







#### Software Infrastructure















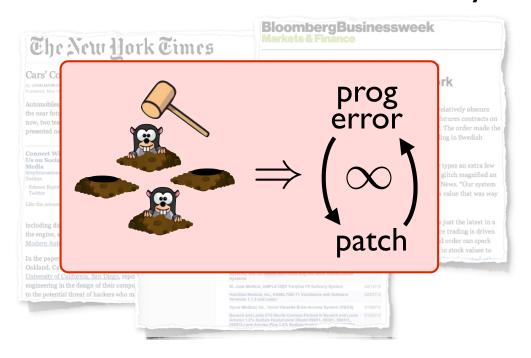
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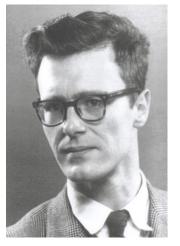
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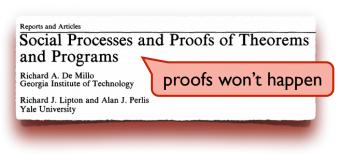
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# When exhaustive testing is impossible, our trust can only be based on proof.



Edsger W. Dijkstra Under the Spell of Leibniz's Dream



... not just a dream!

#### **Proof Assistant Based Verification**

Code in language suited for reasoning

Develop correctness proof in synch

Fully formal, machine checkable proof

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[Yang et al. PLDI 11]

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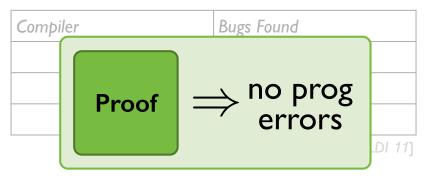
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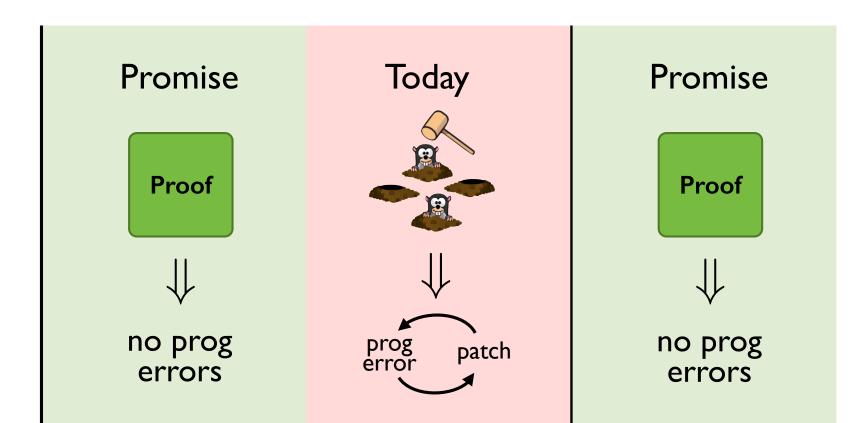
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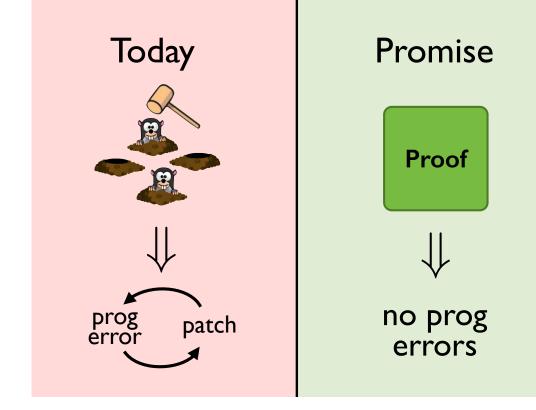
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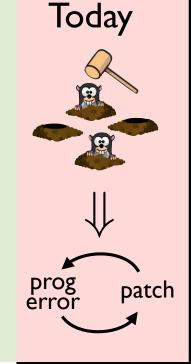
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Promise

Proof

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Burden

no progerrors

#### The Burden of Proof

I. Initial proofs require heroic effort

CompCert: 70% proof, vast majority of effort

seL4: 200,000 line proof for 9,000 lines of C

2. Code updates require re-proving

CompCert: adding opts [Tristan POPL 08, PLDI 09, POPL 10]

seL4: changing RPC took 17% of proof effort

Mitigating the Burden of Proof

I: Scaling proofs to critical infrastructure

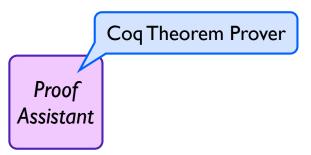
Formal shim verification for large apps

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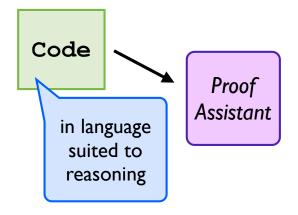
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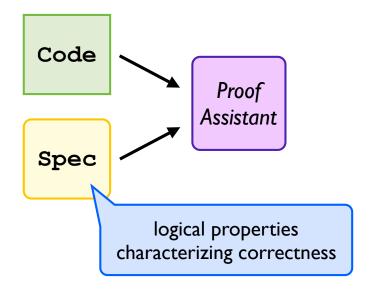
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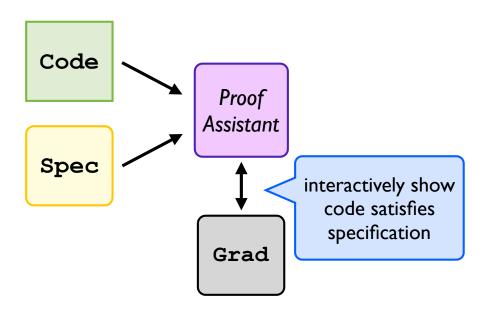


