

Security Preservation through Secure Compilation

Use case: AlgoMove - A Move Embedding for Algorand

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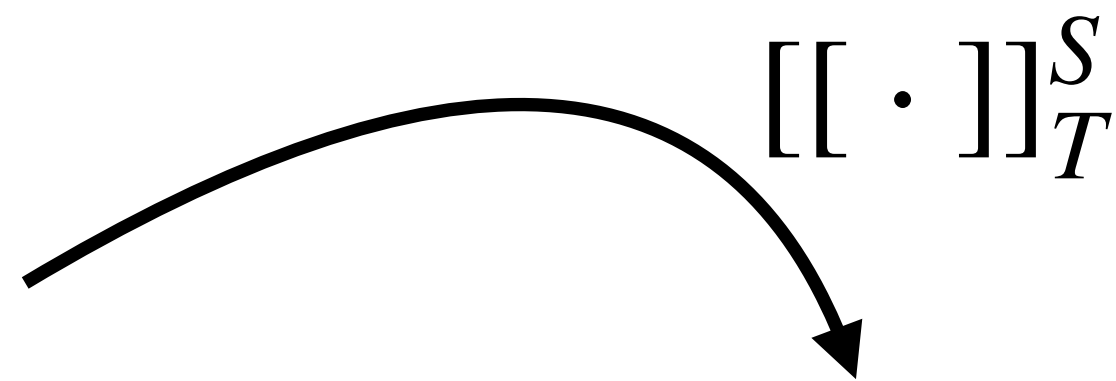
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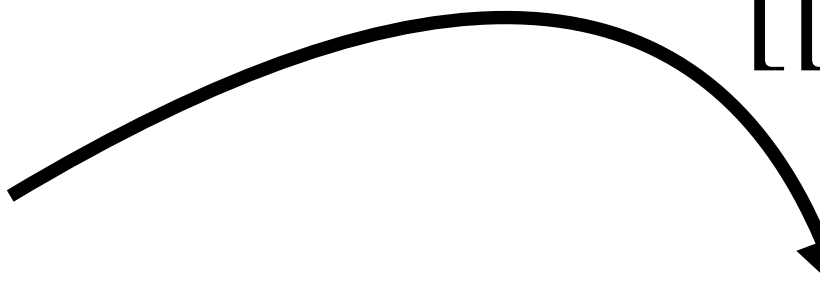


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} Account;  
  
