

# Speakeasy

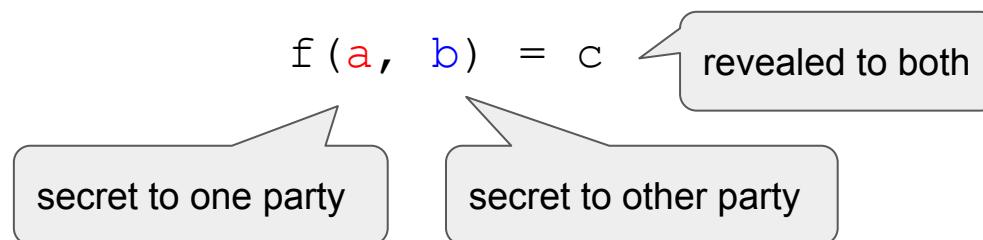
privacy-preserving programs,  
composed in the real world

# Outline

- Intro
- Part I - What is Speakeasy?
- Part II - What is a PDD?
- Part III - What can one do with a PDD graph?
- Part IV - Speakeasy meets Scala 3
- Conclusion

# Secure multi-party computation (MPC)

subfield of cryptography with the goal of creating methods for parties to **jointly compute a function** over their inputs **while keeping those inputs private**.



| players               |   |       |       |       |
|-----------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|
| dimitar               |   |       |       |       |
| shared zeroes         | d | $d_1$ | $d_2$ | $d_3$ |
| j                     |   | $j_1$ | $j_2$ | $j_3$ |
| m                     |   | $m_1$ | $m_2$ | $m_3$ |
| data                  |   | A     | B     | C     |
| shared sum            |   | $S_1$ | $S_2$ | $S_3$ |
| $S = S_1 + S_2 + S_3$ |   |       |       |       |

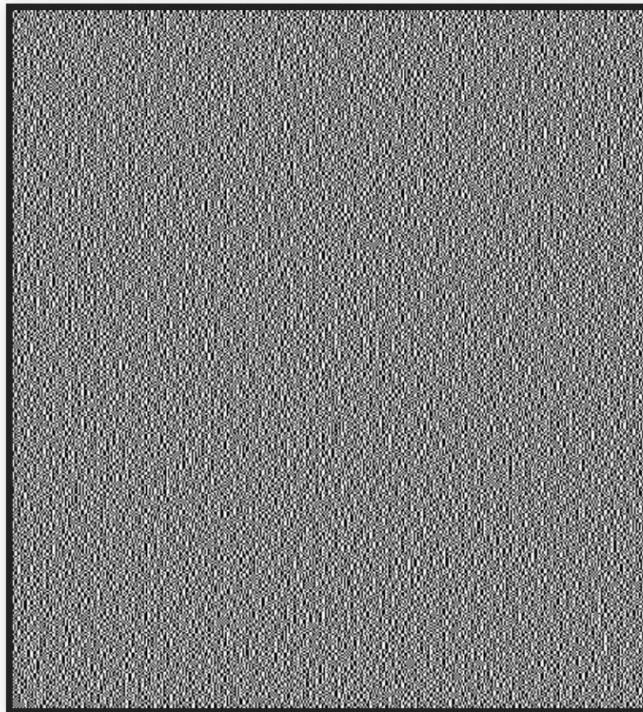
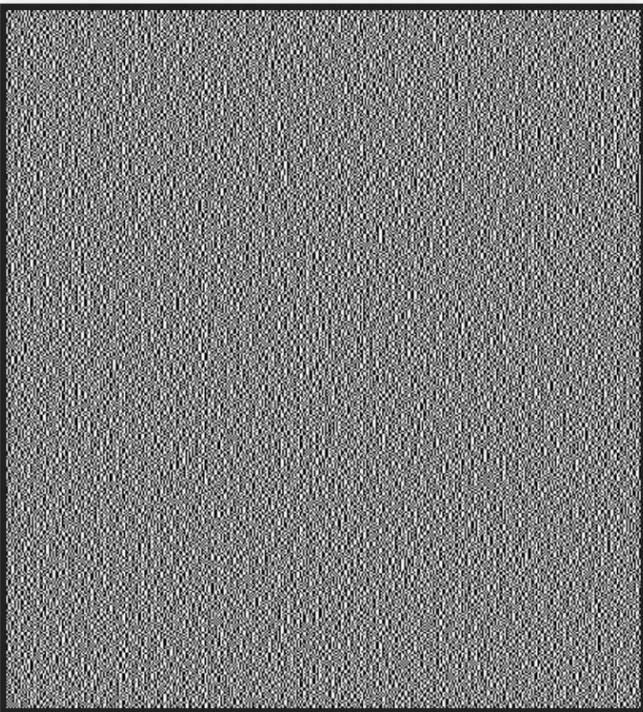
A diagram illustrating a secret sharing scheme. Three players are shown: dimitar, jakob, and manohar. Each player has a corresponding secret share for zero, represented by a small portrait and labeled  $d$ ,  $j$ , and  $m$  respectively. The labels are placed above the first column of the matrix.

A diagram showing the final shared sum  $S$  as the sum of the individual secret shares:  $S = S_1 + S_2 + S_3$ . This is represented by a large bracket underneath the last row of the matrix.

A speech bubble containing the text: "Secret shares for zero are distributed".

A speech bubble containing the text: "Shared sums are revealed publicly".

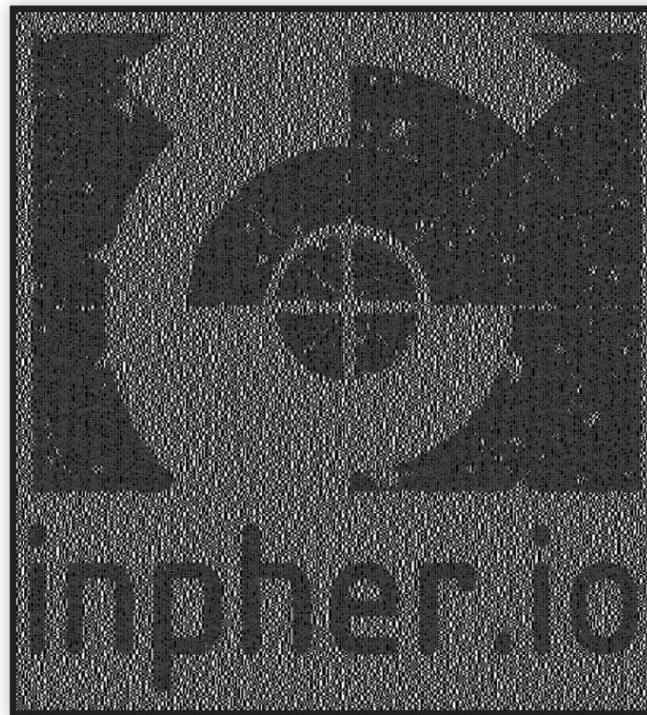
# Inputs



Reveal

Secret Share

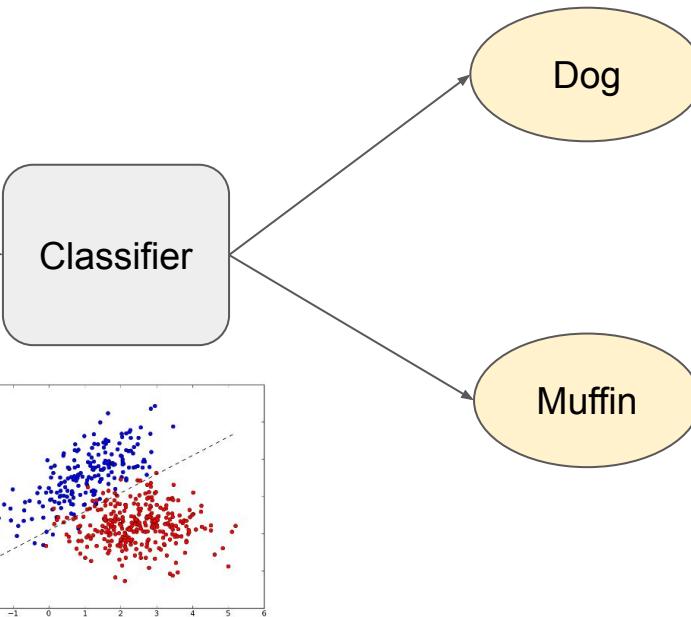
# Result



[Reveal](#)

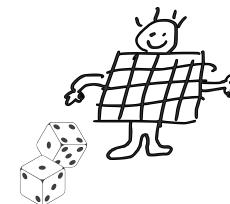
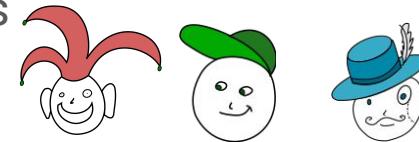
[Secret Share](#)

