADD  
IFNE L1  
...  
INVOKEVIRTUAL ...  
IRETURN
```



Bytecode

ICONST_0

ICONST_1

IADD

IFNE L1

...

INVOKEVIRTUAL ...

IRETURN



Bytecode Branches

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<code>if(x == 0)</code>	<code>IFEQ</code>
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<code>if(x <= y)</code>	<code>IF_ICMPLT</code>

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<code>if(x == y)</code>	<code>IF_ICMPEQ</code>
<code>if(x <= y)</code>	<code>IF_ICMPLT</code>

<code>if(x == null)</code>	<code>IFNULL</code>
<code>if(x == this)</code>	<code>IF_ACMPEQ</code>

Side Effects

```
if(foo())  
    // some code  
else  
    // else ...
```


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```
if(foo())  
    // some code  
else  
    // else ...
```

```
0:  ALOAD_0  
1:  INVOKEVIRTUAL foo()Z  
2:  IFEQ 5  
3:  // else ...  
4:  GOTO 6  
5:  // some code  
6:  ...
```

Bytecode Instrumentation

```
if(x == 0)
```

Bytecode Instrumentation

ILOAD_1
IFEQ

Bytecode Instrumentation

ILOAD_1
IFEQ



ILOAD_1
DUP
LDC branchId
LDC opcode of IFEQ
INVOKE distance
IFEQ

Bytecode Instrumentation

```
if(x >= y)
```

Bytecode Instrumentation

ILOAD_1

ILOAD_2

IF_ICMPGT

Bytecode Instrumentation

ILOAD_1
ILOAD_2
IF_ICMPGT



ILOAD_1
ILOAD_2
DUP2
LDC branchId
LDC opcode IF_ICMPGT
INVOKE distance
IF_ICMPGT

Flag Assignments

```
boolean flag = x <= 0;
```


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```
boolean flag = x <= 0;
```

```
0: ILOAD_1  
1: IFLE 4  
2: ICONST_0  
3: GOTO 5  
4: ICONST_1  
5: ISTORE_2
```

Flag Use

```
if(flag)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

Flag Use

```
if(flag)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

```
0:  ILOAD_1
1:  IFEQ 4
2:  // some code
3:  GOTO 6
4:  // else code
5:  ...
```

Flag Use

```
if(!flag)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

Flag Use

```
if(!flag)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

```
0:  ILOAD_1
1:  IFNE 4
2:  // some code
3:  GOTO 6
4:  // else code
5:  ...
```

Testability Transformation

```
boolean flag = a < b;
```

```
if(flag)  
    // some code  
else  
    // else code
```

Testability Transformation

```
boolean flag = a < b;
```

```
if(flag)  
    // some code  
else  
    // else code
```



```
int flag = b - a;
```

```
if(flag > 0)  
    // some code  
else  
    // else code
```

Bytecode Testability Transformation

```
boolean flag = a > b;
```

```
0: ILOAD_1  
1: ILOAD_2  
2: IF_ICMPLE 5  
3: ICONST_0  
4: GOTO 6  
5: ICONST_1  
6: ISTORE_3
```


Bytecode Testability Transformation

`boolean flag = a > b;`  `int flag = a - b;`

```
0: ILOAD_1
1: ILOAD_2
2: IF_ICMPLE 5
3: ICONST_0
4: GOTO 6
5: ICONST_1
6: ISTORE_3
```

Bytecode Testability Transformation

`boolean flag = a > b;`  `int flag = a - b;`

```
0: ILOAD_1
1: ILOAD_2
2: IF_ICMPLE 5
3: ICONST_0
4: GOTO 6
5: ICONST_1
6: ISTORE_3
```



```
0: ILOAD_1
1: ILOAD_2
2: ISUB
3: ISTORE_3
```

Bytecode Testability Transformation

```
if(flag)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

```
6:  ILOAD_3
7:  IFNE 10
8:  // some code
9:  GOTO 11
10: // else code
```

