

CS 591: Formal Methods in Security and Privacy

Non-interference

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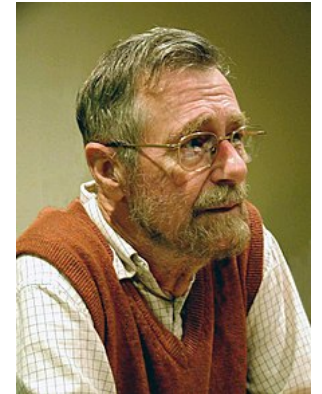
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Weakest precondition calculus

Predicate Transformer Semantics



Given a program c and an assertion P we can define an assertion $wp(c, P)$ which is the weakest precondition of c and P , i.e. $c : wp(c, P) \Rightarrow P$ is a **valid triple**, and for every triple $c : Q \Rightarrow P$ we have $Q \Rightarrow wp(c, P)$

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We assume that every variable is tagged with one either **public** or **private**.

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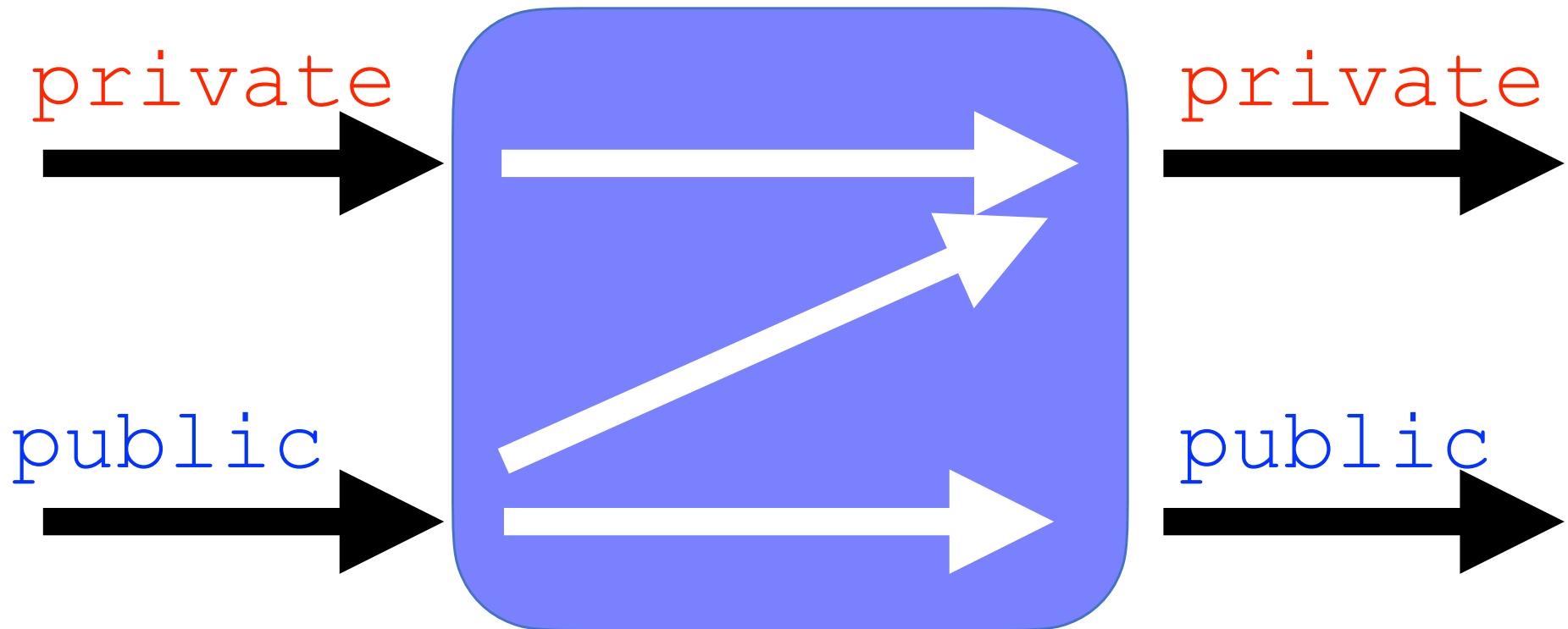
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```

```
y:public
```

```
y := x;
```

```
y := 5
```

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How can we formulate a policy that forbids flows from private to public?