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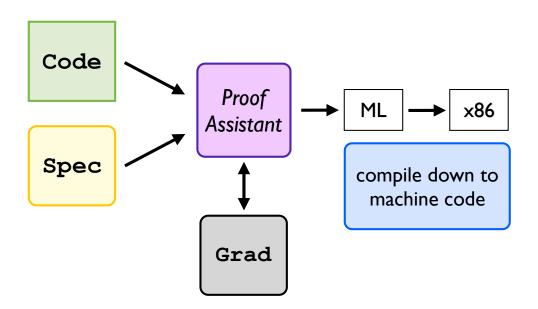


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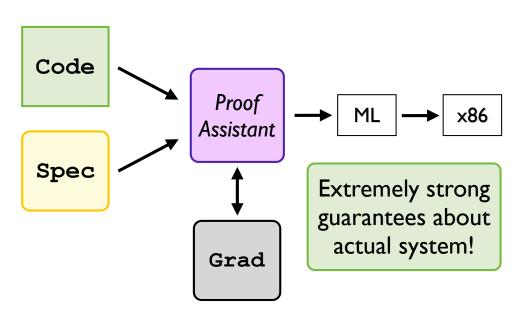




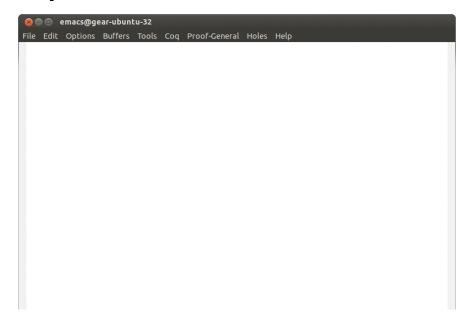
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```
File Edit Options Buffers Tools Coq Proof-General

Fixpoint factorial n := match n with | 0 => 1 | S m => n * factorial m end.

program in a purely functional language
```

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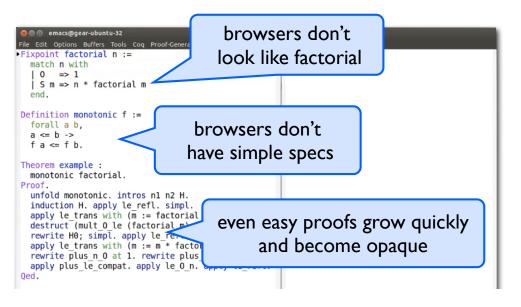
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forall a b,
a <= b ->
f a <= f b.
```

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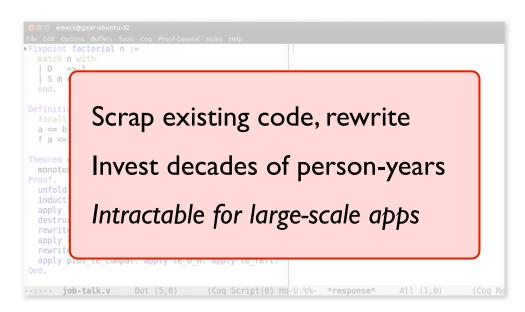
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  match n with
    0 => 1
   S m => n * factorial m
  end.
Definition monotonic f :=
  forall a b,
  a <= b ->
                                claim program
  f a \leq f b.
                                 satisfies spec
Theorem example:
  monotonic factorial.
Proof.
             construct proof
                interactively
```

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  unfold monotonic. intros n1 n2 H.
  induction H. apply le refl. simpl.
  apply le trans with (\overline{m} := factorial m); auto.
  destruct (mult_0 le (factorial m) m).
  rewrite H0; simpl. apply le_refl.
  apply le trans with (m := m * factorial m); auto.
  rewrite plus n 0 at 1. rewrite plus comm.
  apply plus le compat. apply le 0 n. apply le refl.
```



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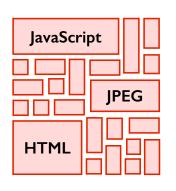


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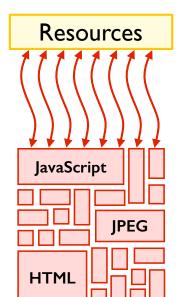
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Constant evolution



