

Source Code Analysis for Security through LLVM

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Static Code Analyzer for Security

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15     } else {
16         // Display the "About iGoat" splash screen as a default.
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18         NSString *filePath = [[NSBundle mainBundle]
19             pathForResource:@"splash.html" ofType:nil];
20         NSString *fileContents = [[NSString alloc]
21             initWithContentsOfFile:filePath encoding:
22            :NSUTF8StringEncoding error:&error];
23         NSString *version = [[[NSBundle mainBundle] infoDictionary]
24             objectForKey:@"CFBundleShortVersionString"];
25
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27             @"%@%@%@", fileContents, version] baseURL:baseURL];
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38     // TODO: DRY this up (see above).
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Fortify
SCA

The screenshot shows the Fortify SCA interface. The top section displays a summary of the scan results: **Critical (13) Hidden (0) Removed (0) Suppressed (0)**. Below this, a tree view shows the scan results for the project 'HtmlViewController.m', highlighting a **Cross-Site Scripting: Persistent** issue. The 'Analysis Evidence' section shows the specific code locations where the issue was detected. The bottom section provides a detailed view of the issue, including the rule ID (5F9C56F0-C87C-4390-A50E-C08BA1885E64), taint flags (FILE_SYSTEM, XML, XSS), and direct function calls (UIWebView:loadHTMLString:baseURL:()). A detailed description of the issue is provided, explaining that the method viewDidLoad() in HtmlViewController.m sends unvalidated data to a web browser on line 21, which can result in the browser executing malicious code.

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Rule ID: 5F9C56F0-C87C-4390-A56E-CD8BA1885E64