Low equivalence

Two memories m_1 and m_2 are **low equivalent** if and only if they coincide in the value that they assign to public variables.

In symbols: $m_1 \sim_{\text{low}} m_2$

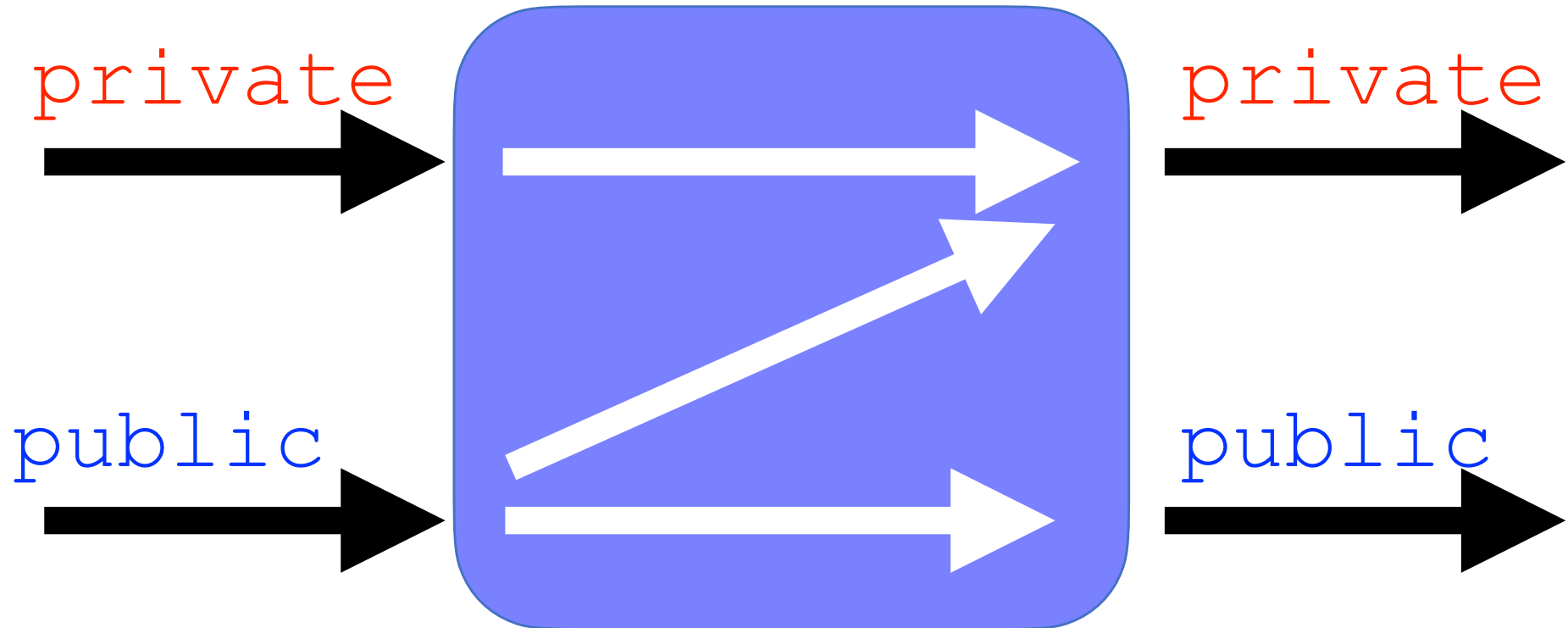
Noninterference

A program `prog` is **noninterferent** if and only if, whenever we run it on two memories m_1 and m_2 that are **low equivalent**, we obtain two memories m_1' and m_2' which are also **low equivalent**.