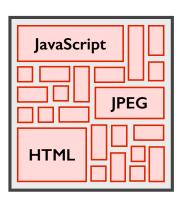
Resources

**JavaScript** 

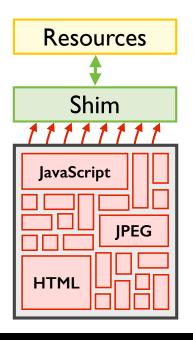
**HTML** 

**JPEG** 

Isolate sandbox untrusted code



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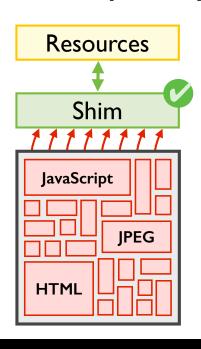


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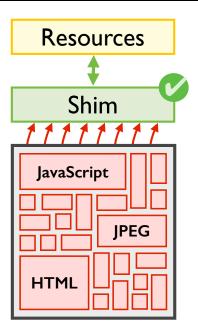
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Verify shim

prove security policy

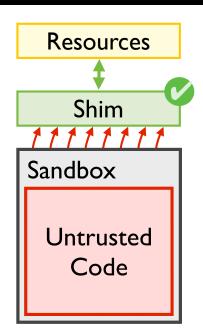
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Isolate
Implement shim
Verify shim

#### Applies when:

1. sys fits architecture

2. policy over resources browser, httpd, sshd, ...

#### Formal Shim Verification

#### Mitigating the Burden of Proof

#### Key Insight: Focus Effort

Guarantee sec props for entire system

Only implement and prove small shim

Radically ease verification burden

Prove actual code correct

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⇒ Formal shim verification for large apps

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#### Browsers: Critical Infrastructure

















#### Browsers: Vulnerable



#### **Defenses / Policies:**

[Jang et al.W2SP]

[Stamm et al. WWW]

[Jackson et al.W2SP]

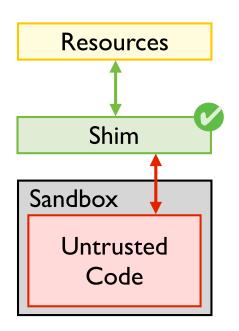
[Barth et al. CCS]

[Singh et al. OAKLAND]

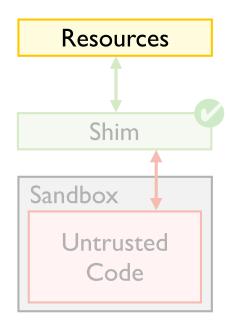
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Complex + Implementation Bugs

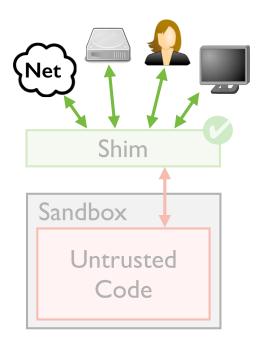
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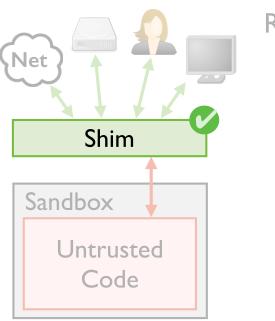


#### Resources

network

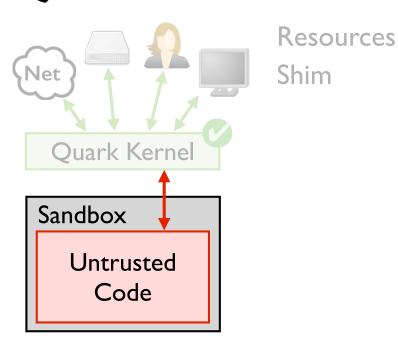
persistent storage

user interface

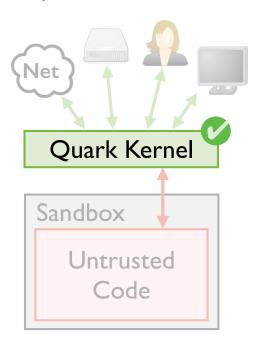


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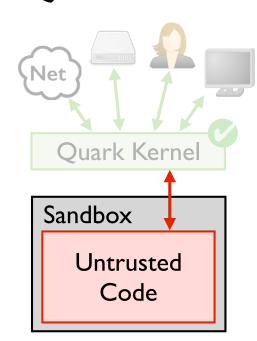


Resources

#### Shim

Quark browser kernel code, spec, proof in Coq

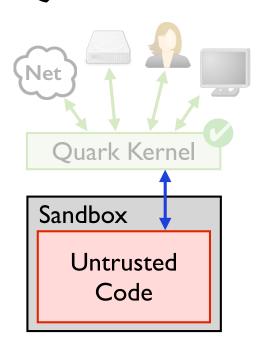
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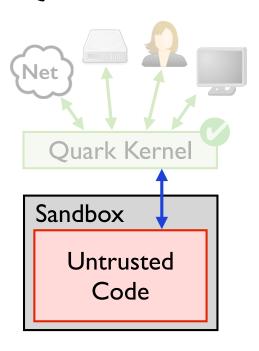


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#### **Untrusted Code**

browser components
run as separate procs
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talk to kernel over pipe