Taint Flags: FILE_SYSTEM, XML, XSS

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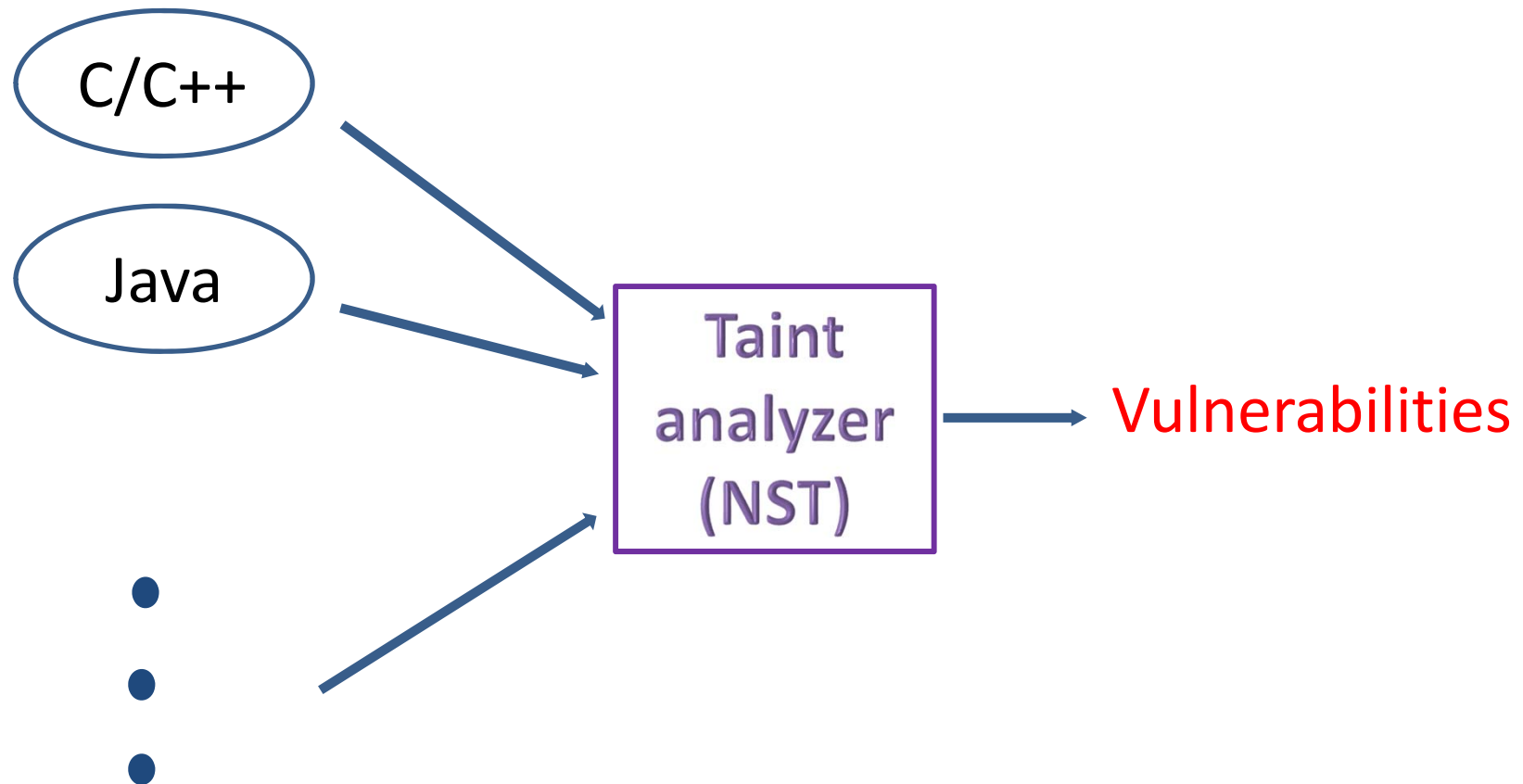
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