# Classification: Chihuahua or Muffin ?



# The Setup

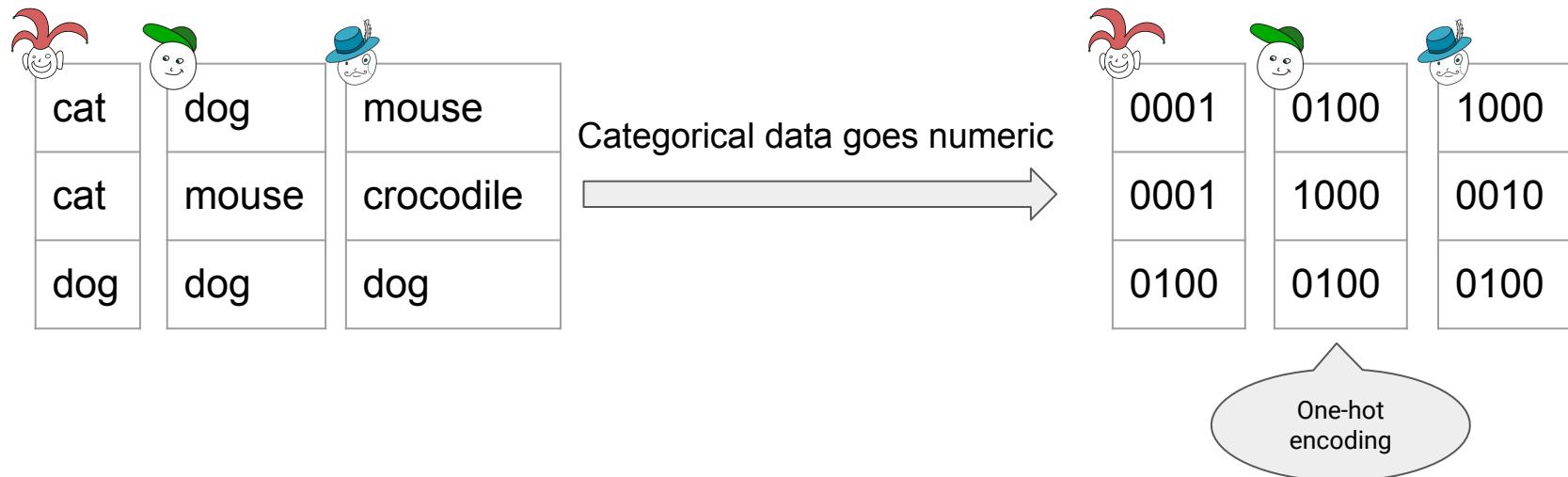
- *Data analyst* who wants to perform privacy-preserving computations
- *Data owners (players)* that are honest but curious
  - Faithfully follow what they're told to do (honest)
  - If they can learn something, they will (curious)
- A *runtime* that processes a computations request by the analyst
  - The runtime knows static metadata (e.g. dimensions)
- A *trusted dealer* for generating randomness for an mpc computation



# MPC is not enough

- Data does not live in a vacuum
- Not all data is numeric
- Goes through other local processing pipelines
- May use other privacy-preserving techniques

# MPC is not enough - making it numeric



# Part I



What is Speakeasy

# What is Speakeasy

- A library for building, composing and executing privacy preserving programs.
  - based on Private Distributed Datasets (PDDs)
  - domain-specific language (DSL) for MPC and garbled circuit computations
  - high-level API for operations on stacked, distributed data
- Allows for plugging schedulers

Execution amongst data owners

Value returned to the runtime

# Anatomy of a Speakeasy program

```
val a: Pdd[SourceTable] = se.Player("alice").readCsv("data.csv")
val b: Pdd[SourceTable] = se.Player("bob").readCsv("data.csv")
val c: Pdd[SourceTable] = se.Player("carlos").source(
    SourceTable.fromDoubles(
        Seq(Seq(-1.0, -2.0, -3.0),
            Seq(-4.0, -5.0, -6.0)
        )))

```

Loading/sourcing data

```
val doubled: Pdd[SourceTable] = a.map { table => table.times(2) }
```

```
val (res1: Pdd[SourceTable], res2: Pdd[SourceTable]) = se.multiparty {
    val m1: mpc.Matrix = se.mpc.reveal(a.stacked() + b.stacked()).asPublic
    val m2: mpc.Matrix = (a.stacked() + doubled.stacked() + c.stacked()).asSecret
    (m1, m2)
}
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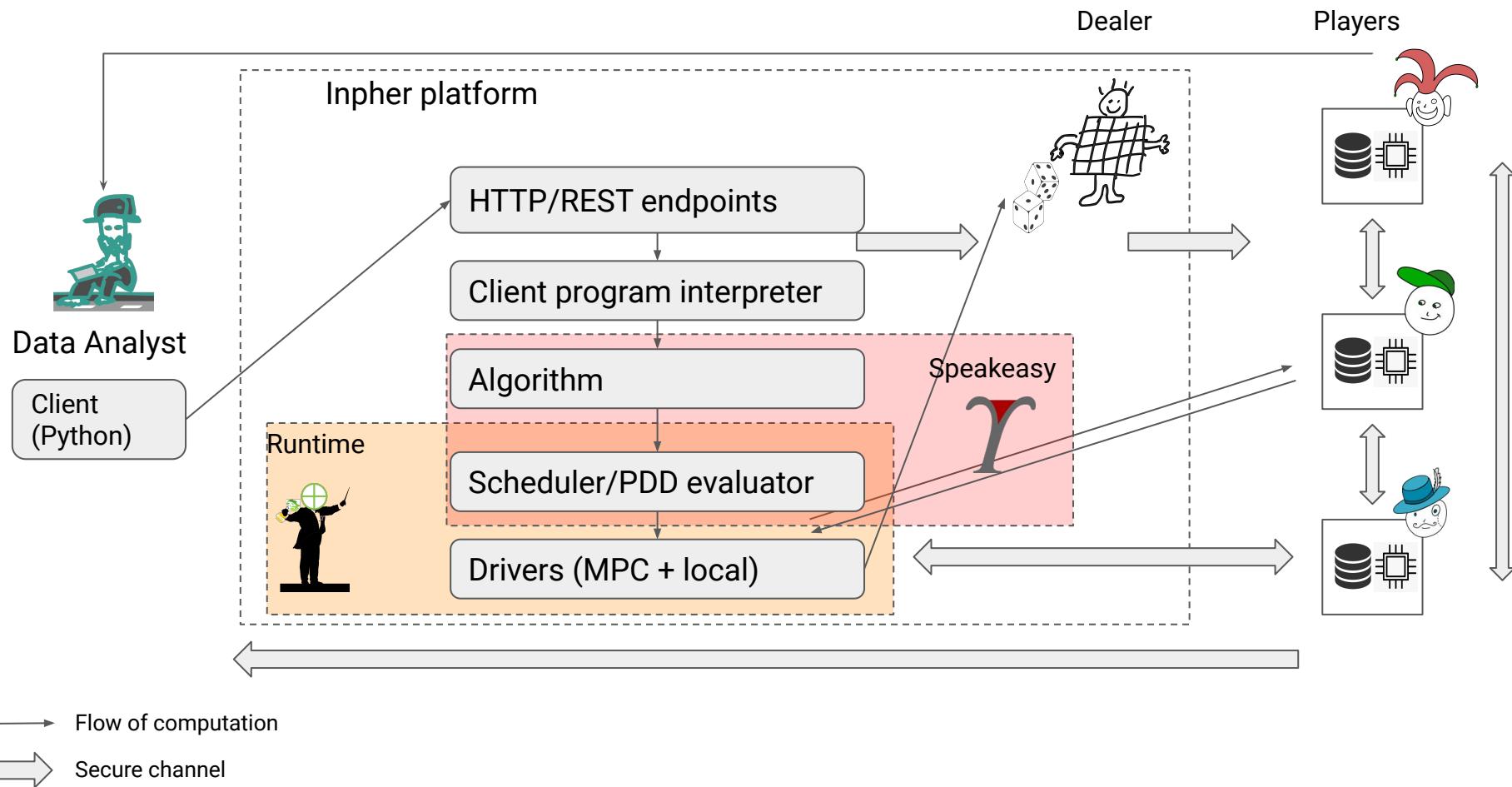
Local computations

MPC computations

```
val (result1: SourceTable, result2: SourceTable) = se.eval(res1, res2)
```

Evaluation of a result

# The Setup



# Anatomy of a Speakeasy program

- A Speakeeasy program is executed by a runtime
- The Pdd[A] world
  - Values of type Pdd[A] known only to their owners
  - Operations on pdds sent to the data owners
  - Operations in multiparty context compiled to Inpher's MPC engine
- The A world
  - Values of type A are visible to the runtime
  - Algorithm developers must be mindful of what the runtime can see

# Part II



What is a PDD

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```
trait Pdd[A] {  
    def owners: Set[Player]  
    def dep: Operation  
}
```

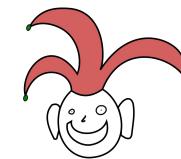
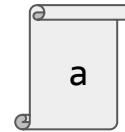
A PDD[A] **represents** some data of type A that may be distributed across multiple partitions.

Each partition of a PDD is owned by one party in a privacy-preserving computation, and together they make up one logical dataset.

A PDD is always the result of an **operation**.