Bytecode Testability Transformation

```
if(flag)
  // some code
else
  // else code
```



```
if(flag > 0)
  // some code
else
  // else code
```

```
6:  ILOAD_3
7:  IFNE 10
8:  // some code
9:  GOTO 11
10: // else code
```

Bytecode Testability Transformation

```
if(flag)
  // some code
else
  // else code
```



```
if(flag > 0)
  // some code
else
  // else code
```

```
6: ILOAD_3
7: IFNE 10
8: // some code
9: GOTO 11
10: // else code
```



```
6: ILOAD_3
7: IFLT 10
8: // some code
9: GOTO 11
10: // else code
```

Function Assigned Flags

```
boolean foo(int a, int b) {  
    if(a > b)  
        return true;  
    else  
        return false;  
}
```

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```
0: ILOAD_1  
1: ILOAD_2  
2: IF_ICMPLE 5  
3: ICONST_1  
4: IRETURN  
5: ICONST_0  
6: IRETURN
```

Function Assigned Flags

```
int foo(int a, int b) {  
    if(a > b)  
        return a - b;  
    else  
        return a - b;  
}
```



```
0: ILOAD_1  
1: ILOAD_2  
2: ISUB  
3: IRETURN
```


Function Assigned Flags

```
boolean foo(int a, int b) {  
    if(a > b) {  
        // ...  
        return true;  
    } else {  
        // ...  
        return false;  
    }  
}
```

Function Assigned Flags

```
boolean foo(int a, int b) {  
    if(a > b) {  
        // ...  
        return true;  
    } else {  
        // ...  
        return false;  
    }  
}
```



```
0: ILOAD_1  
1: ILOAD_2  
2: IF_ICMPLE 5  
// ...  
3: ICONST_1  
4: IRETURN  
// ...  
5: ICONST_0  
6: IRETURN
```

Bytecode Testability Transformation

```
int foo(int a, int b) {  
    int tmp = |a - b|;  
    if(a < b) {  
        // ...  
        return tmp;  
    } else {  
        // ...  
        return -tmp;  
    }  
}
```

```
0: ILOAD_1  
1: ILOAD_2  
2: DUP2  
3: ISUB  
4: INVOKE Math.abs  
5: ISTORE_3  
6: IF_ICMPGE 9
```

Bytecode Testability Transformation

```
int foo(int a, int b) {  
    int tmp = |a - b|;           6:   IF_ICMPGE 9  
    if(a < b) {                 // ...  
        // ...                 7:   ILOAD_3  
        return tmp;           8:   IRETURN  
    } else {                   9:   // ...  
        // ...                 10:  ILOAD_3  
        return -tmp;          11:  INEG  
    }                           12:  IRETURN  
}
```

Bytecode Testability Transformation

IFEQ, IFNE, IFLT,
IFGT, IFLE, IFGE

IF_ICMPEQ, IF_ICMPNE,
IF_ICMPLT, IF_ICMPGT,
IF_ICMPLE, IF_ICMPGE

Bytecode Testability Transformation

IFEQ, IFNE, IFLT,
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IF_ICMPEQ, IF_ICMPNE,
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IF_ICMPLE, IF_ICMPGE

DUP

INVOKE `Math.abs`

LDC `K`

IADD

Bytecode Testability Transformation

IFEQ, IFNE, IFLT,
IFGT, IFLE, IFGE

IF_ICMPEQ, IF_ICMPNE,
IF_ICMPLT, IF_ICMPGT,
IF_ICMPLE, IF_ICMPGE

DUP
INVOKE Math.abs
LDC K
IADD

DUP2
ISUB
INVOKE Math.abs
LDC K
IADD

Compound Predicates

```
if(a == b && a > 0)
    return true;
else
    return false;
```



```
0:  ILOAD_1
1:  ILOAD_2
2:  IF_ICMPNE 7
3:  ILOAD_1
4:  IFLE 7
5:  ICONST_1
6:  IRETURN
7:  ICONST_0
8:  IRETURN
```


Compound Predicates

0: ILOAD_1
1: ILOAD_2
2: IF_ICMPNE 7
3: ILOAD_1
4: IFLE 7
5: ICONST_1
6: IRETURN
7: ICONST_0
8: IRETURN

Compound Predicates