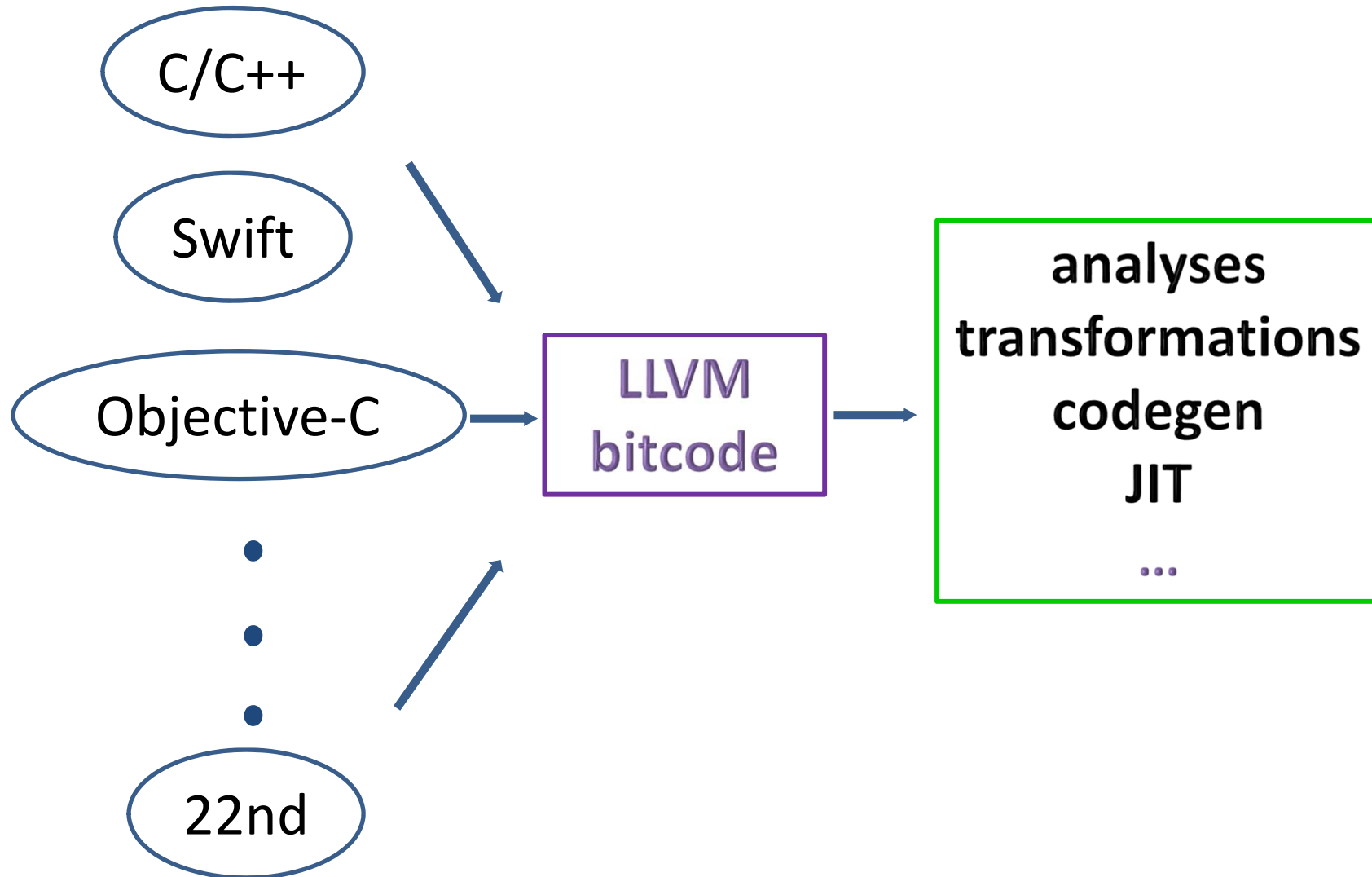
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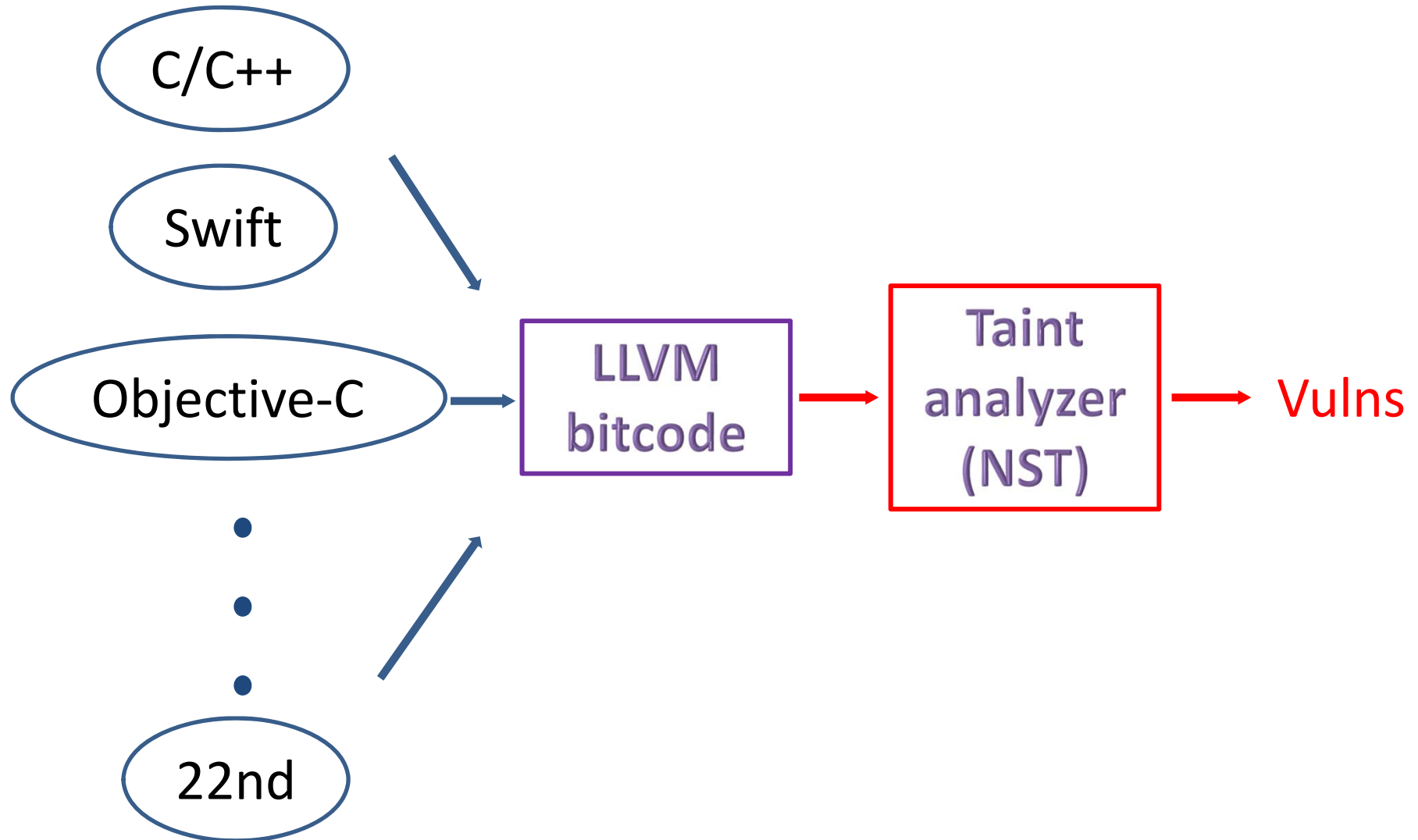
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