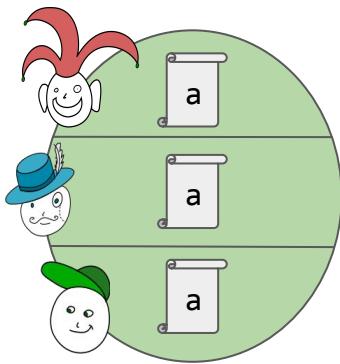
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# PDD = data + ownership



# Kinds of PDDs

Uniform

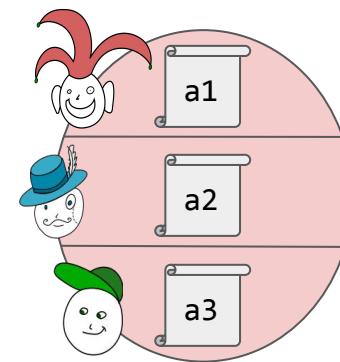


UniformPdd[A]

PrivatePdd[A]

Just an alias  
for frequent  
single-owner  
case

Secret-shared



SecretPdd[A]

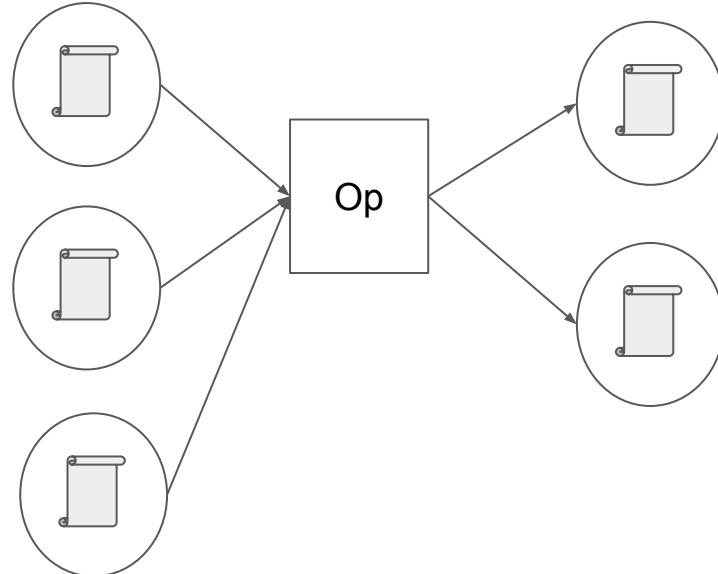
$$a=a_1+a_2+a_3$$

Additive  
shares

# Operations on PDDs

```
trait Pdd[A] {  
    def owners: Set[Player]  
    def dep: Operation  
}  
  
class SecretPdd[A] extends Pdd[A] { ... }  
class UniformPdd[A] extends Pdd[A] { ... }
```

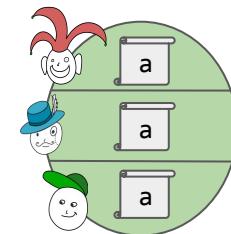
- Change data
- Change ownership
- Evaluate result



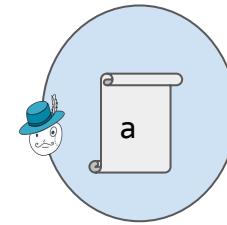
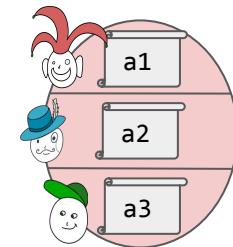
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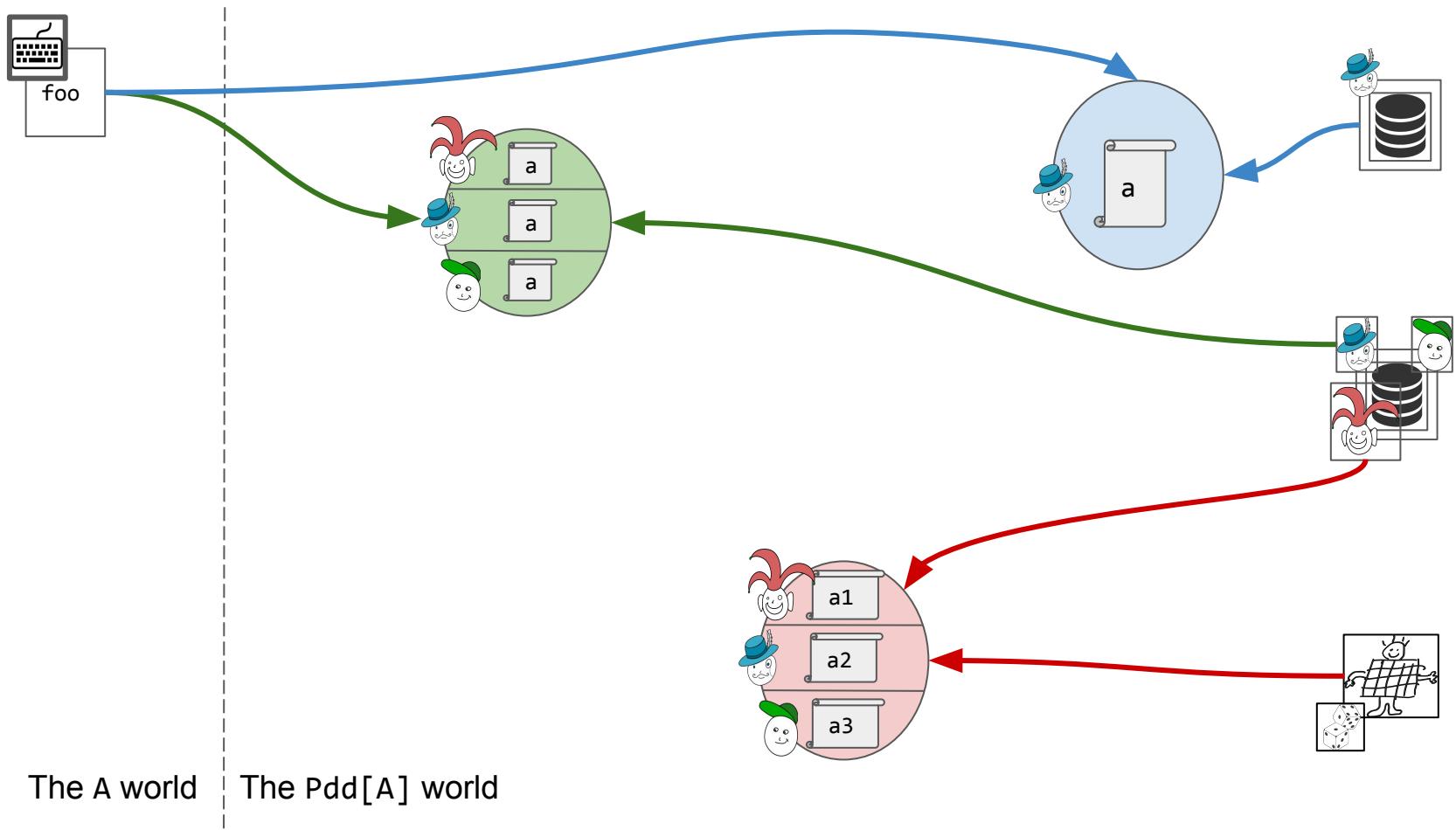
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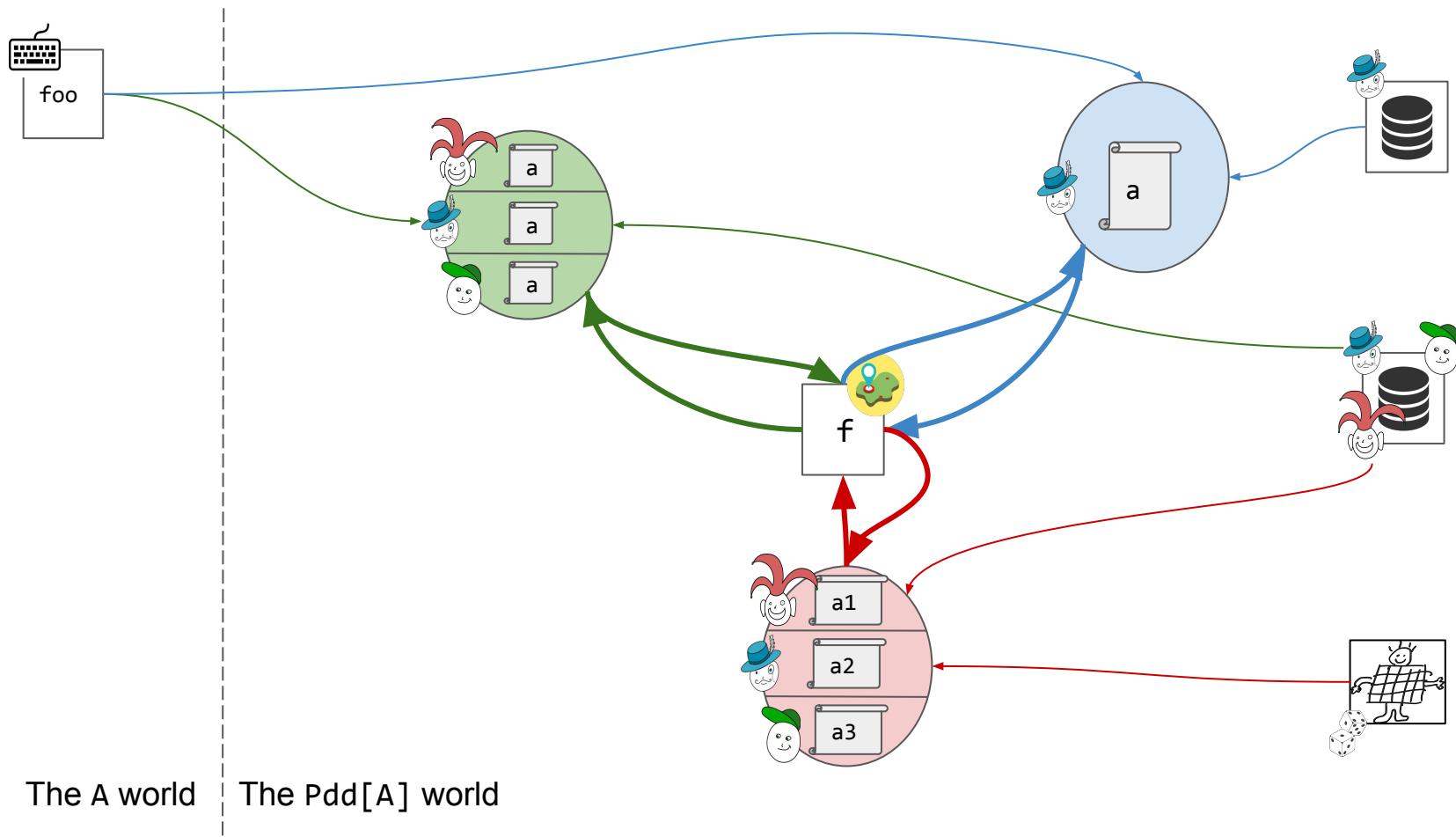
The Pdd[A] world