Noninterference

In symbols

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Yes

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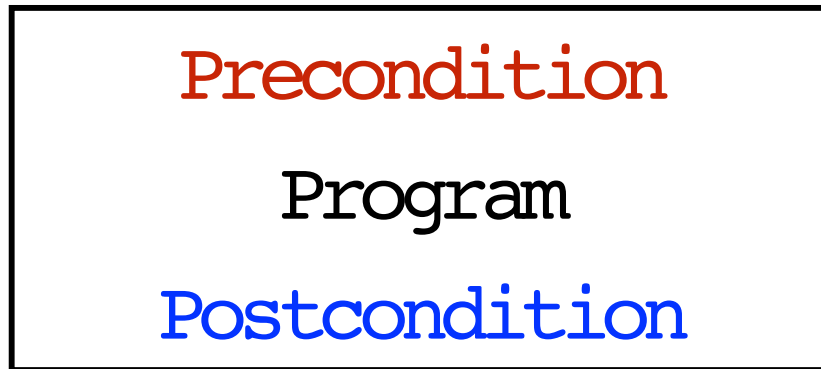
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Can we use the tool we studied so far?

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(a logical formula)



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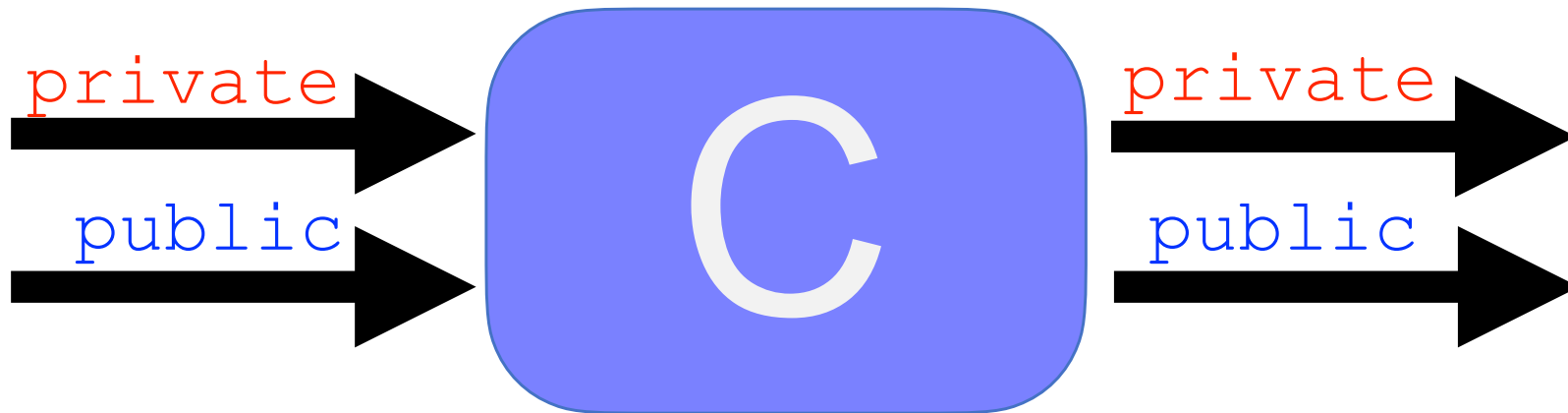