```
0: ILOAD_1
1: ILOAD_2
  DUP2
  ISUB
  INVOKE distance
2: IF_ICMPNE 7
3: ILOAD_1
4: IFLE 7
5: ICONST_1
6: IRETURN
7: ICONST_0
8: IRETURN
```

Compound Predicates

0:	ILOAD_1	5:	ICONST_1
1:	ILOAD_2	6:	IRETURN
	DUP2	7:	ICONST_0
	ISUB	8:	IRETURN
	INVOKE distance		
2:	IF_ICMPNE 7		
3:	ILOAD_1		
	DUP		
	INVOKE distance		
4:	IFLE 7		

Compound Predicates

0:	ILOAD_1	5:	ICONST_1
1:	ILOAD_2		INVOKE getDistance
	DUP2	6:	IRETURN
	ISUB	7:	ICONST_0
	INVOKE distance	8:	IRETURN
2:	IF_ICMPNE 7		
3:	ILOAD_1		
	DUP		
	INVOKE distance		
4:	IFLE 7		

Compound Predicates

0:	ILOAD_1	5:	ICONST_1
1:	ILOAD_2		INVOKE getDistance
	DUP2	6:	IRETURN
	ISUB	7:	ICONST_0
	INVOKE distance		INVOKE getDistance
2:	IF_ICMPNE 7	8:	IRETURN
3:	ILOAD_1		
	DUP		
	INVOKE distance		
4:	IFLE 7		

Compound Predicates

0: ILOAD_1
1: ILOAD_2
 DUP2
 ISUB
 INVOKE distance
2: IF_ICMPNE 7
3: ILOAD_1
 DUP
 INVOKE distance
4: IFLE 7

5: ICONST_1
 INVOKE getDistance
6: IRETURN
7: ICONST_0
 INVOKE getDistance
8: IRETURN

```
int getDistance(boolean sign) {  
    if(sign)  
        return I+D/2^L;  
    else  
        return -(I+D)/2^L;  
}
```

Bytecode Flags

```
if(x == 1.0)
    // some code
else
    // else code
```

Bytecode Flags

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```
0:  DLOAD_1
1:  LDC 1.0
2:  DCMPL
3:  IFEQ 6
4:  // some code
5:  GOTO 7
6:  // else code
7:  ...
```


Bytecode Flags

If the two numbers are the same, the 32-bit integer 0 is pushed onto the stack. If value2 is greater than value1, the integer 1 is pushed onto the stack. If value1 is greater than value2, -1 is pushed onto the stack. If either numbers is NaN, the integer 1 is pushed onto the stack.

```
0: DLOAD_1
1: LDC 1.0
2: DCMPL
3: IFEQ 6
4: // some code
5: GOTO 7
6: // else code
7: ...
```

Bytecode Flags

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6: // else code
7: ...
```

```
0: DLOAD_1
1: LDC 1.0
2: DSUB
3: INVOKE distance
4: IFEQ 6
5: // some code
6: GOTO 7
7: // else code
```

Bytecode Flags

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    // else code
```