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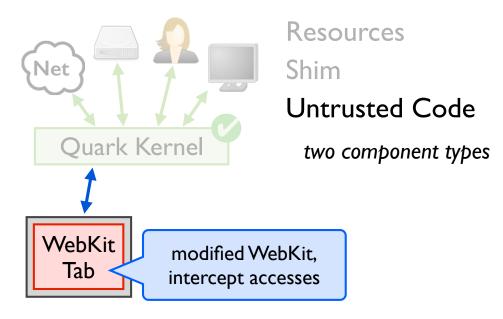


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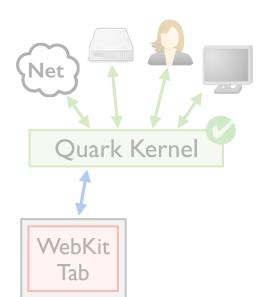
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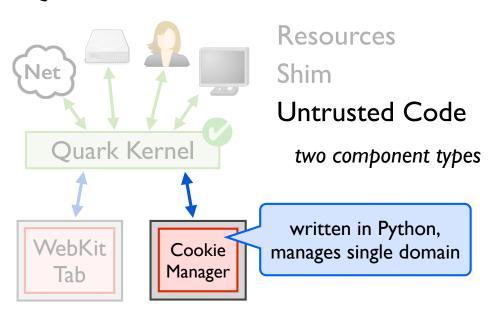
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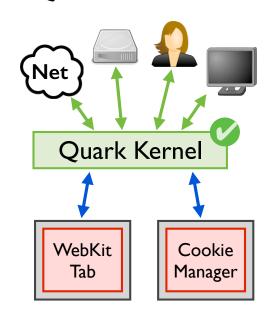
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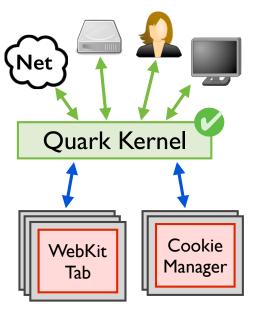
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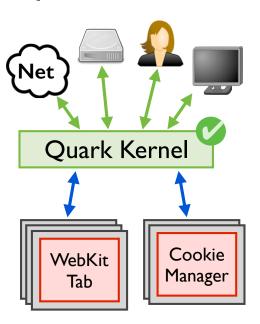
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several instances each

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Quark Kernel





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```
Definition kstep ...
```

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# Definition kstep(focused\_tab, tabs) := ... kernel state

```
Definition kstep(focused_tab, tabs) :=
  f <- select(stdin, tabs);
...

Unix-style select to
  find a component
  pipe ready to read</pre>
```

#### Quark Kernel: Code, Spec, Proof

```
Definition kstep(focused_tab, tabs) :=
  f <- select(stdin, tabs);
  match f with
  | Stdin =>
     cmd <- read_cmd(stdin);
     ...

     read command from
     user over stdin

  | Tab t =>
     ...
```

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  match cmd with
      | AddTab =>
      ...
      user wants to create
      and focus a new tab
      ...
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      write_msg(t, Render);
      return (t, t::tabs)
      | ...
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```

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prevent tricks that get users to divulge secrets



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Specify correct behavior wrt syscall seqs

read(), write(), open(), write(), ...

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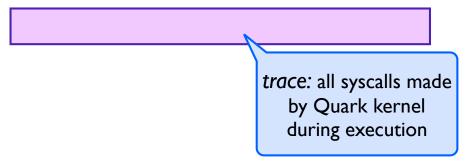
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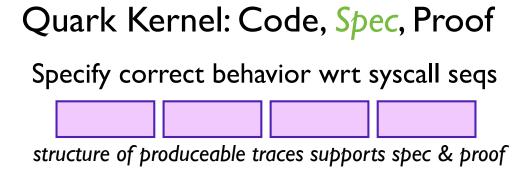
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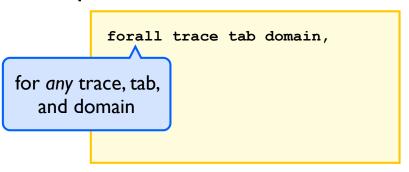
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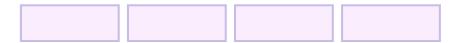


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```
forall trace tab domain,
quark_produced(trace) \( \lambda \)
...

if Quark could have produced this trace
```

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forall trace to and domain displayed in address bar for this trace tab = cur_ta (trace) // domain = addr_bar(trace) ->
```

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quark_produced(trace)  \( \)

tab = cur_tab(trace)  \( \)

...

and tab is the selected tab in this trace
```