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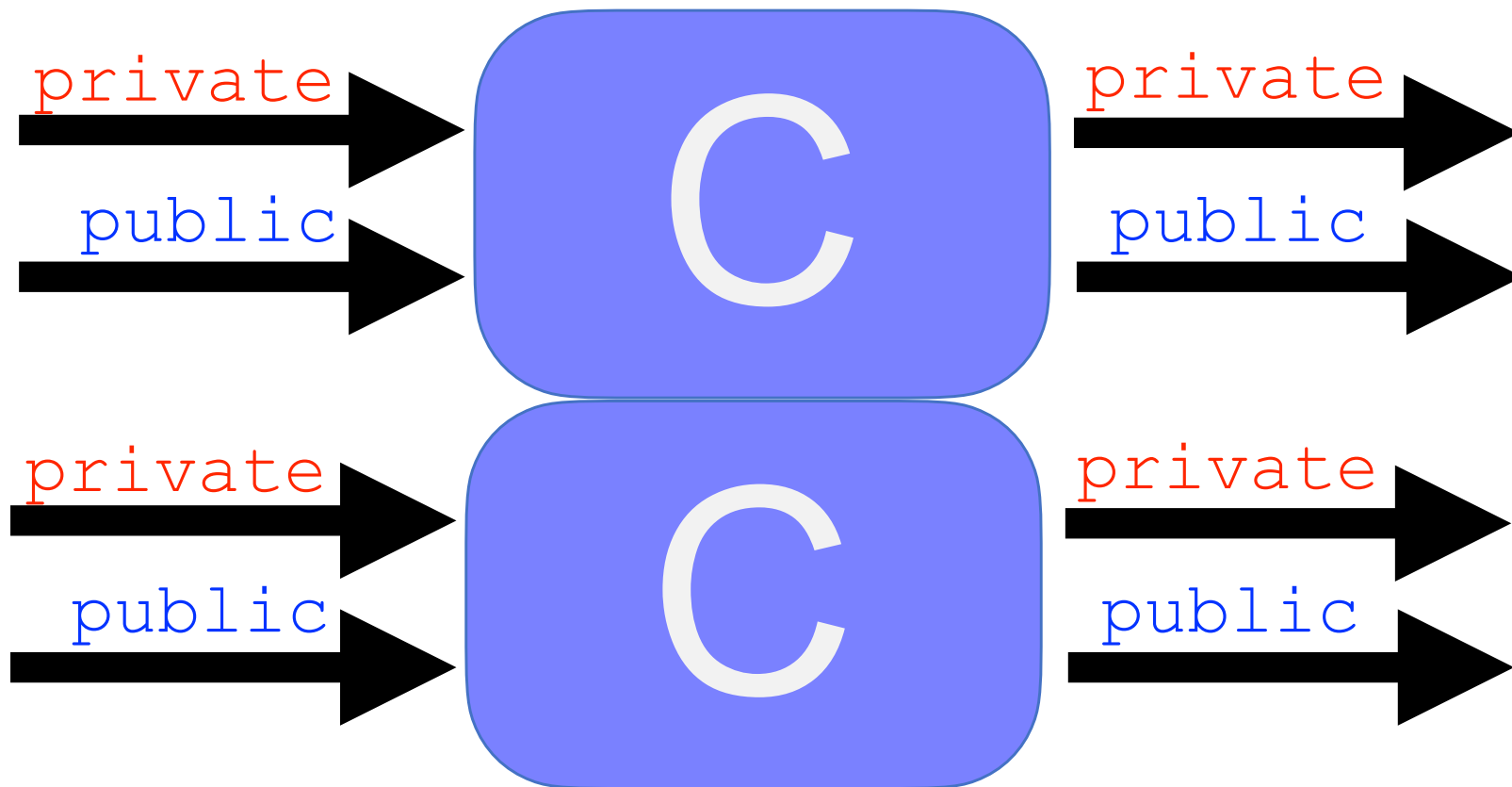
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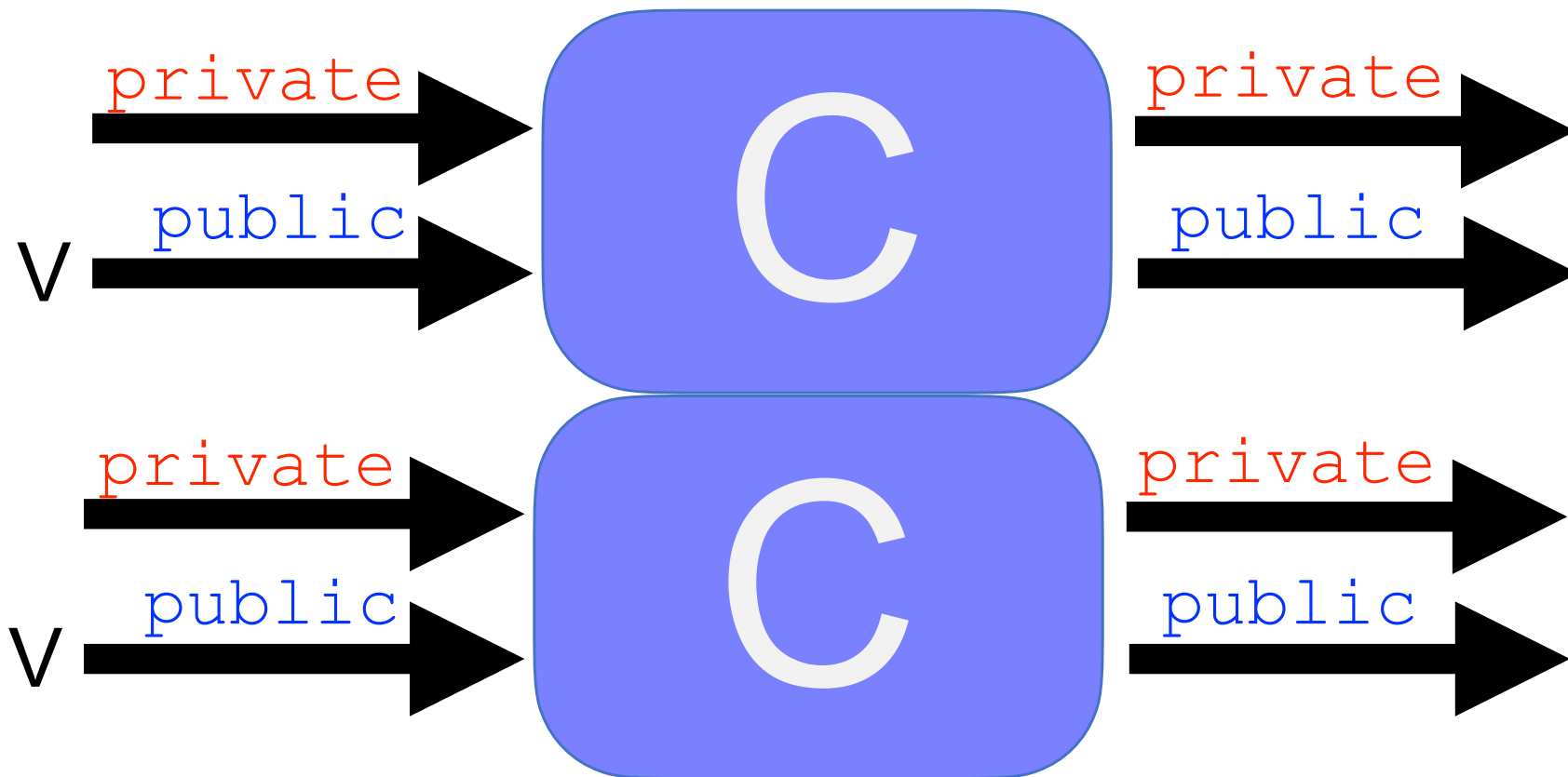