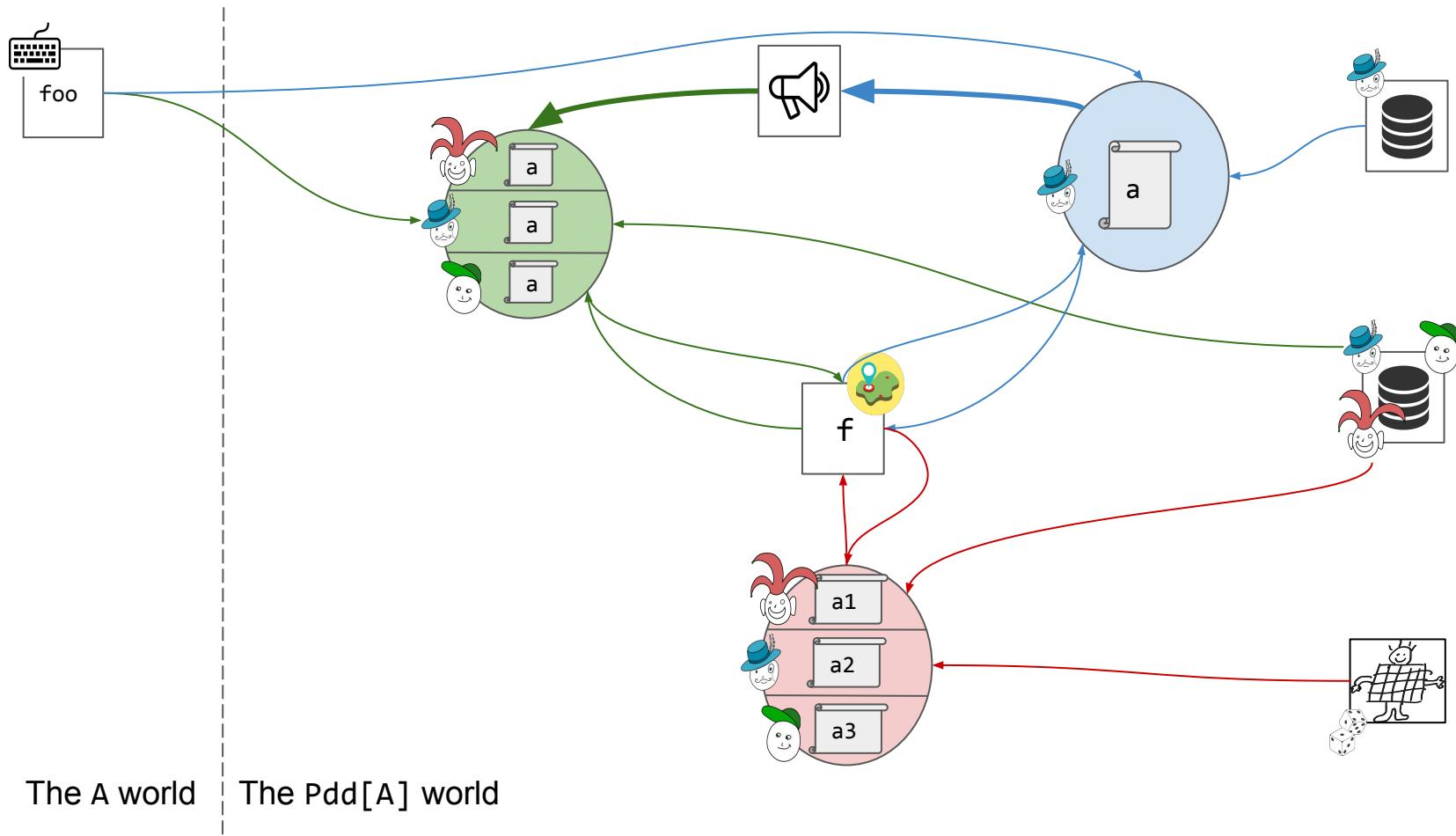
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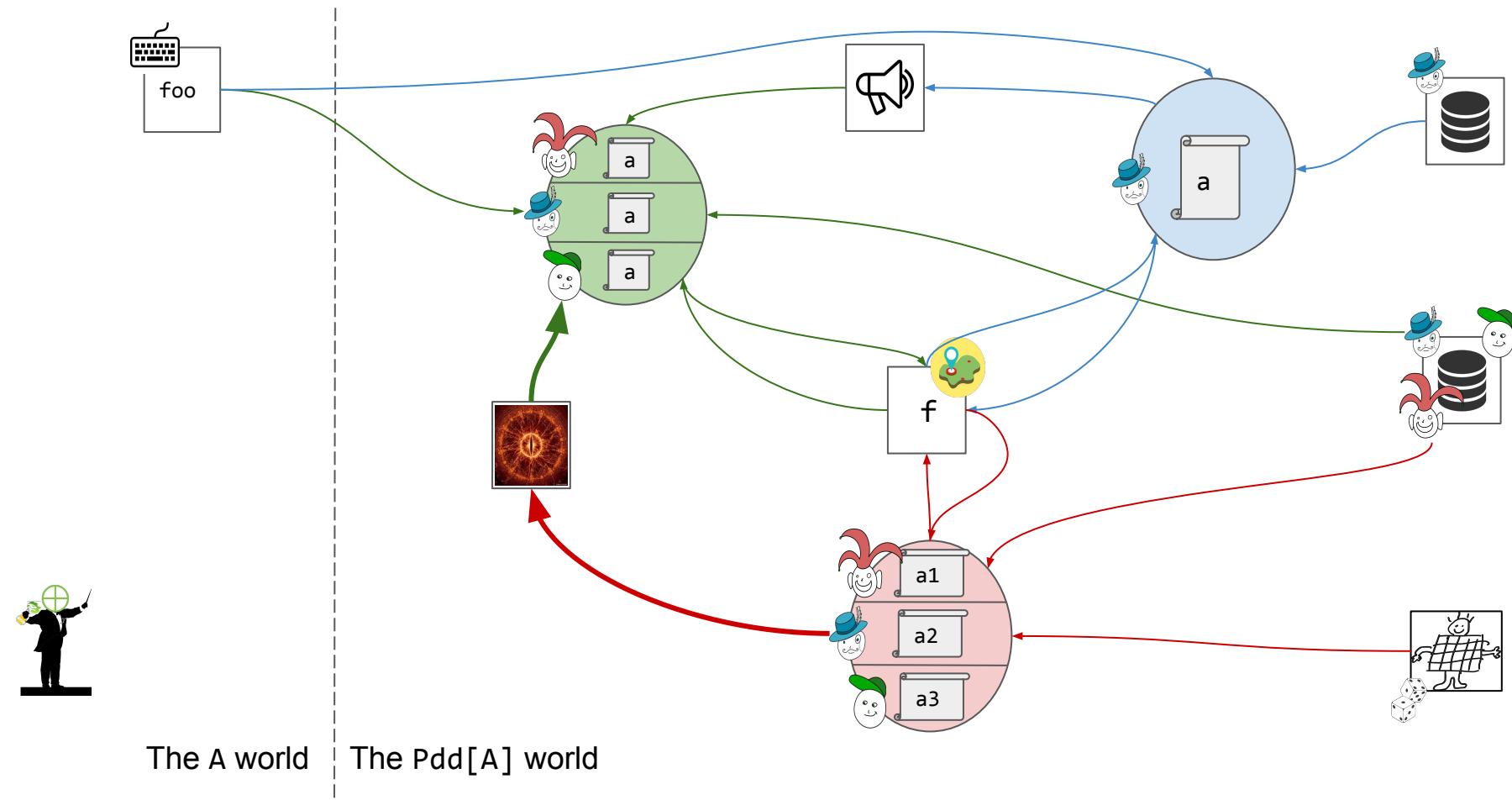
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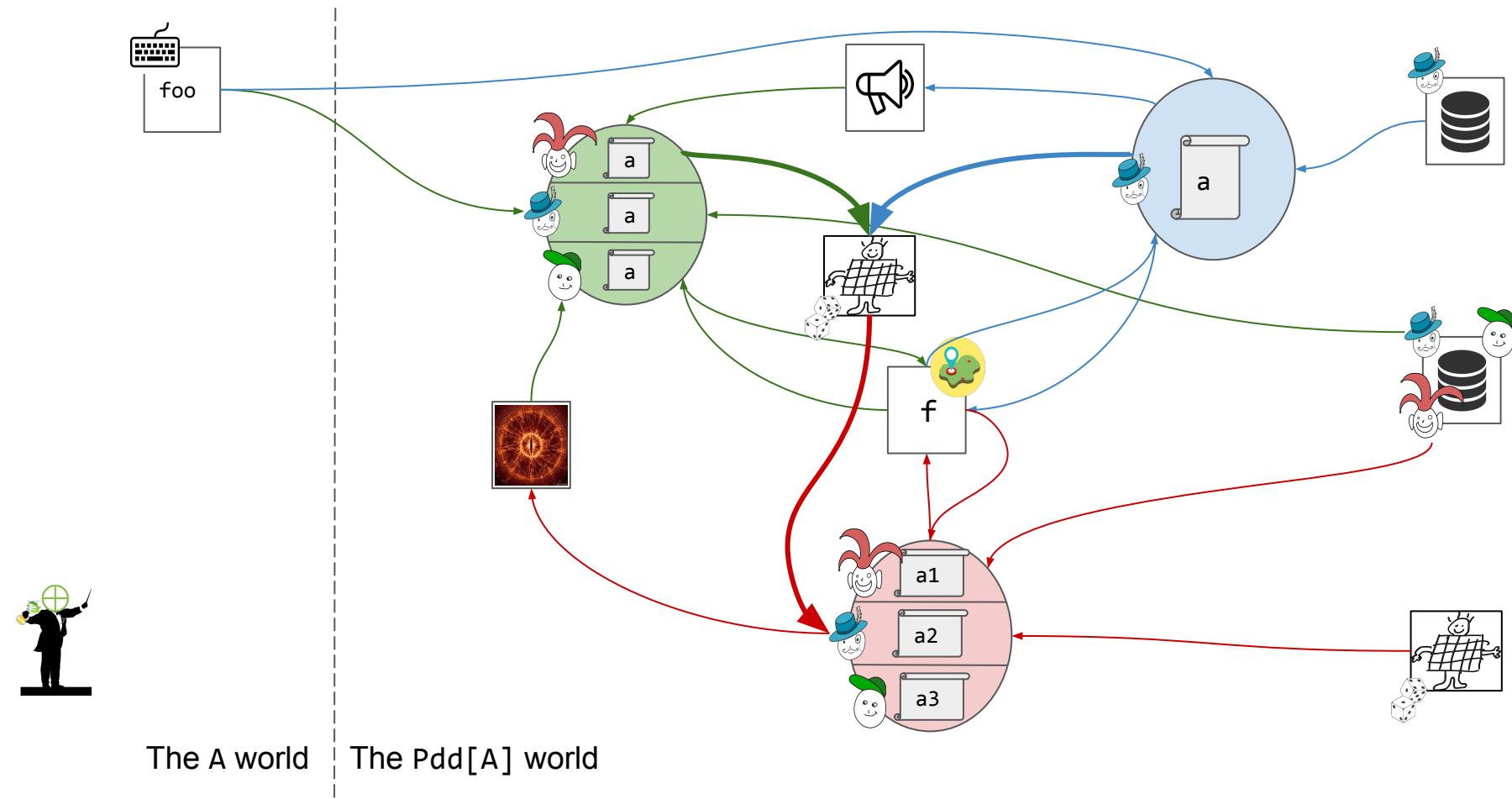
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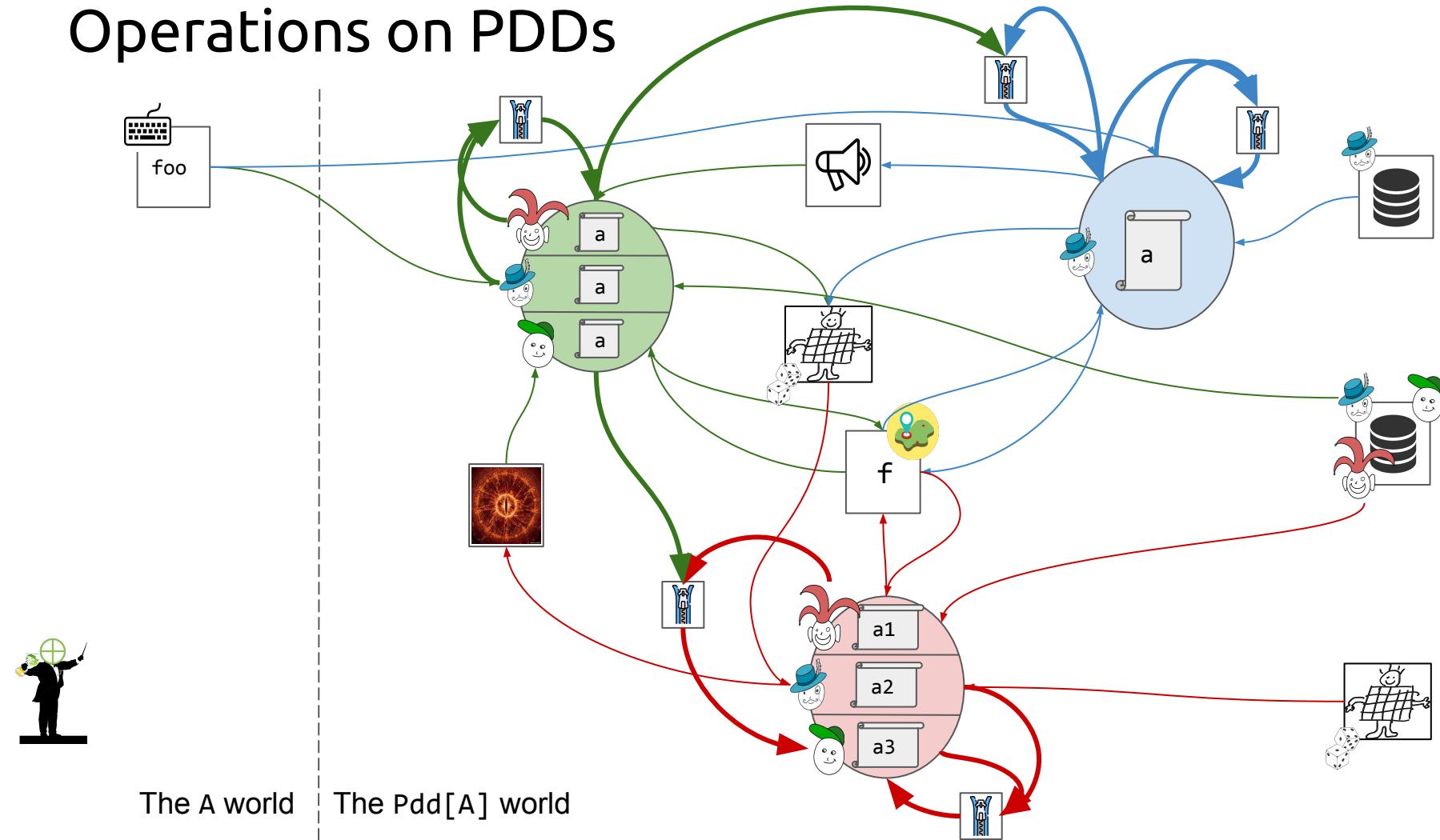