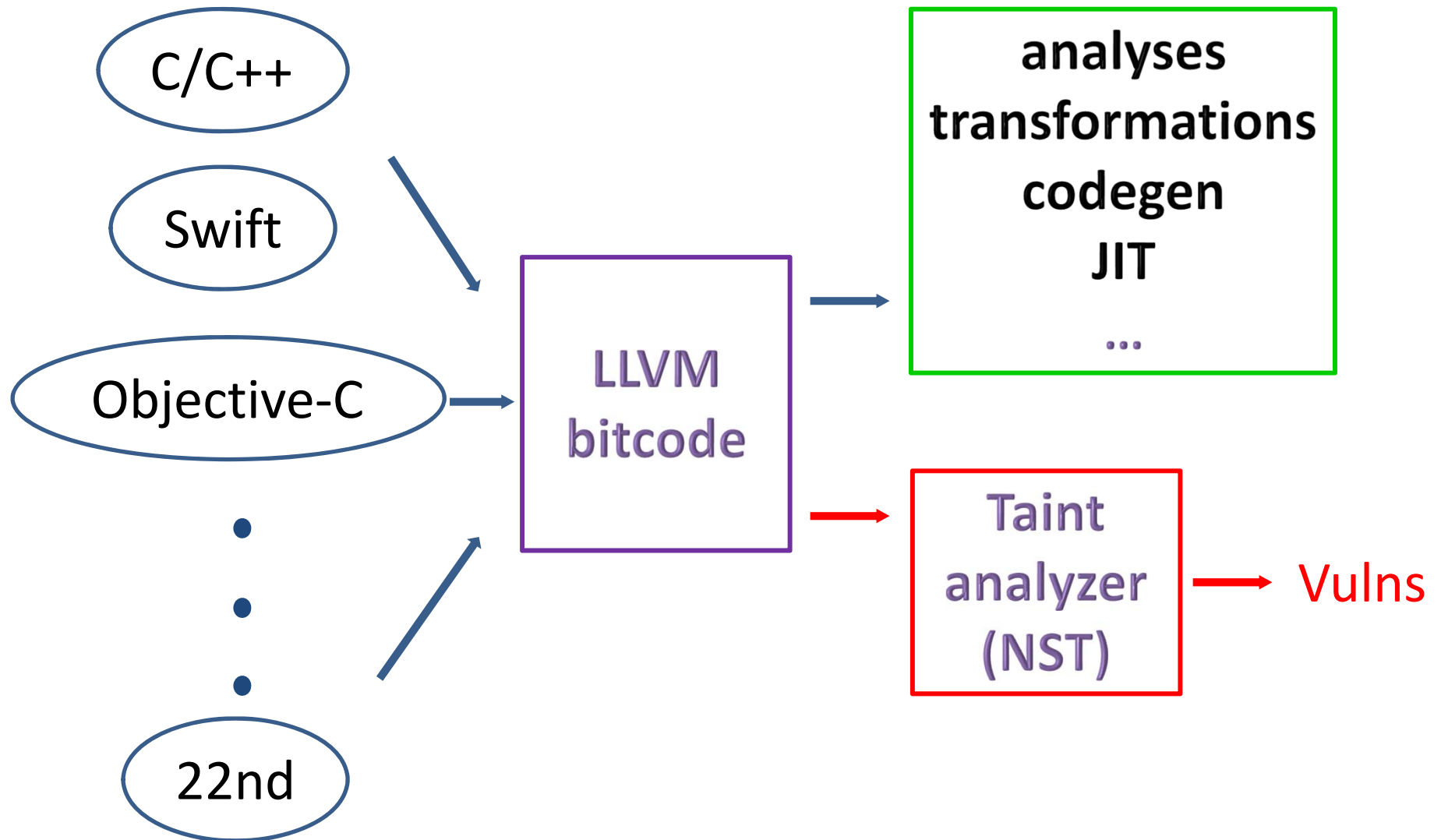
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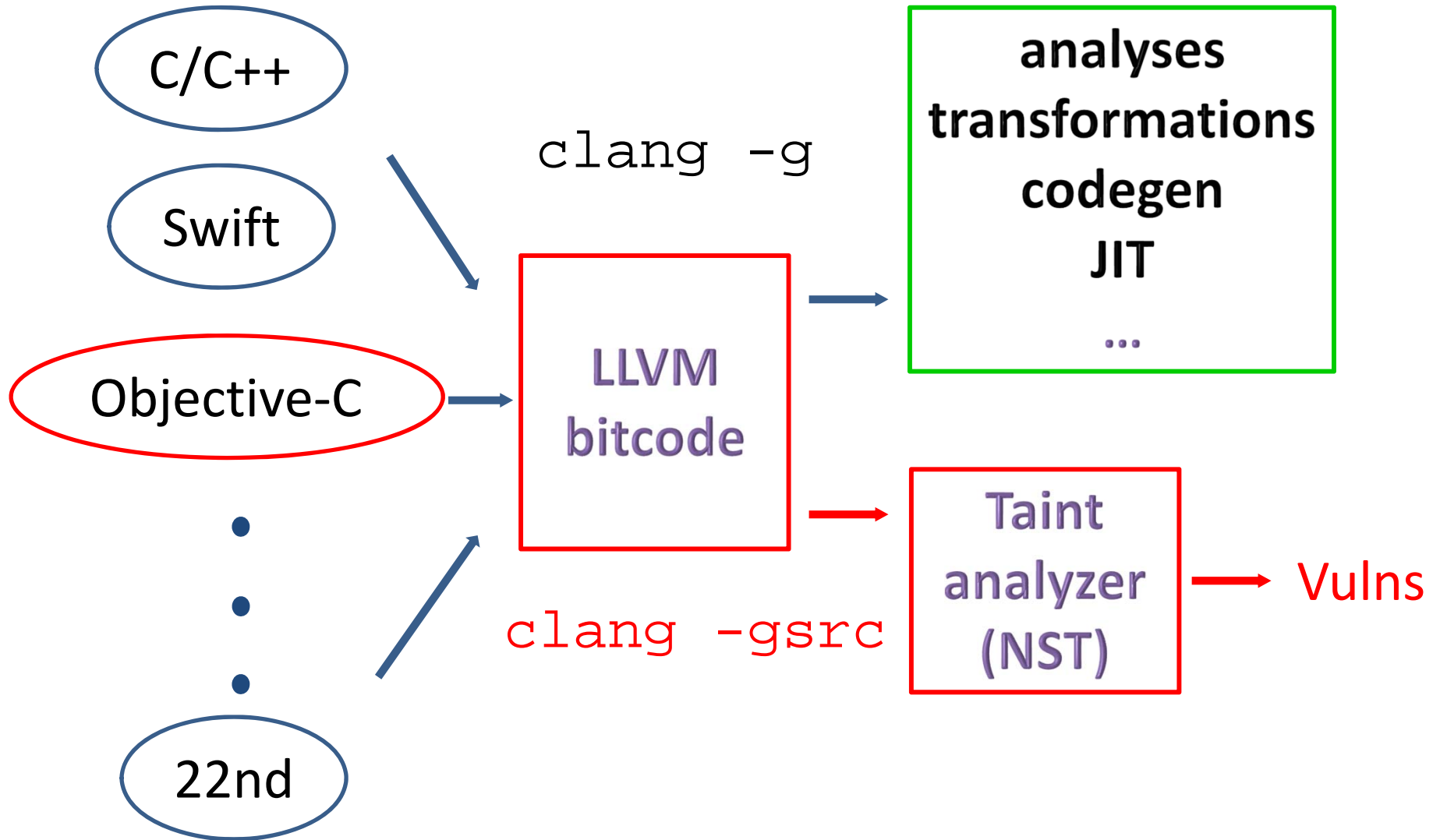