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domain = addr_ba;

domain = tab_domain(tab)

then domain is the

domain is the
```

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#### Formal Security Properties

Tab Non-Interference no tab affects kernel interaction with another tab

Cookie Confidentiality and Integrity cookies only accessed by tabs of same domain

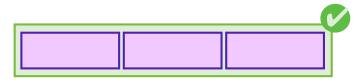
Address Bar Integrity and Correctness address bar accurate, only modified by user action

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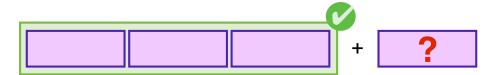
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#### Proceed by case analysis on kstep()

what syscalls can be appended to trace?
will they still satisfy all security properties?
prove each case interactively in proof assistant

#### Proving required diverse range of tools

monads encoding I/O in functional language

Hoare logic reasoning about imperative programs

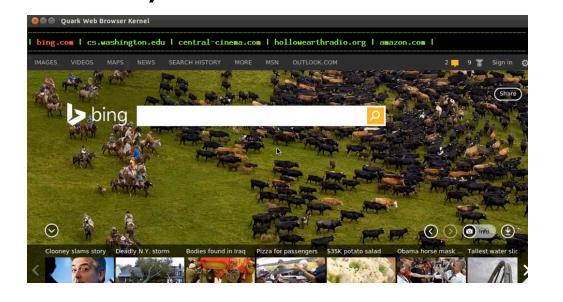
op. semantics defining correctness of Quark kernel

linear logic proving resources created / destroyed

#### **YNot**

[Naneveski et al. ICFP 08]

# Formally Verified Browser!



#### Quark Kernel: Code, Spec, Proof

#### Key Insight: FSV Effective

Guarantee sec props for browser

Use state-of-the-art components

Only prove simple browser kernel

#### **Extending Quark**

Filesystem access, sound, history could be implemented wout major redesign

Finer grained resource accesses support mashups and plugins

#### Liveness properties

no blocking, kernel eventually services all requests

#### Trusted Computing Base

#### Infrastructure we assume correct

bugs here can invalidate our formal guarantees

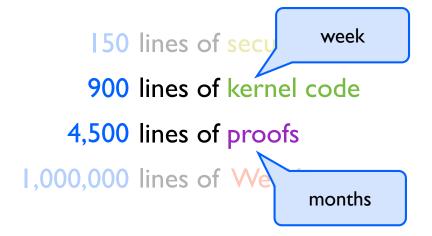
**Fundamental** 

Statement of security properties Coq (soundness, proof checker)

Eventually
Verified
[active research]

OCaml [VeriML]
Tab Sandbox [RockSalt]
Operating System [seL4]

#### Quark Development Effort



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150 lines of security props
900 lines of kernel code
4,500 lines of proofs
1,000,000 lines of WebKit

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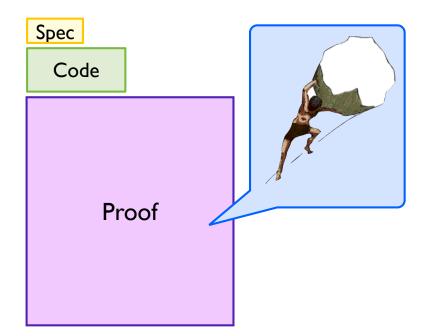
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#### Division of Labor (to scale)



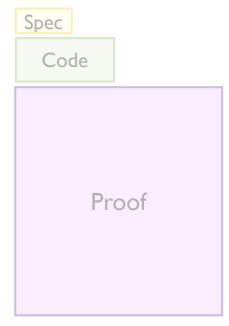
#### Struggle Against Formality Inertia

Adding cookies to Quark quite difficult all the pieces already there, still took over a month

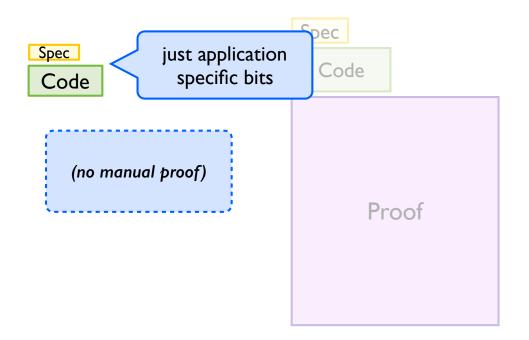
Proof updates repetitive and shallow sensitive proof scripts, changes not mechanical

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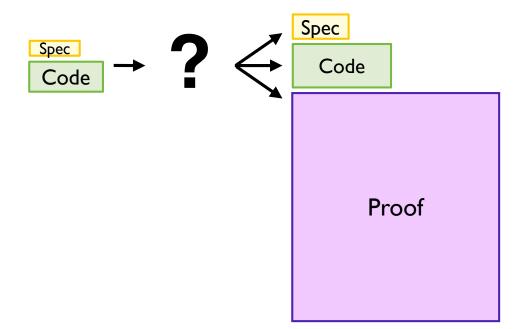
Ideal?



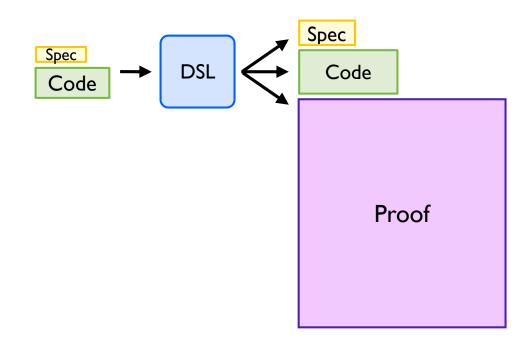
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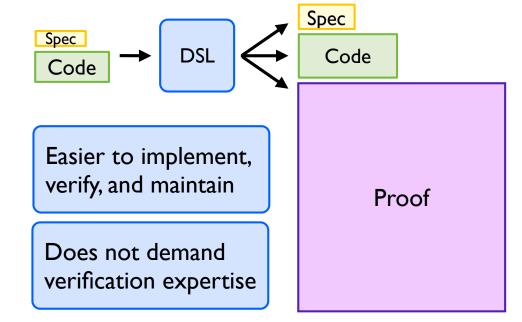
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# Reflex: a DSL for Reactive Systems

#### Exploit structure of app domain

kernel based archs, well suited to FSV design