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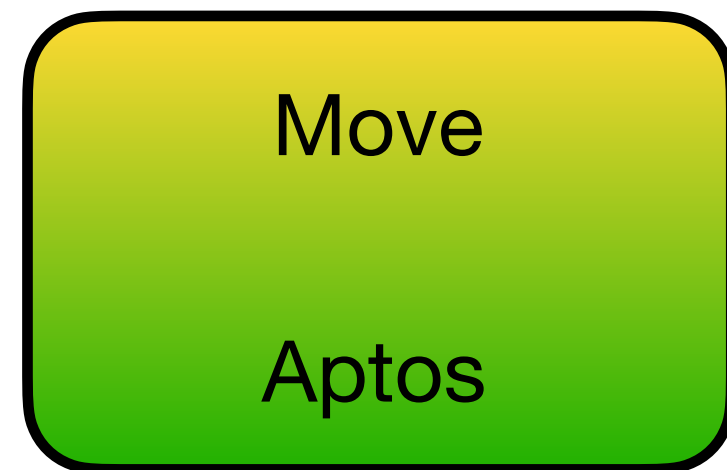
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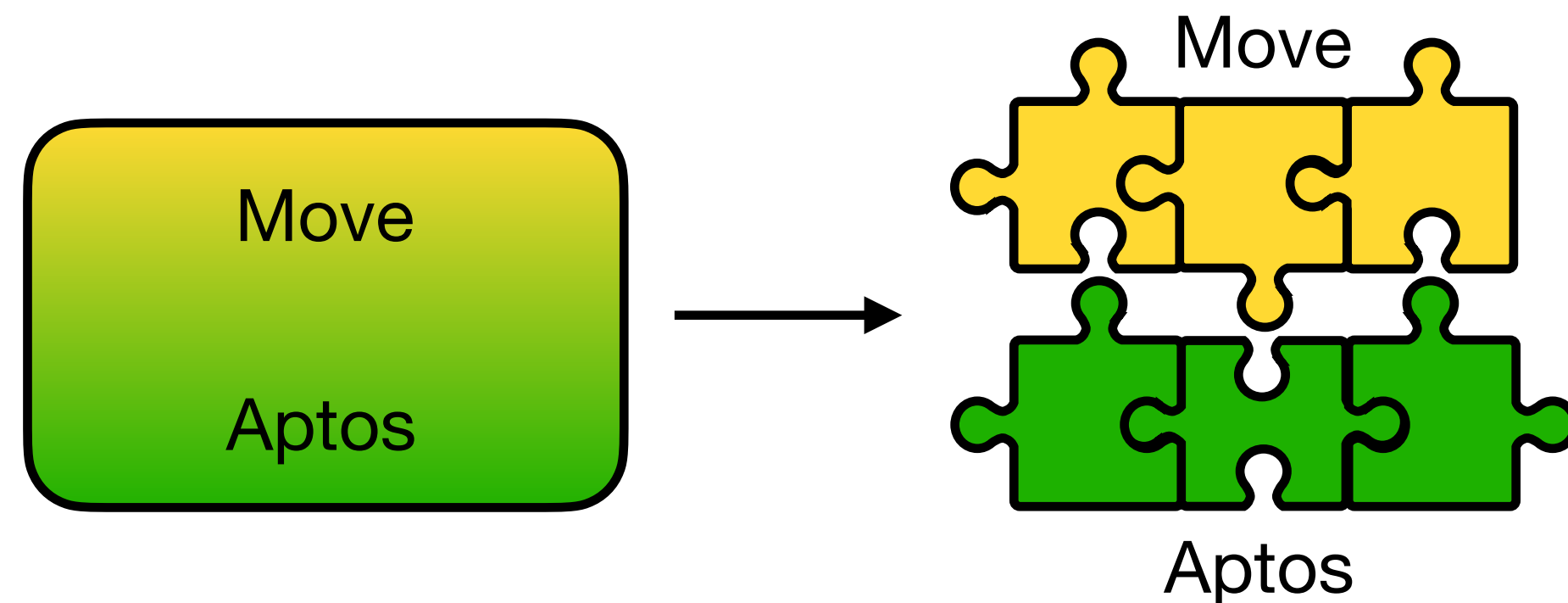
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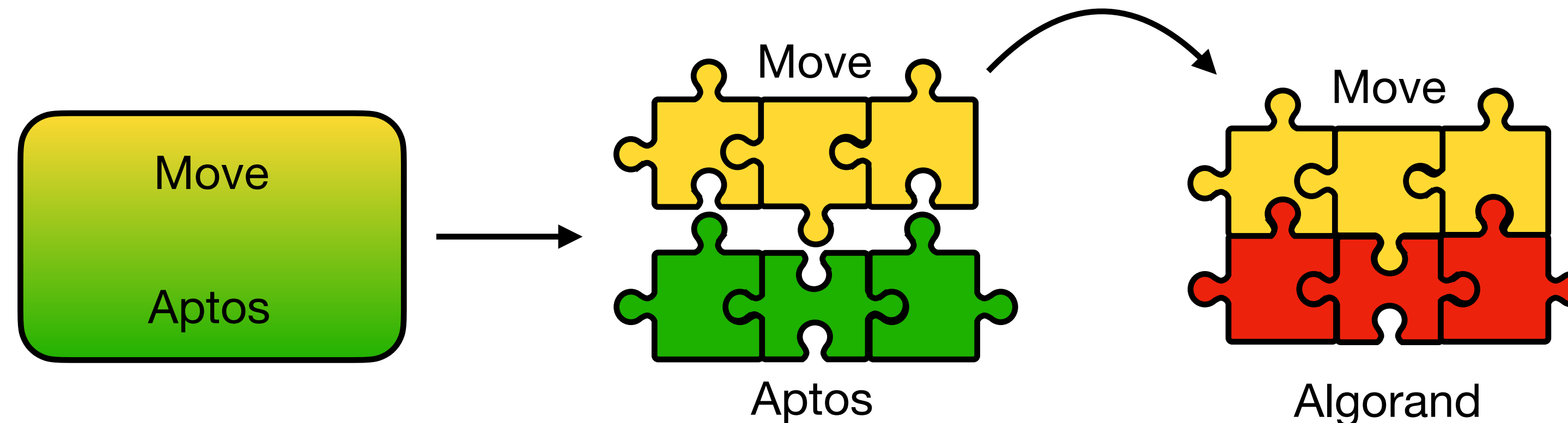
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    struct S {  
        a: u64  
    }  
  
    public fun foo() {  
        let s1 = S{ a: 1 };  
        let s2 = increment(s1); // Error: s2 can not be dropped!  
        s1.a; // Error: s1 has been moved!  
    }  
  