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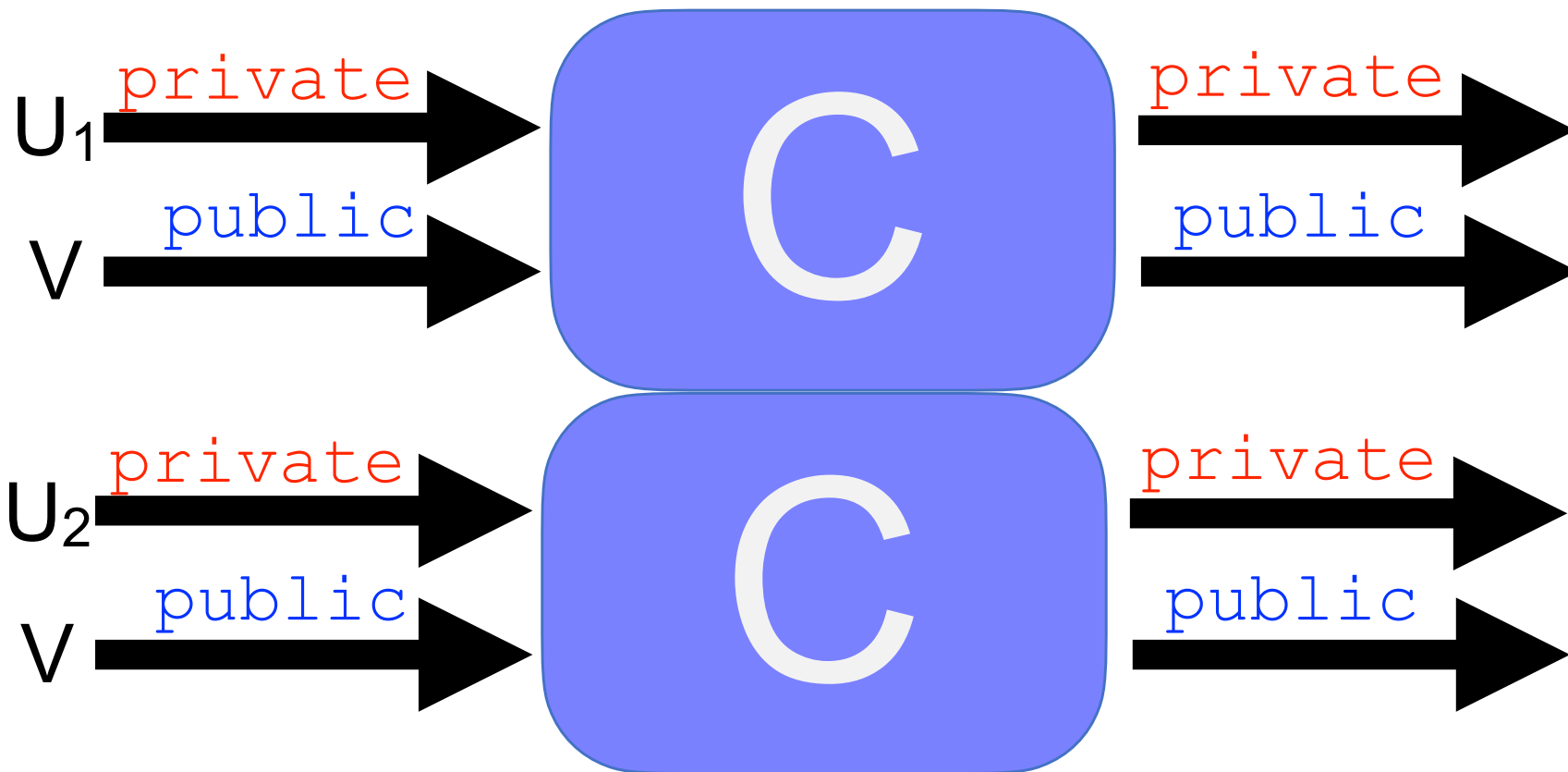
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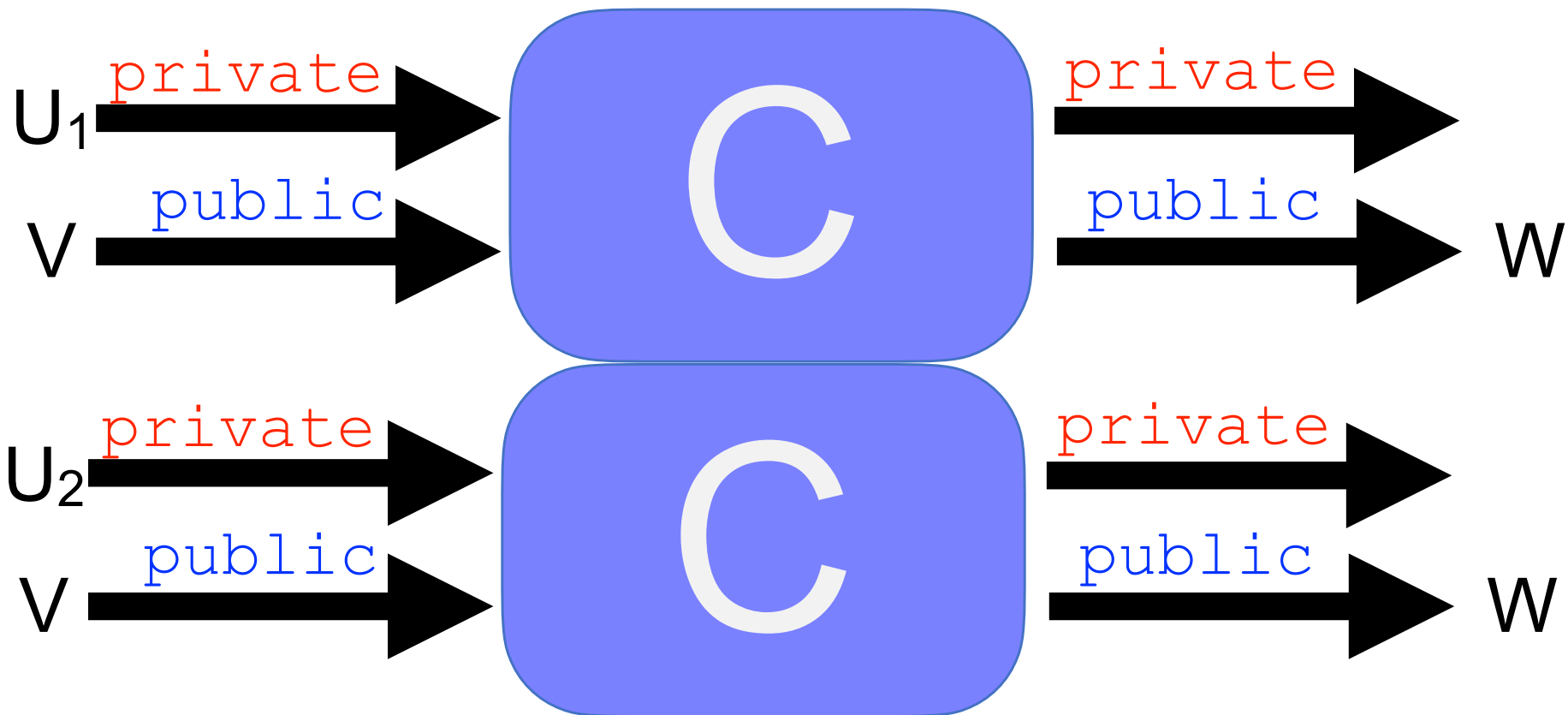
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