```
Components = ...

Messages = ...

e.g. tabs, cookie managers

e.g. GetCookie, MouseClick
```

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```
forall d c,

[Recv(Tab(d), CookieSet(c))]

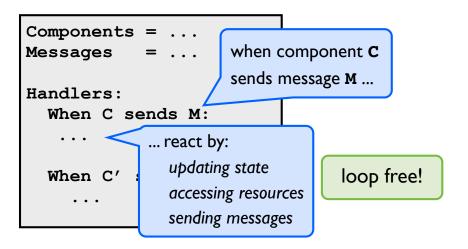
Enables

[Send(CookieMgr(d), CookieSet(c))]
```

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exploit domain, ensure all traces match spec

Counterexample-driven search discovers invariants.

### Reflex: a DSL for Reactive Systems

Reflex Effective:

Prototype sshd, browser, httpd

Specify basic access controls

A Auto prove user-provided specs

Reflex: Evaluation

Web browser

No PTY access before authentication, At most 3 authentication attempts, ...

Web auto prove non-local props

Clients only spawned after successful login, File requests guarded by access control, ...

Auto verified 33 properties (80% in < 2 minutes)

#### Reflex: Development Effort

Reflex:

Many reactive systems

7500 lines of Coq

Web browser	SSH server	Web server
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#### Quark Web browser:

5500 lines of Coq

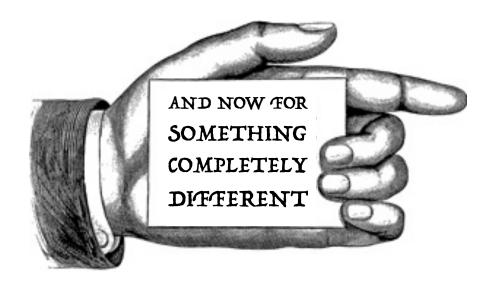
Single reactive system

#### Mitigating the Burden of Proof

- I: Scaling proofs to critical infrastructure

  Formal shim verification for large apps

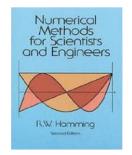
  QUARK: browser with security guarantees
- 2: Evolving formally verified systems
- Reflex DSL exploits domain for proof auto

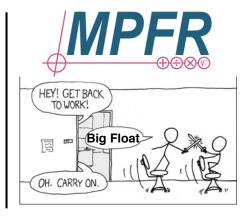


#### **Double Trouble**

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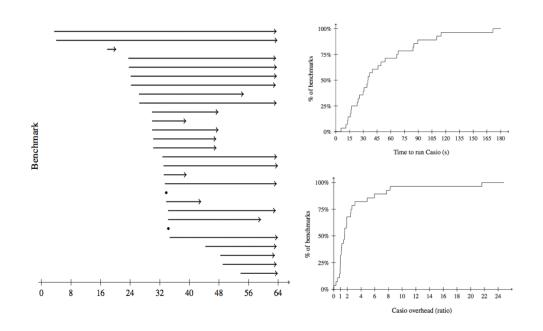




**Futz** 

Analyze

#### Less Double Trouble



#### Neutron Beams



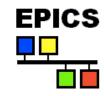


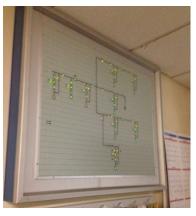


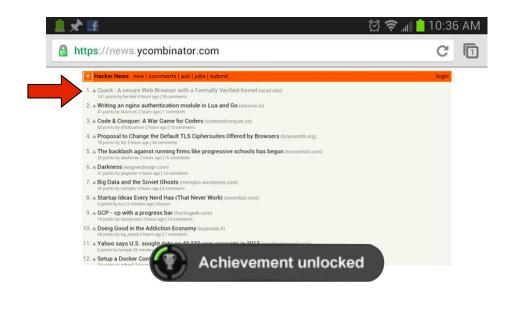
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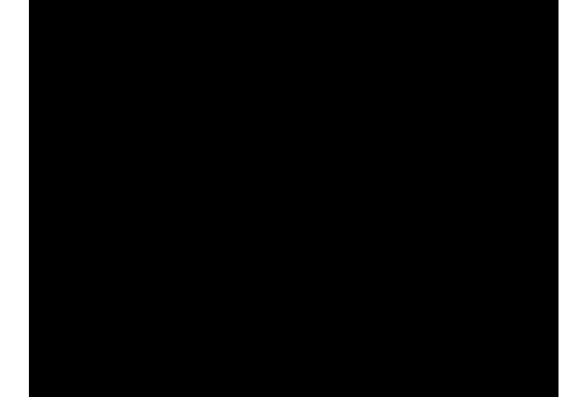