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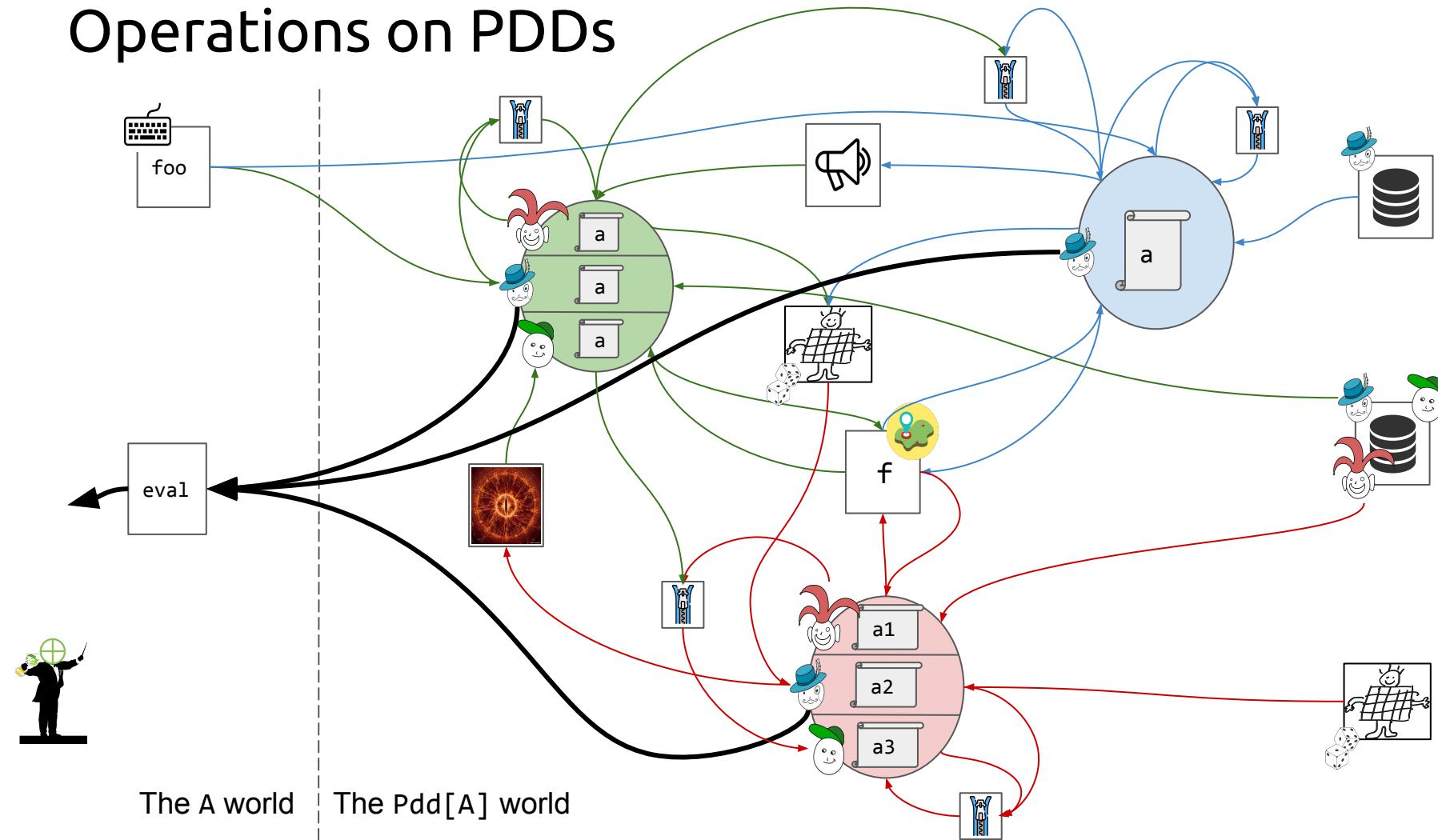
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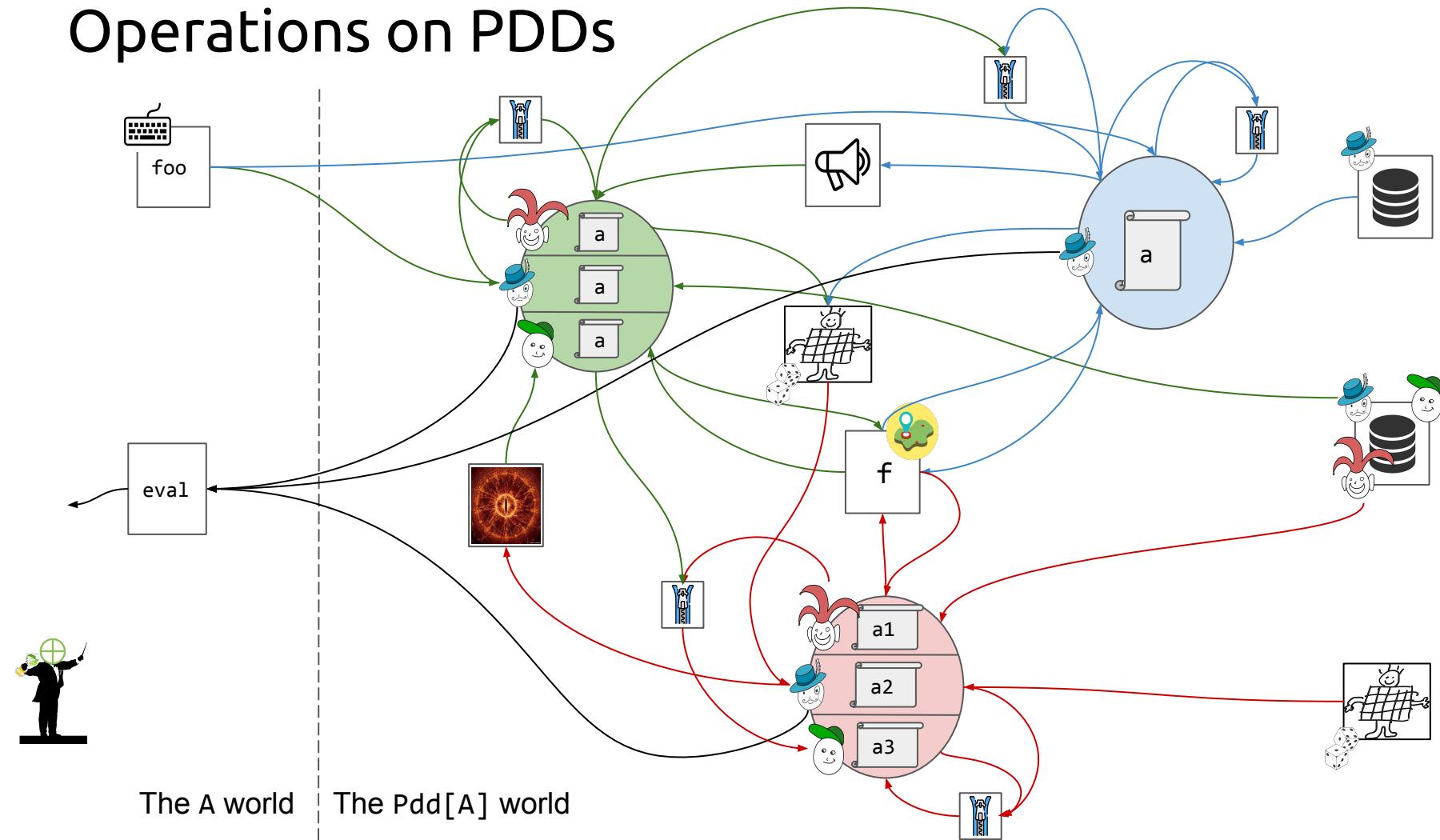
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```
class Player {  
    def read[A]: Pdd[A]  
    def source[A](a: A): UniformPdd[A]  
}
```

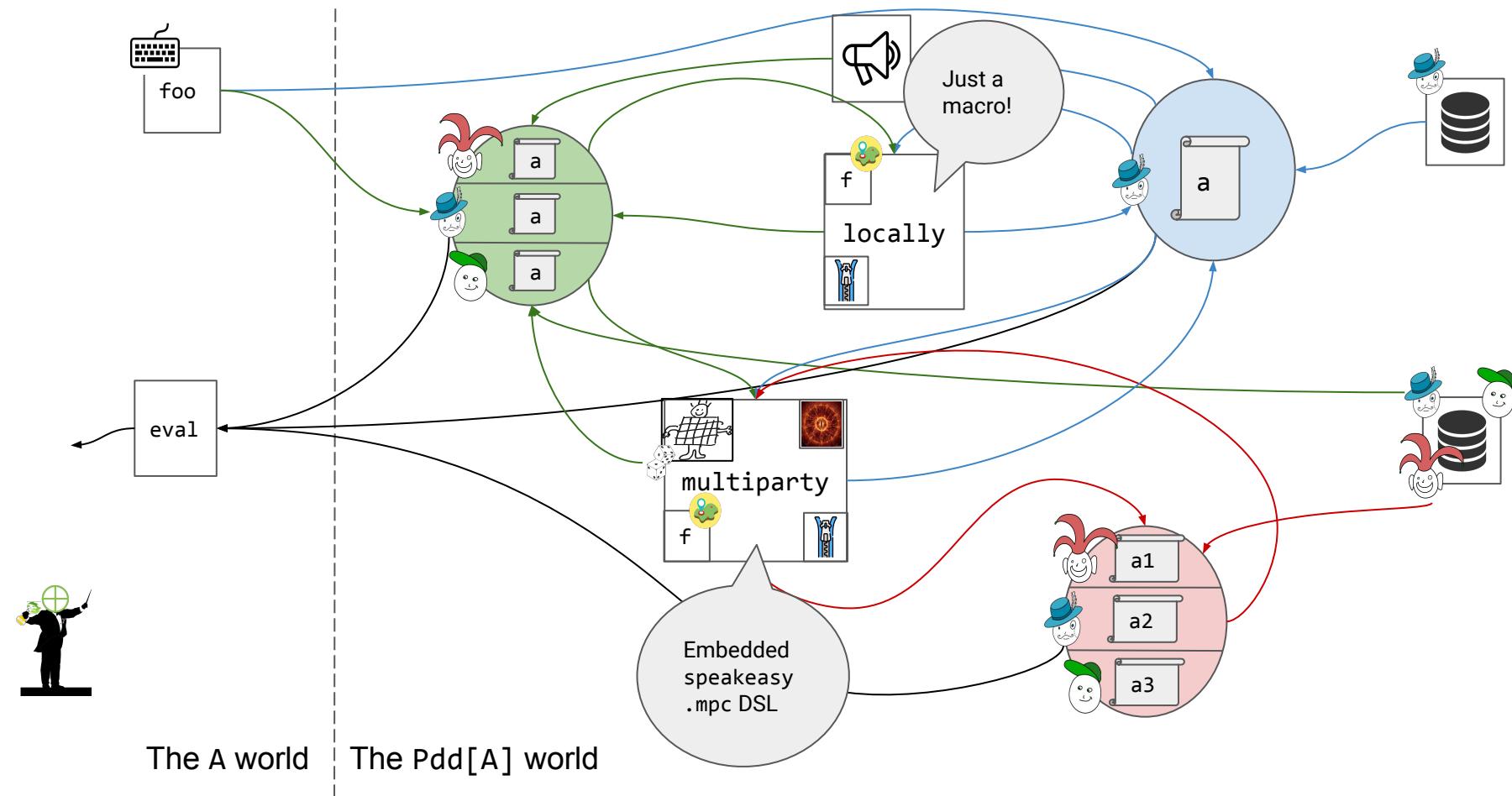
```
def eval[A](pdd: Pdd[A]): A
```