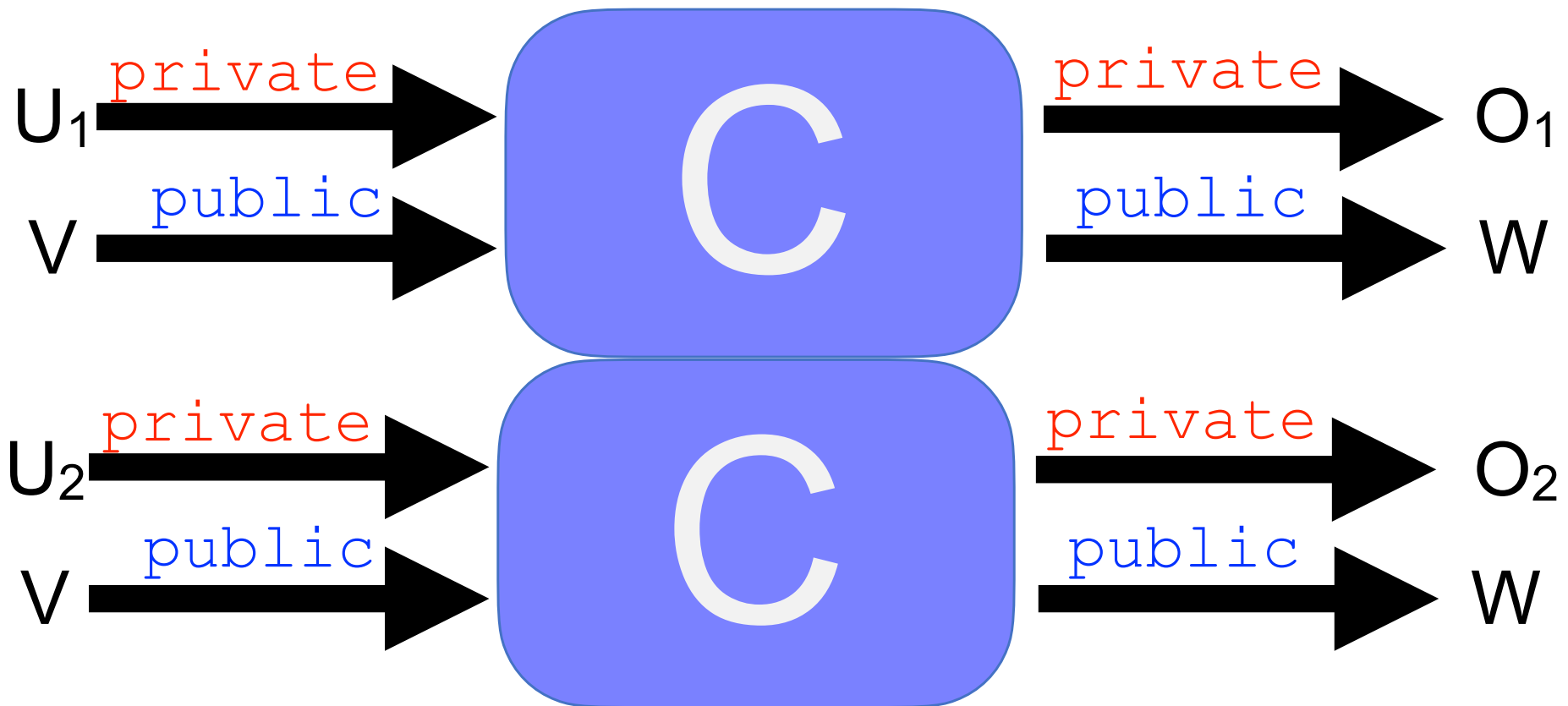
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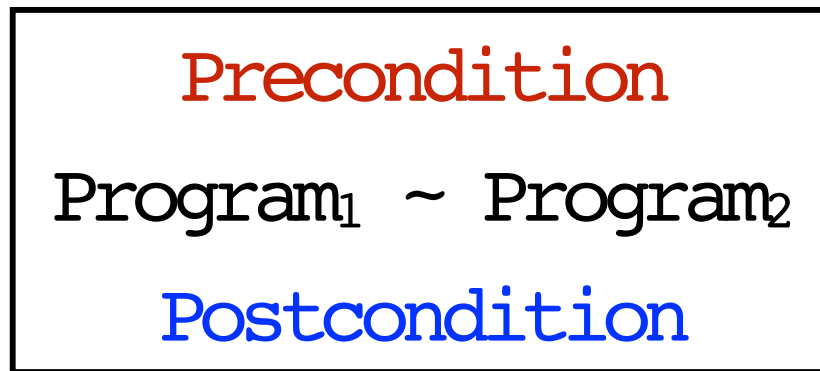
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Assignment