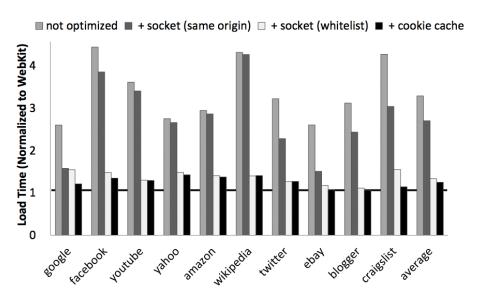


# Thank You!

Goal: mitigate formality inertia address scaling and evolving formally verified systems

- I. Extend verification frontier develop techniques to verify critical "pinch points"
- 2. Make verification accessible equip domain experts with effective tools





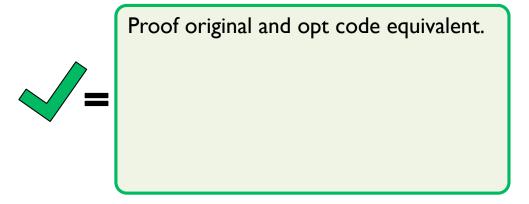
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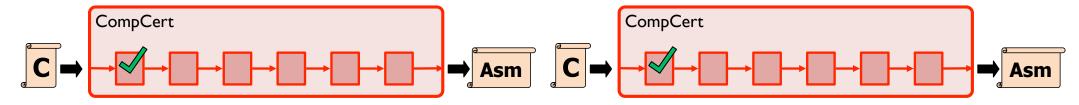
McCarthy 67, Samet 75, Cousot 77, ...

#### Already solved?

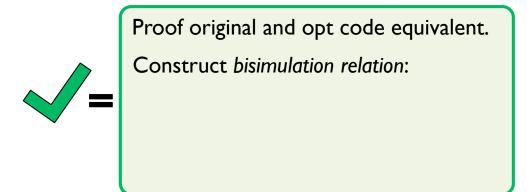
Compiler	Bugs Found	
GCC	122	many optimization
LLVM	181	bugs
CompCert	0	lacks many
	[Yang et al. PLDI 11]	optimizations

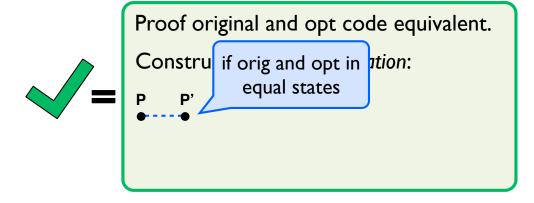
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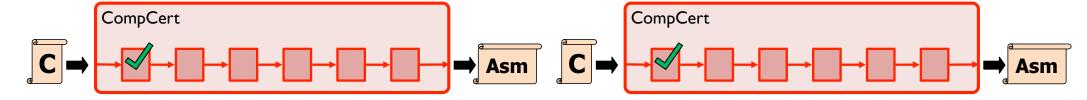




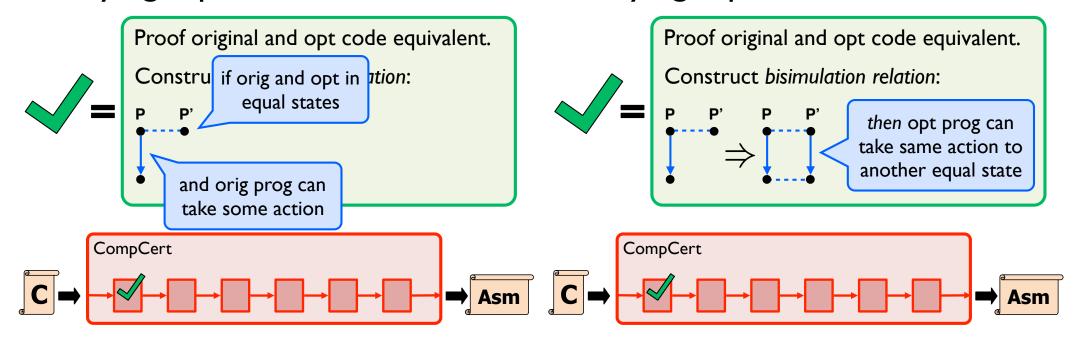
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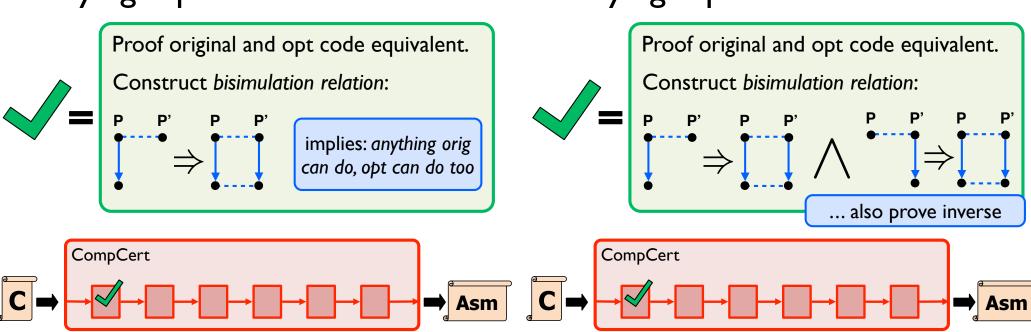