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5: GOTO 7
6: // else code
7: ...
```

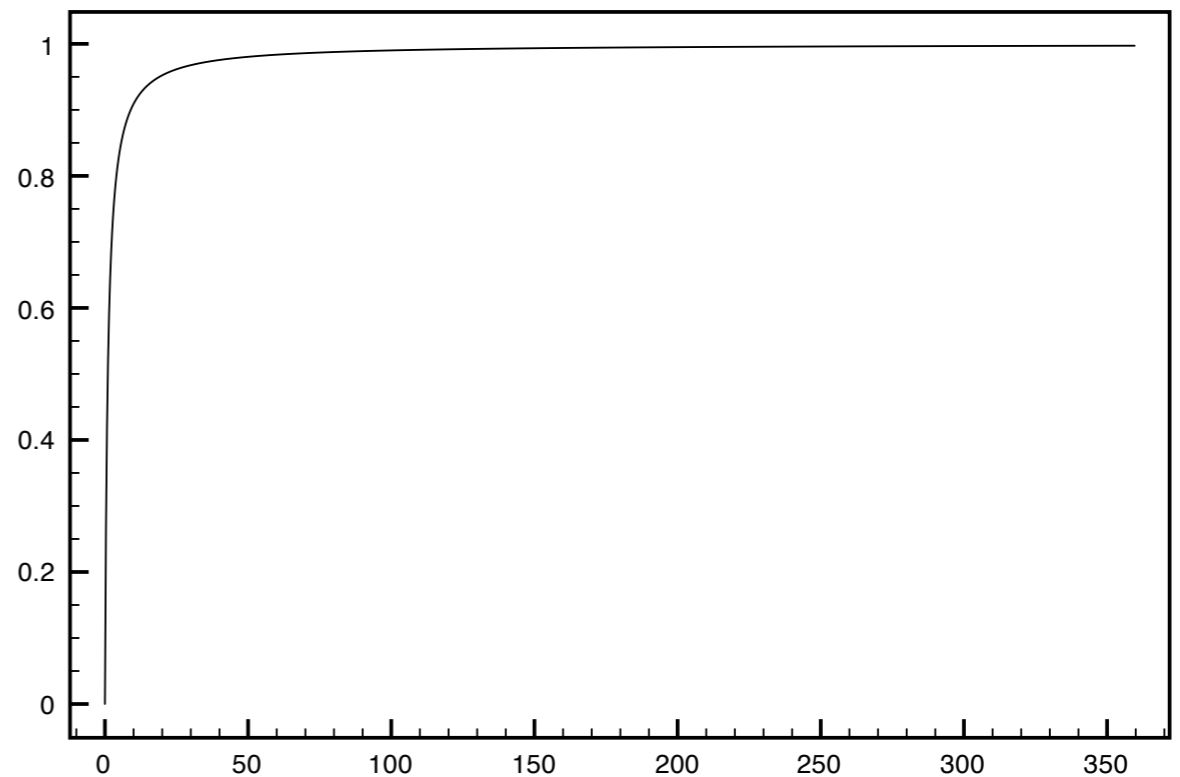
```
0: DLOAD_1
1: LDC 1.0
2: DSUB
3: INVOKE distance
4: IFEQ 6
```

```
int distance(d) {
    return K * sign(d) * abs(d) / (abs(d) + 1);
}
```

Bytecode Flags

```
if(x == 1.0)
//
else
//
```

```
0: DLOAD_1
1: LDC 1.0
2: DCMPL
3: IFEQ 6
4: // some code
5: GOTO 7
6: // else code
7: ...
```



```
int distance(d) {
    return K * sign(d) * abs(d) / (abs(d) + 1);
}
```

Signature Transformation

```
class Foo {  
    boolean x;  
  
    boolean bar(boolean y) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

```
class Foo {  
    int x;  
  
    int bar(int y) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Signature Transformation

```
Foo foo = new Foo();  
boolean x = foo.bar(true);
```

```
INVOKESPECIAL Foo:<init>()  
ASTORE_1  
ALOAD_1  
INVOKEVIRTUAL bar(Z)Z
```

```
Foo foo = new Foo();  
int x = foo.bar(1);
```

```
INVOKESPECIAL Foo:<init>()  
ASTORE_1  
ALOAD_1  
INVOKEVIRTUAL bar(I)I
```

Signature Transformation

```
Foo foo1 = new Foo();  
Foo foo2 = new Foo();  
boolean x = foo1.equals(foo2);
```