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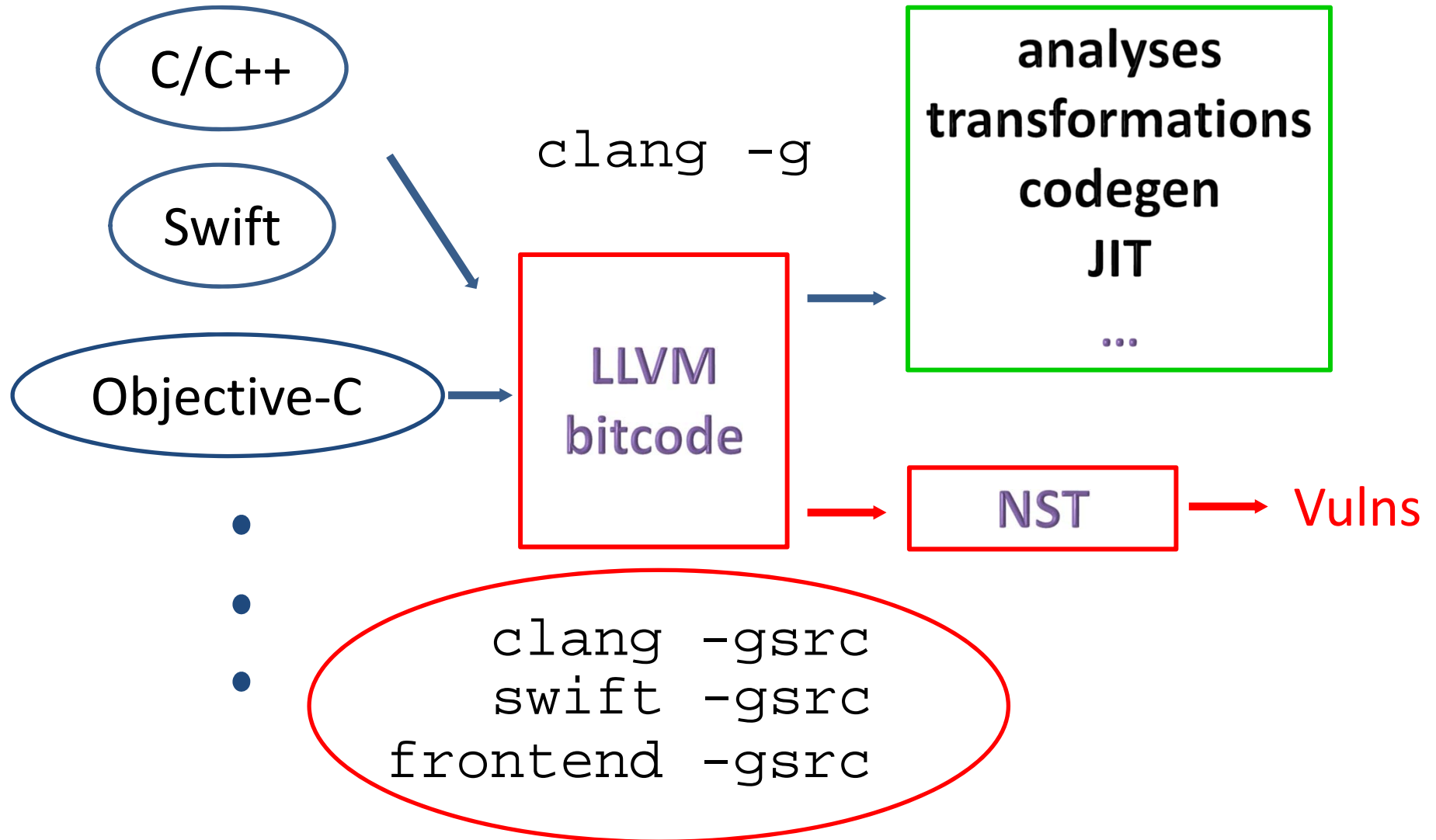
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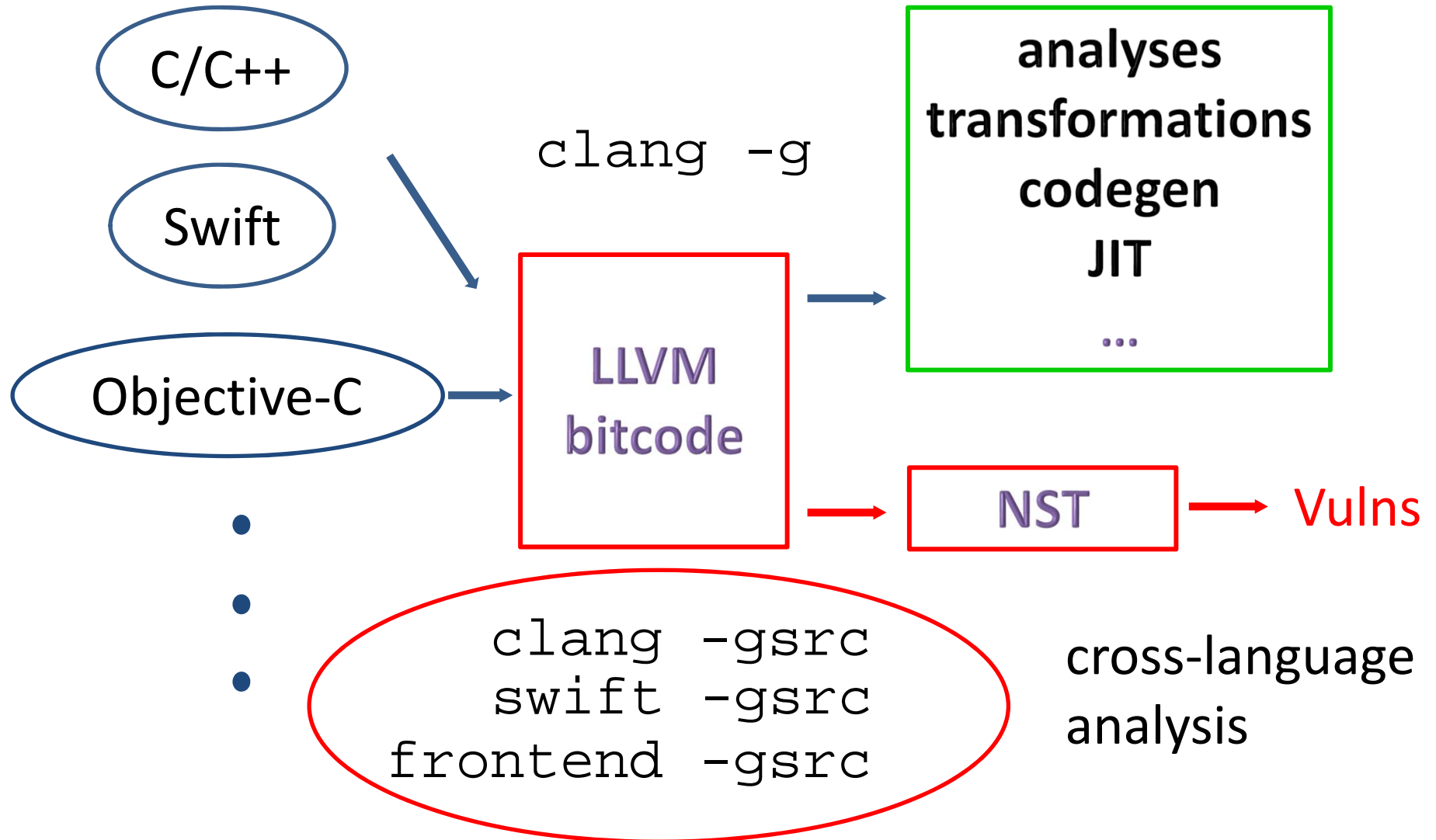