```
trait Pdd[A] {  
    def owners: Set[Player]  
    def map[B]: Pdd[B]  
    def zip[B]: Pdd[(A, B)]  
}
```

```
class SecretPdd[A] extends Pdd[A] {  
    def reveal: UniformPdd[A]  
}
```

```
class UniformPdd[A] extends Pdd[A] {  
    def broadcastTo(ps: Set[Player]): UniformPdd[A]  
    def secretShare: SecretPdd[A]  
}
```

# Operations on PDDs - in practice

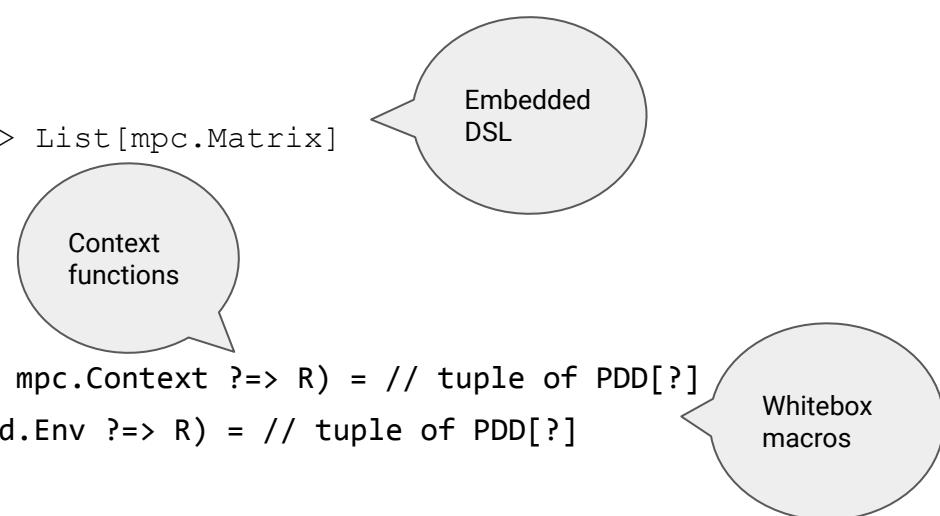


# Operations on PDDs - in practice