```
INVOKESPECIAL Foo:<init>()  
ASTORE_1  
INVOKESPECIAL Foo:<init>()  
ASTORE_2  
ALOAD_1  
ALOAD_2  
INVOKEVIRTUAL Object:equals(Object)Z
```

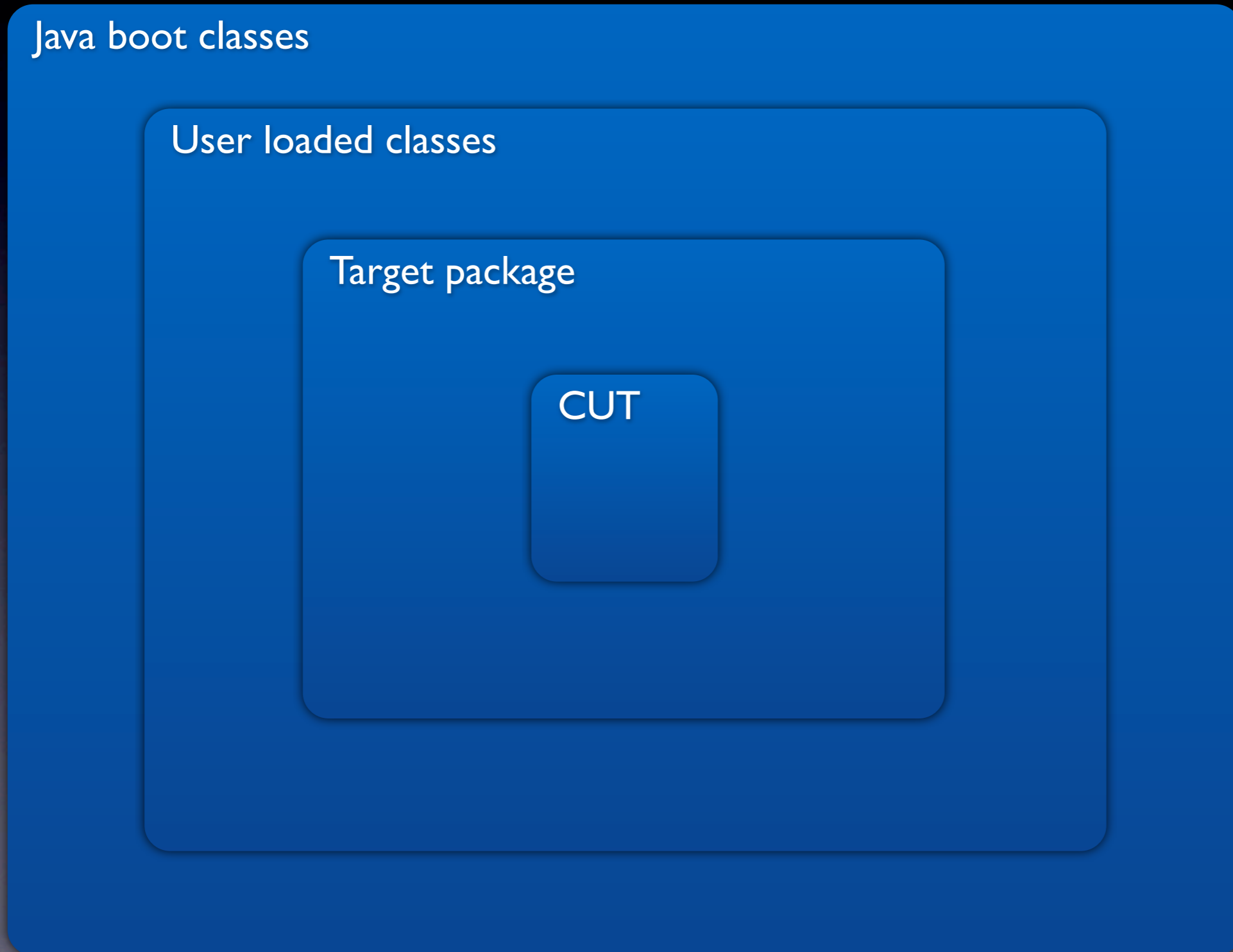

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Transformation Boundaries

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- Integer to $\{0, 1\}$ for outgoing boolean parameters

Transformation Boundaries

- Integer to $\{0, 1\}$ for outgoing boolean parameters
- $0/1$ to $-K/+K$ for incoming boolean values