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$P [e_1 \langle 1 \rangle / x_1 \langle 1 \rangle, e_2 \langle 2 \rangle / x_2 \langle 2 \rangle] \Rightarrow P$

Rules of Relational Hoare Logic

Composition

$$\vdash C_1 \sim C_2 : P \Rightarrow R \qquad \vdash C_1' \sim C_2' : R \Rightarrow S$$

$$\vdash C_1 ; C_1' \sim C_2 ; C_2' : P \Rightarrow S$$

Rules of Relational Hoare Logic

Consequence

$$\frac{P \Rightarrow S \quad \vdash C_1 \sim C_2 : S \Rightarrow R \quad R \Rightarrow Q}{\vdash C_1 \sim C_2 : P \Rightarrow Q}$$

We can **weaken** P , i.e. replace it by something that is implied by P .
In this case S .

We can **strengthen** Q , i.e. replace it by something that implies Q .
In this case R .

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Invariant



How can we prove this?

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```

```
y := x
```

```
y := 5
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```
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How can we prove this?

```
x:private
```

```
y:public
```

```
if y mod 3 = 0 then
```

```
  x:=1
```

```
else
```

```
  x:=0
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```
x:public
z:public
y:private

y:=0
z:=0
if x=0 then z:=1;
if z=0 then y:=1

: =low ⇒ =low
```

How can we prove this?

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z:public
y:private

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z:=0
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s1:public
s2:private
r:private
i:public

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i:=0;
r:=0;
while i<n /\ r=0 do
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    r:=1
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