```
// structure
case class ZipMap(
    outs: List[Pdd[_]],
    ins: List[Pdd[_]],
    fn: (Env, List[_]) => List[_]
) extends Operation(ins, outs)

case class Mpc(
    outs: List[Pdd[SourceTable]],
    ins: List[Pdd[SourceTable]],
    compile: (mpc.Context, List[mpc.Matrix]) => List[mpc.Matrix]
) extends Operation(ins), outs

// syntax
transparent inline def multiparty[R](inline body: mpc.Context ?=> R) = // tuple of PDD[?]
transparent inline def locally[R](inline body: Pdd.Env ?=> R) = // tuple of PDD[?]
```



# Part III



What one can do with a PDD Graph

# Evaluating a PDD

There is **no single way** to evaluate a PDD!

- We can evaluate operations sequentially, in *topological* order
- We can evaluate operations in parallel!
  - “Optimistic” parallelism
  - Work-stealing parallelism
  - Other?
- The architecture of the system may dictate scheduling strategy

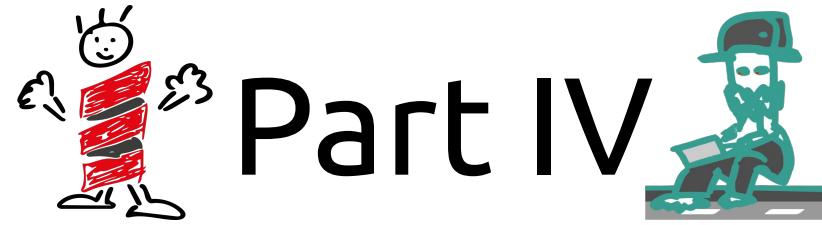
# Bootleg: an example strategy for evaluating PDDs

Bootleg is a scheduler in which the evaluation of target PDDs is done through the following steps:

1. Computing the transitive closure of the operational dependencies of the target(s).
2. Mapping the closure to runtime tasks, responsible for evaluating operations.
  - a. this is known as an *execution plan*
  - b. *the exact nature of tasks depends on the architecture*
3. Scheduling the tasks such that:
  - a. operational dependencies are evaluated in order
  - b. in parallel as much as possible
4. Reconstruction of final result

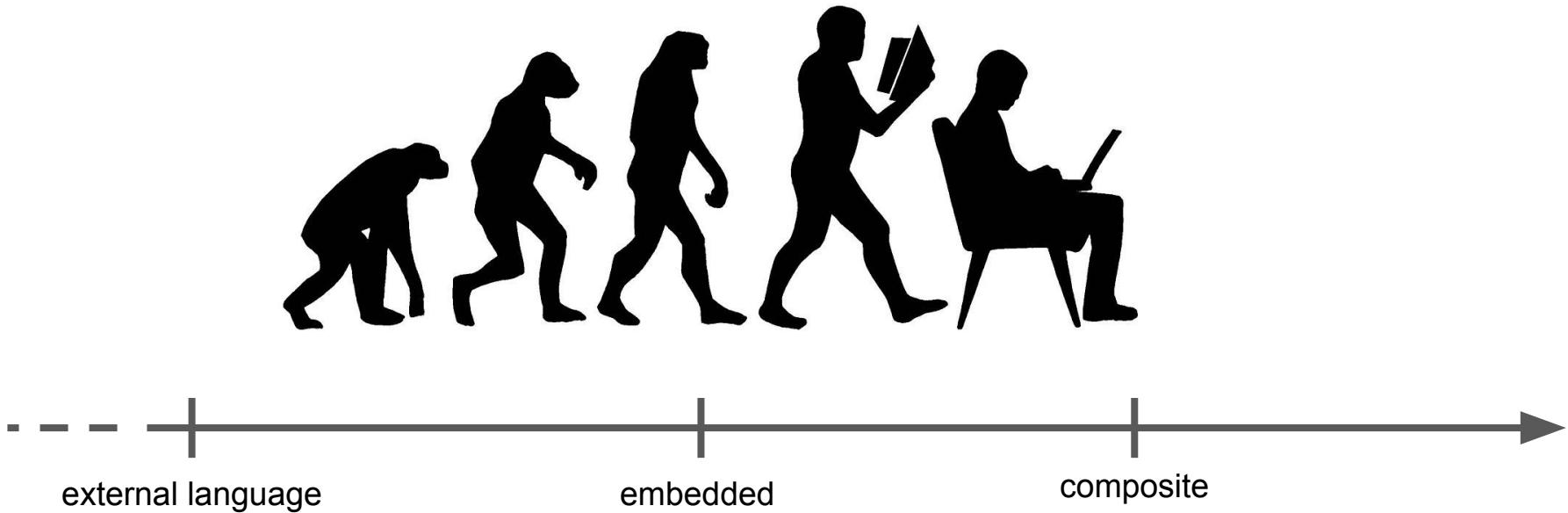
# Evaluating a PDD

- PDDs are *lazy*: they represent a logical dataset
- they're a dataflow modelling tool
- evaluating a (set of) target PDD(s) will run all operations leading to it (them)
- do something useful with the final result
  - e.g. reveal it or save it
- evaluation is pluggable
- => **description and execution are decoupled**



Speakeeasy meets ~~Dotty~~ Scala III

# Evolution of Speakeasy



# 1. External Language

```
def solve(A: Matrix, b: Vector): Vector {  
    var nrows: Int = xor.rows(A);  
    var ncols: Int = xor.cols(A);  
  
    var P: Matrix = xor.orthrand(nrows, ncols, -6);  
    var Q: Matrix = xor.orthrand(nrows, ncols, -6);  
  
    var PAQ: Matrix = P * A * Q;  
    var Pb: Vector = P * b;  
  
    xor.reveal(PAQ);  
    xor.reveal(Pb);  
    var r: Vector = xor.publicSolve(PAQ, Pb);  
    return Q * r;  
}
```

```
def linreg(y: Vector, X: Matrix): Vector {  
    var A: Matrix = xor.transpose(X) * X;  
    var b: Vector = xor.transpose(X) * y;  
    return solve(A, b);  
}  
  
def main() {  
    var X: Matrix = xor.input("X");  
    var y: Vector = xor.input("y");  
    var theta: Vector = linreg(y, X);  
    xor.output(theta, "thetas");  
}
```

# Why Move from External to Embedded?

- most “interesting/hard” work is done on an intermediate representation
- building user-level API requires a lot of work for marginal gains
  - fast growing complexity of an external DSL is not well suited for startups
- embedding in Scala allows us to skip implementing front-end systems such as parsers

## 2. Embedded Language

```
import speakeasy as se

def solve(A: se.Matrix, b: se.Matrix)(using se.Context): se.Matrix = {
    val nrows: Int = A.nrows
    val ncols: Int = A.ncols

    val P: se.Matrix = se.randOrth(nrows, nrows)
    val Q: se.Matrix = se.randOrth(ncols, ncols)

    val AQ: se.Matrix = A * Q
    val PtAQ: se.Matrix = P.t * AQ
    val PtB: se.Matrix = P.t * b

    val r: se.Matrix = se.publicSolve(se.reveal(PtAQ), se.reveal(PtB))
    Q * r
}
```

# Scala Features Used in the Embedded DSL

- syntactic:

- top-level functions
- import renames

=> similarity to Python-based numeric libraries

=> easy to read and navigate

- structural:

- builder passed as a "given context"

=> allows decoupling user syntax from program structure

(alternative is mixin-based module system, aka "cake pattern", which is arguably less discoverable)

# Builder Context

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    val PtB: se.Matrix = P.t * b (using se.Context)

    val r: se.Matrix = se.publicSolve(se.reveal(PtAQ), se.reveal(PtB)) (using se.Context)
    Q * r
}
```

# Builder Context

```
val AQ: se.Matrix = (A * Q)(using Context)
```

calls

```
class Context {  
    def mul(a: Matrix, b: Matrix): Matrix = {  
        ... // check and infer some properties, modify some state  
        node(a, b) // return an intrinsic node  
    }  
}
```

# Builder Context, End-to-End Flexibility

```
// 1. create a context
val context: Context = initialize()

// 2. "compile" the user code
main(using context)

// 3. do something with the result

// generate code for our proprietary MPC VM
codegen(context)
// or, generate python code for comparison with numeric libraries
codegenPython(context)
// or, interpret for debugging
interpret(context)
```

# Builder Context, End-to-End Restrictions

- guard rails
- can't call MPC functions outside of an MPC context
- @implicitNotFound gives friendly error messages

# Embedded to Composite

- need way to express higher-level dataflows
    - MPC does not live in a vacuum
    - compiler's output must be more general than a specialized VM's instruction set
  - want to offer one environment for algorithm developers
  - want to keep the specialized MPC DSL for MPC dataflows
- => need a way to compose languages

```
val a = se.multiparty { ... }
val b = se.locally { ... }
val c = se.multiparty { ... }
```

# Scala 3 Features Used in the Composite DSL

- context functions
  - allows to inject a given builder
  - effective in delimiting boundaries between languages
  - "plain old functional abstraction with nice syntax"
- macros
  - enable a light syntax
  - c.f. Future operations vs async/await