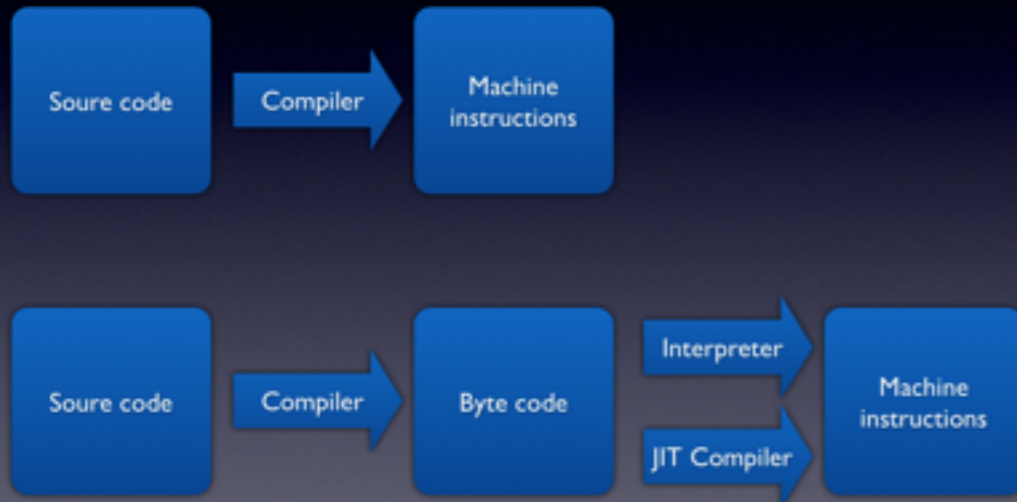
Transformation Boundaries

- Integer to $\{0, 1\}$ for outgoing boolean parameters
- $0/1$ to $-K/+K$ for incoming boolean values
- Duplicate methods:
`boolean flagMethod() {...}`
`int __flagMethod() {...}`

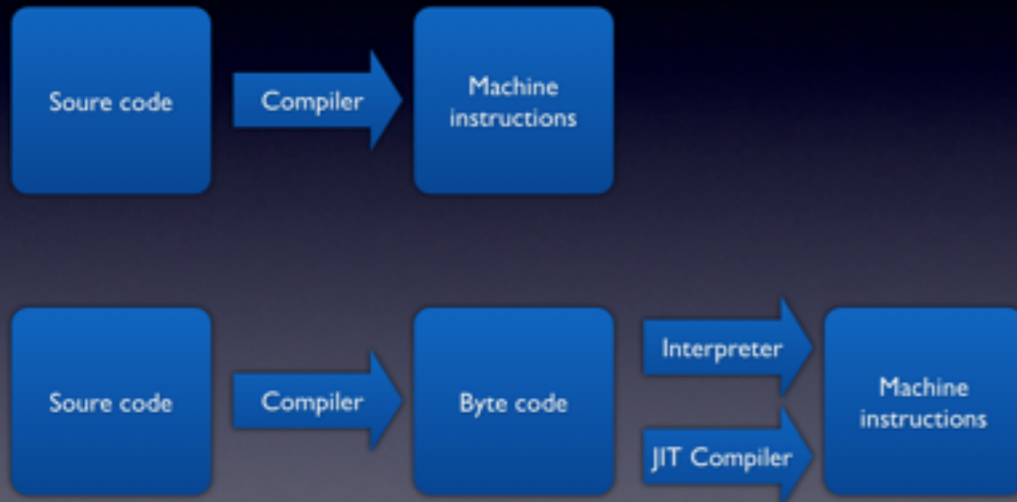
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Java Collections	16	11
JDom	18	6

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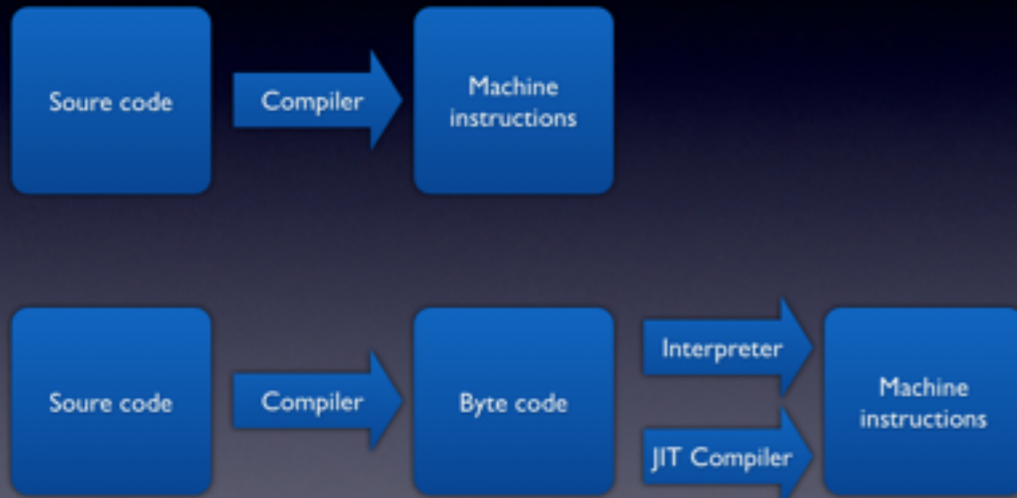
```
boolean flag = a < b;
if(flag)
  // some code
else
  // else code
```

→