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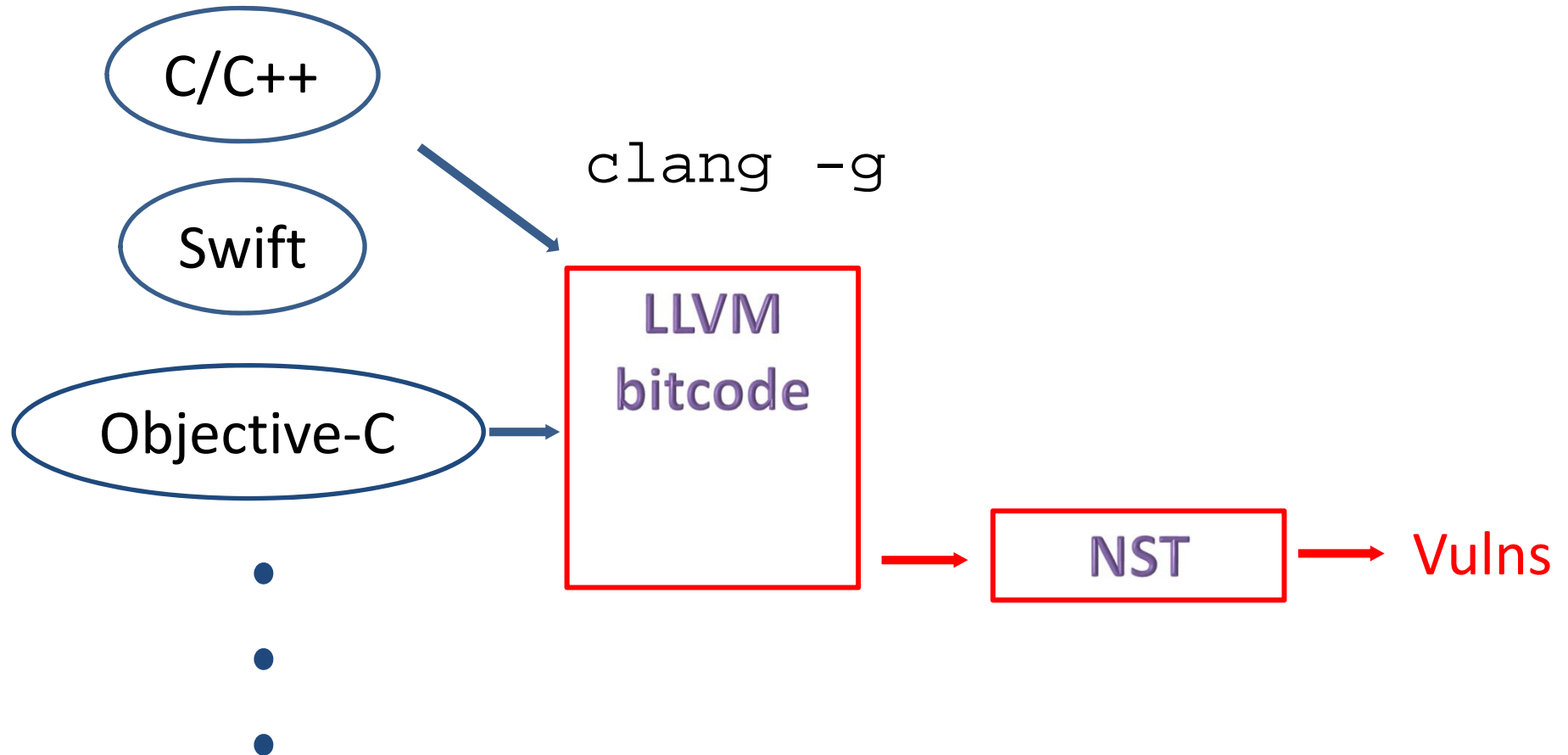
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Why we cannot do this today?