# Macros and Context Functions

User Code

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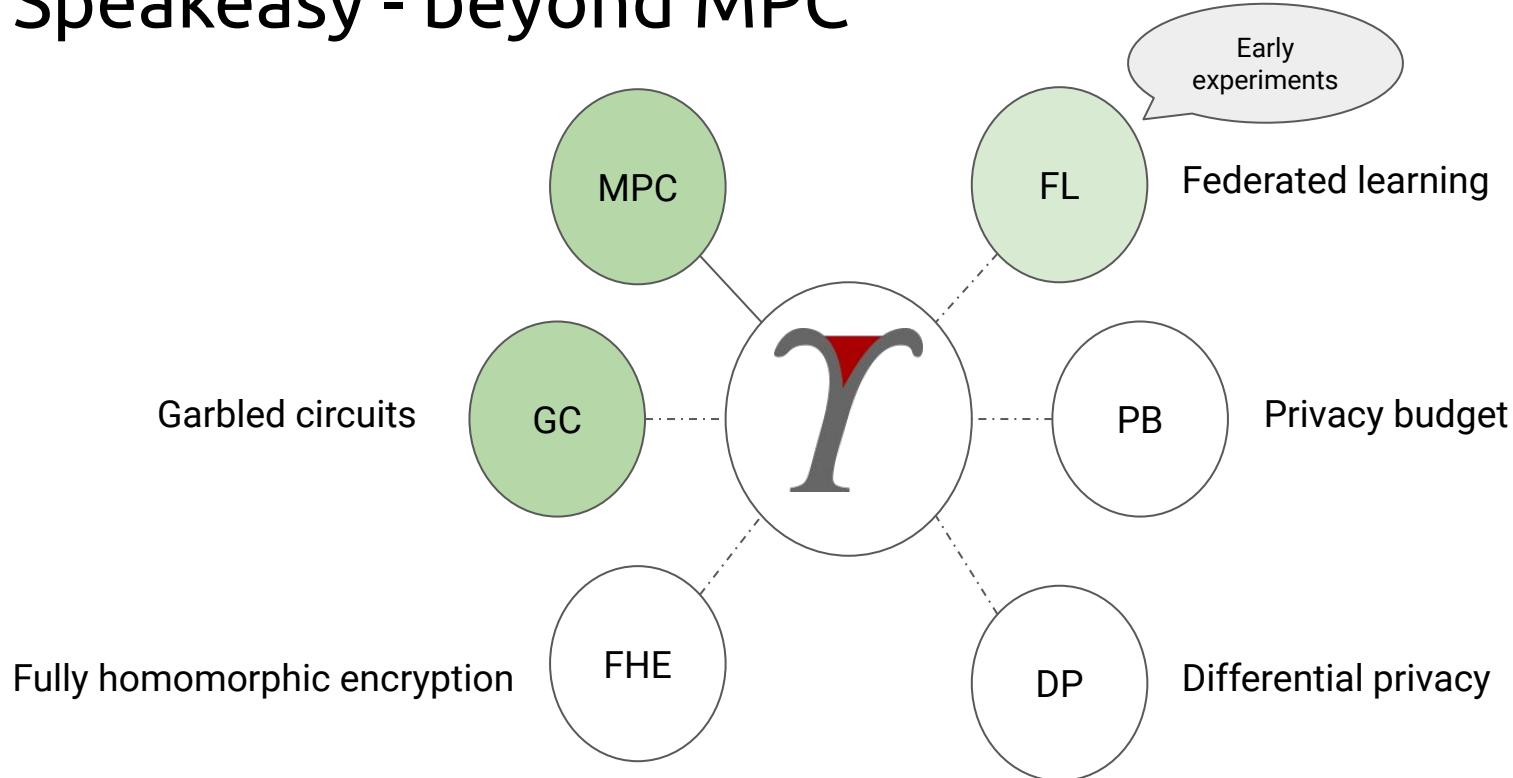
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# Key Insights

- Scala 3's contextual abstractions and new macro system are powerful DSL enablers
- **Abstracting structure from syntax is key**
  - manages perceived complexity
  - provides an escape hatch if needed
  - enables introspection and analysis
- Watch talk "From Zero to Three", given at Scala Love in the City 2021 for some more details
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wi-Pa0K1wal>

# Speakeasy - beyond MPC



For Your Consideration

## Speakeasy Hosted Environment

<https://scalacon.tryit.xor.inpher.io/>

or

[tinyurl.com/wyt2kw](http://tinyurl.com/wyt2kw)

## Team

| _ | Name | Handle   | Salutation |
|---|------|----------|------------|
| ? | You  | @CouldBe | The One    |



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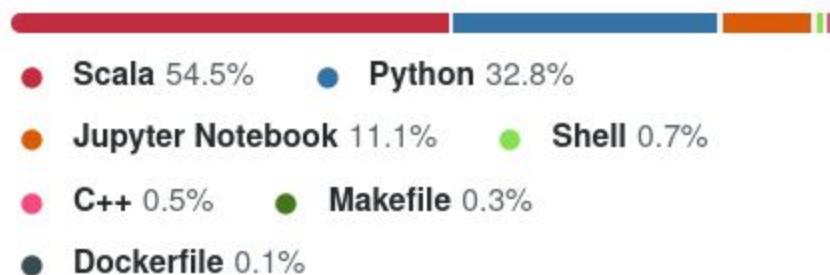
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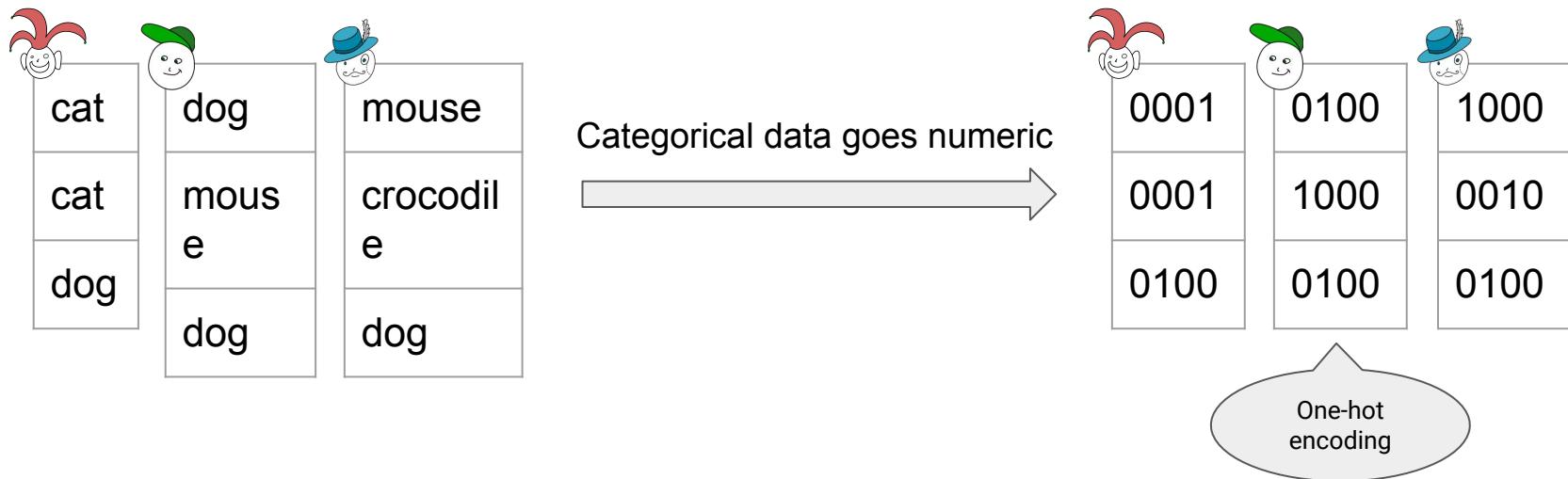
## Languages



# Macros and Context Functions

```
@annotation.compileTimeOnly("() may only be called within speakeasy.multiparty")
/** Get a stacked PDD's representation in the context of an MPC computation.
 *
 * This is only available in a `speakeasy.multiparty` block.
 */
def apply(): mpc.Matrix = ???
```

# Example - one-hot encoding



- Step 1: union of all pets -> “cat, crocodile, dog, mouse”
- Step 2: one-hot encoding of union -> “0001, 0010, 0100, 1000”
- Step 3: local conversion of categorical data

```
def onehotEncode(elems: Set[String]):  
  Map[String, List[Int]] = ???  
  
def onehotEncodeGlobally(  
  allPets: List[PrivatePdd[List[String]]]):  
  (UniformPdd[Map[String, List[Int]]],  
   List[PrivatePdd[List[List[Int]]]]) = {  
  val allOwners = allPets.map(_.owner)  
  
  val elect = allOwners.head  
  val electsPets :: othersPets =  
    for (pets <- allPets) yield pets.map(_.toSet)  
  
  val petsCommunicated =  
    for (pets <- othersPets) yield  
      pets.broadcastTo(elect)
```

```
val unionOfPets: PrivatePdd[Set[String]] = {  
  val unionOfOthersPets =  
    zipAll(petsCommunicated).map {  
      allPets => allPets.foldLeft(Set.empty[String])(  
        (acc, elems) => acc union elems)  
    }  
  electsPets.zip(unionOfOthersPets).map {  
    case (elects, others) => elects union others  
  }  
}  
val encodingMap = unionOfPets.map(onehotEncode)  
val commonMap: UniformPdd[Map[String, List[Int]]] =  
  encodingMap.broadcastTo(allOwners: _*)  
  
val res = for (pets <- allPets) yield {  
  pets.zip(commonMap).map { case (ps, encoding) =>  
    ps.map(encoding)  
  }  
(commonMap, res) }
```

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