    public fun increment(s: S) : S {  
        s.a = s.a + 1;  
        s  
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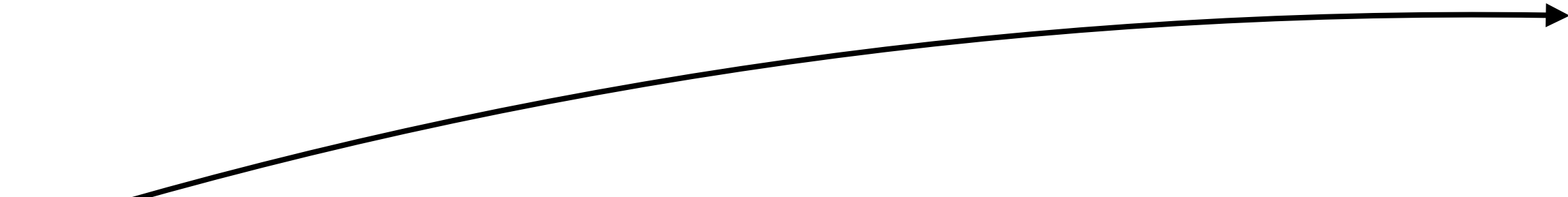
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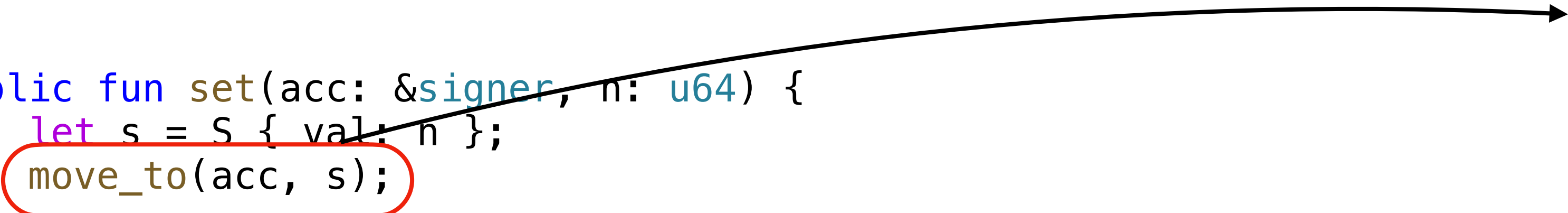
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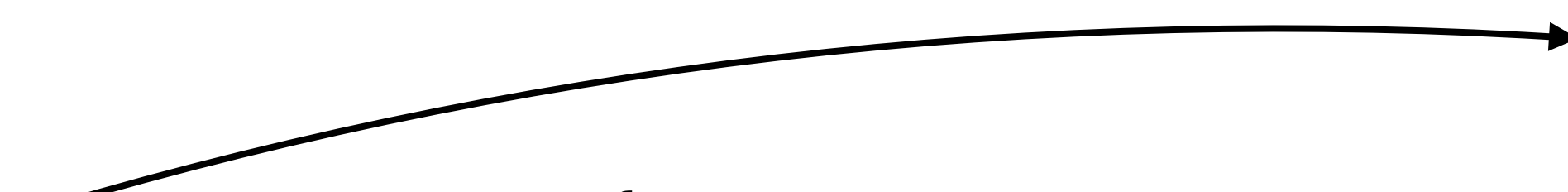
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TEAL / PyTeal

- Low level assembly-like language
- Approval oriented
- Tailored for Algorand Blockchain
- PyTeal framework to produce TEAL code