Objective-C Static Taint Analyzer

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taint source by API doc

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taint sink by API doc

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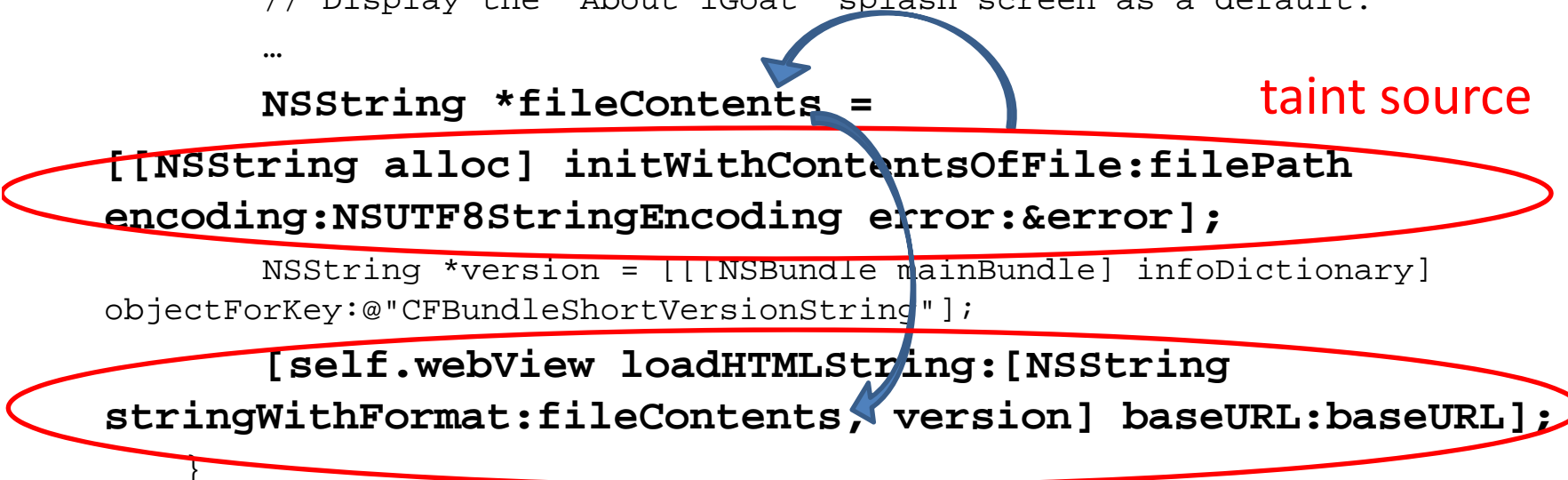
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taint source

taint sink



Objective-C Static Taint Analyzer

- Our taint source or taint sink is written in a declarative fashion, which is matched by the analyzer against its method signature.

NodeType: `TaintSource`

ClassName: `NSArray` | `NSString` | `NSData` | `NSStringConstantString`

MethodSig: `initWithContentsOfFile:` | `(string|init)WithContentsOfFile:(usedE|e)ncoding:error:` | `initWithContentsOfFile:` | `(data|init)WithContentsOfFile:(options:error:)?`

Output: `return`

TaintFlags: `FILE_SYSTEM, XSS`

A Source-friendly IR

- A method signature

```
public class NSString extends NSObject {  
    public virtual NSString*  
initWithContentsOfFile$encoding$error$(  
                                NSString* this, ...);  
}
```

From Bitcode to Source

```
int convert(unsigned u) { return 0; }
```

```
define i32 @convert(i32 %u) #0 {  
entry:  
    ret i32 0  
}
```

```
!4 = metadata !{i32 786478, metadata  
!1, metadata !5, metadata !"convert",  
metadata !"convert", ...} ; [  
DW_TAG_subprogram ] [line 25] [def]  
[convert]
```

From Bitcode to Source

```
NamedMDNode *M_Nodes =
M->getNamedMetadata("llvm.dbg.cu");
DIArray SPs = CU.getSubprograms();
for (unsigned i2 = 1,
      e2 = SPs.getNumElements();
      i2 != e2; ++i2) {
    DISubprogram DISP(SPs.getElement(i2));
    DICompositeType DIC(DISP.getType());
    DIArray Tys = DIC.getTypeArray();
    // Tys[0] return type
    // others are parameter types
}
```

No Metadata for Declarations

```
extern int convert(unsigned u);
```

```
declare i32 @convert(i32 %u) #2;
```

No metadata describing @convert.