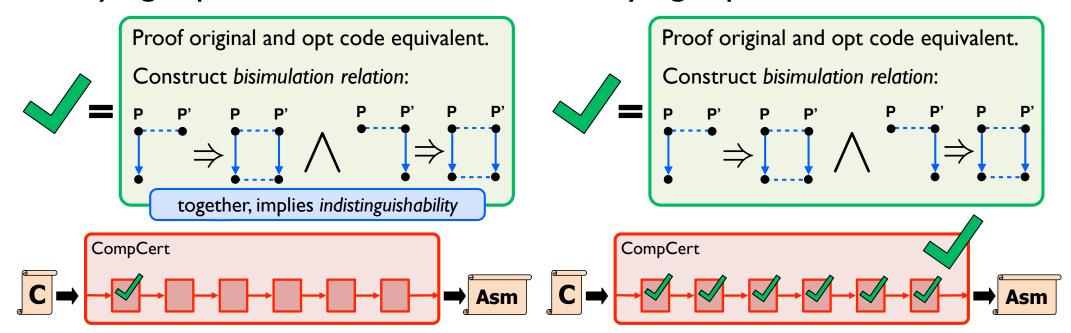
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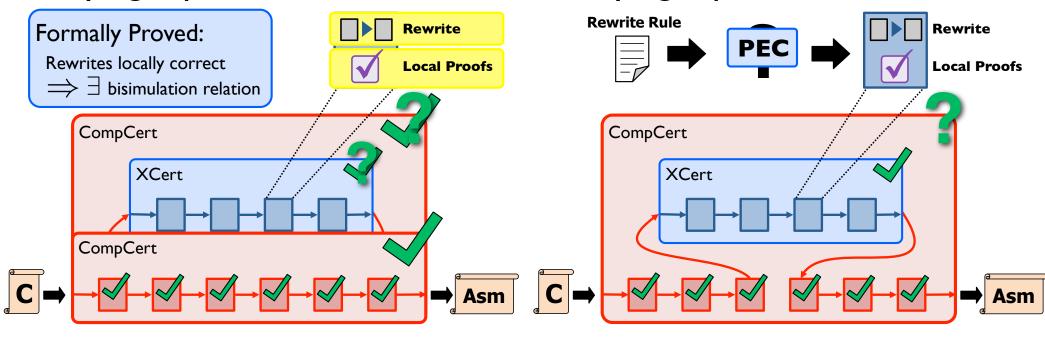
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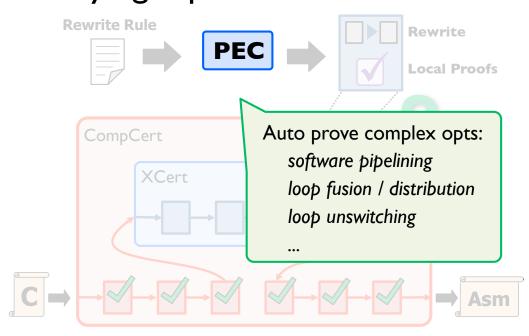


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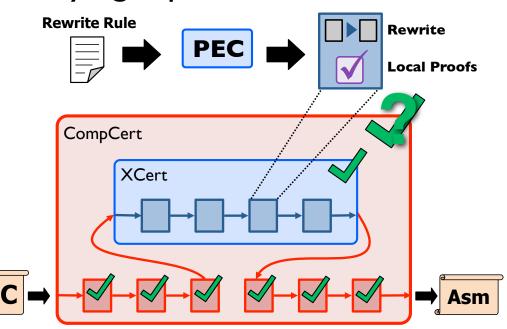


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#### **Future Work**

#### Generating and evaluating specs

techniques to ensure spec matches intuition

Even perfect program verification can only establish that a program meets its specification... Much of the essence of building a program is in fact the debugging of the specification.

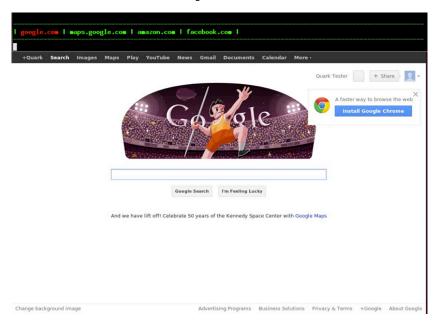
Frederick P. Brooks, Jr. No Silver Bullet



#### Software Infrastructure



#### Quark Usability



#### Browsers: Critical Infrastructure

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