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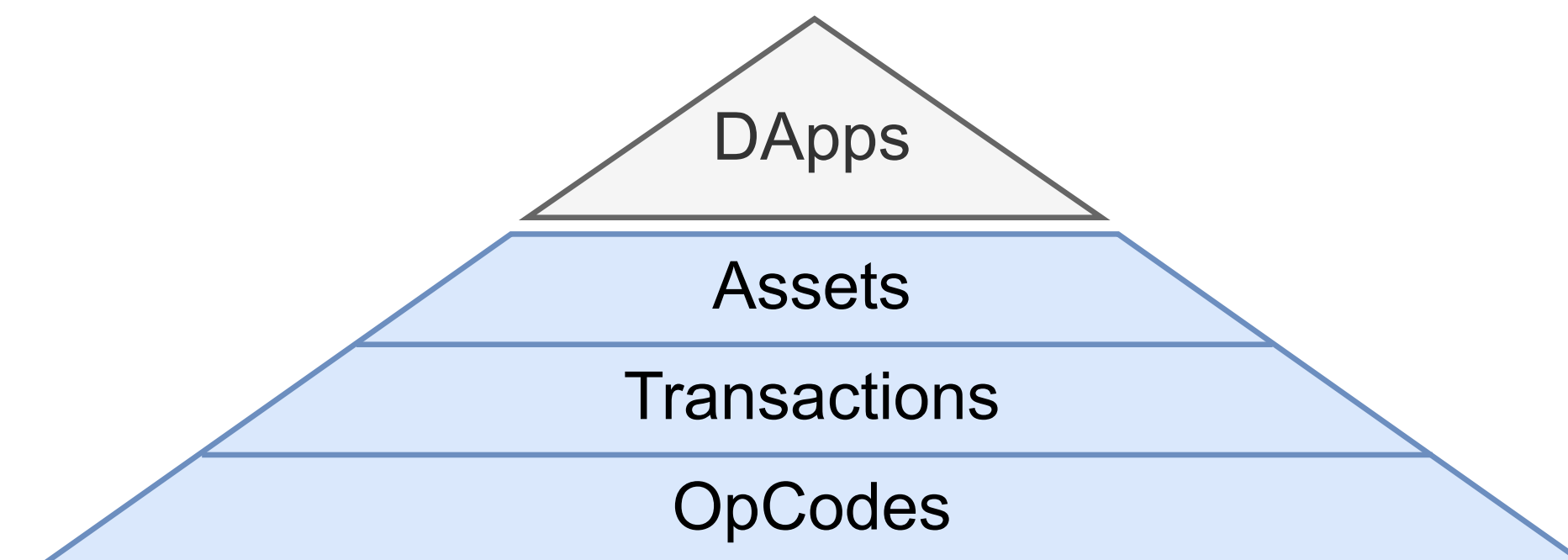
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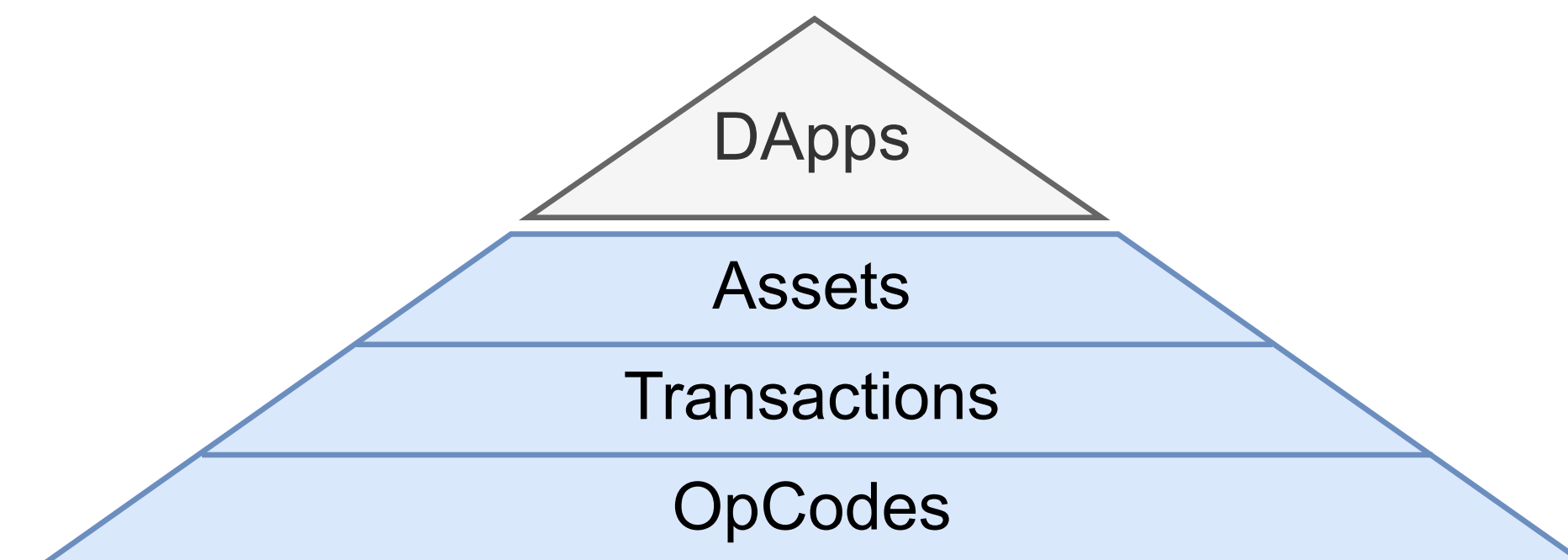
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Write to the blockchain

AlgoMove

Code Example

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Future Works

- Produce extended version with technical details
- Formalize the translation and prove correctness/equivalence
- Translate Move to other blockchains (EVM?)

Thank you

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