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Metadata emission is a subprocess during code emission. **No code generation, no metadata.**

Generate Bitcode with Rich Source Info

- Decouple metadata emission and code generation.
- Control rich metadata emission by using `-gsrc`

```
$ clang -gsrc -O0 -c -emit-llvm -S  
HtmlViewController.m
```

Bitcode with Rich Source Info

```
declare extern_weak i8* @"-[NSString  
initWithContentsOfFile:encoding:error:]"  
(%1*, i8*, %1*, i64, %3**)
```

```
!1538 = metadata !{i32 786478, metadata  
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,...} ; [ DW_TAG_subprogram ]...
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Type signature: (NSString*,  
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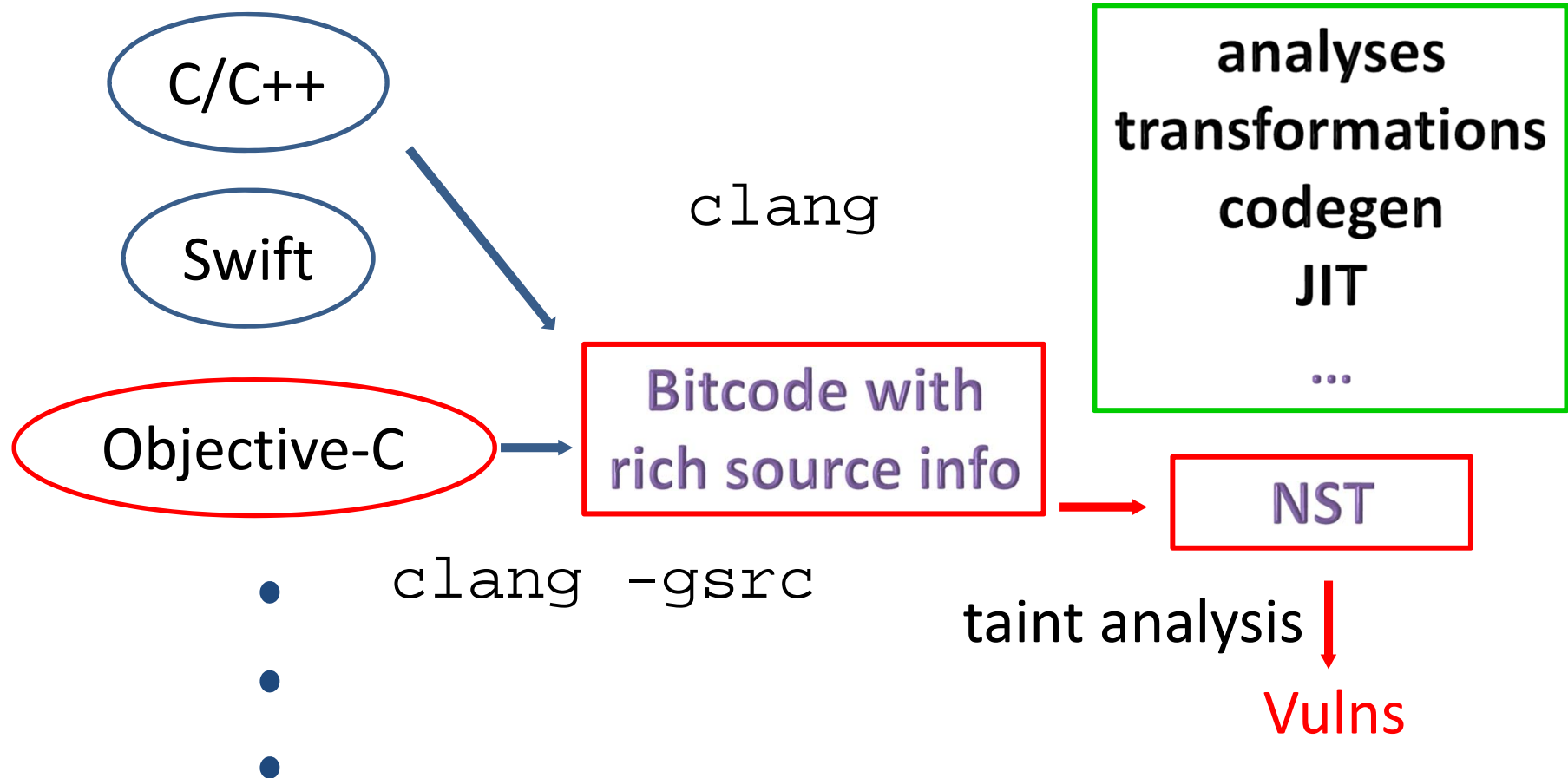
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Small Modification Big Opportunity

- Entire patch to Clang/LLVM has 543 lines for 3.3 (git diff)
- Upgrading to 3.5

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- All frontends should implement this feature