```
int flag = b - a;
if(flag > 0)
  // some code
else
  // else code
```

The transformation replaces a boolean comparison with an integer calculation and a zero-based conditional check, which is more amenable to testing.

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Testability Transformation

```
boolean flag = a < b;
if(flag)
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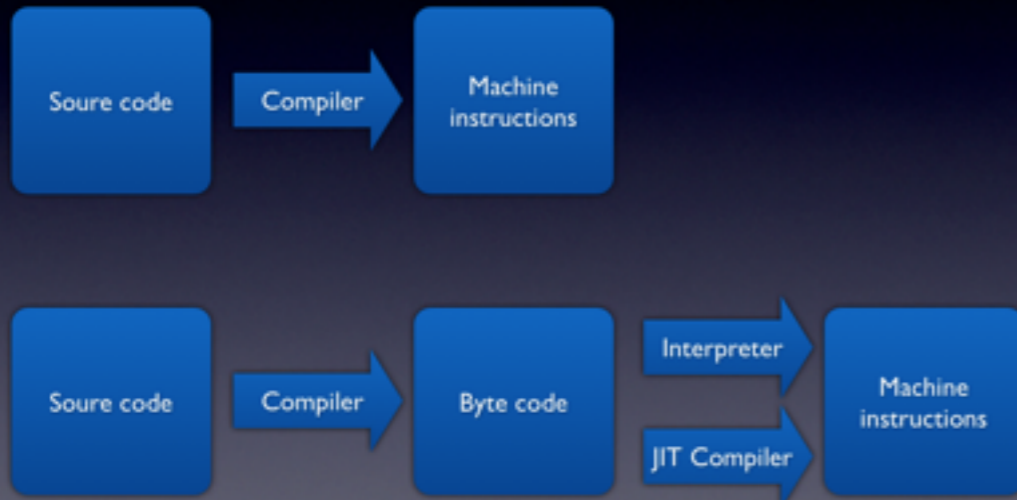
int flag = b - a;
if(flag > 0)
  // some code
else
  // else code
```

The transformation changes a boolean flag assignment and a conditional check into an integer flag assignment and a conditional check. A blue arrow points from the original code to the transformed code.

Compound Predicates

```
0: ILOAD_1          5: ICONST_1
1: ILOAD_2          INVOKE getDistance
  DUP2             6: IRETURN
  ISUB             7: ICONST_0
  INVOKE distance  INVOKE getDistance
2: IF_ICMPNE 7      8: IRETURN
3: ILOAD_1
  DUP
  INVOKE distance
4: IFLE 7
```

Bytecode



Testability Transformation

```
boolean flag = a < b;
if(flag)
  // some code
else
  // else code

int flag = b - a;
if(flag > 0)
  // some code
else
  // else code
```

The transformation changes a comparison from `a < b` to `b - a > 0`, which is more testable as it avoids complex boolean logic.

Compound Predicates

```
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