

# Compile-time tools supporting generic programming in C++

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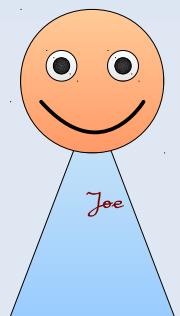
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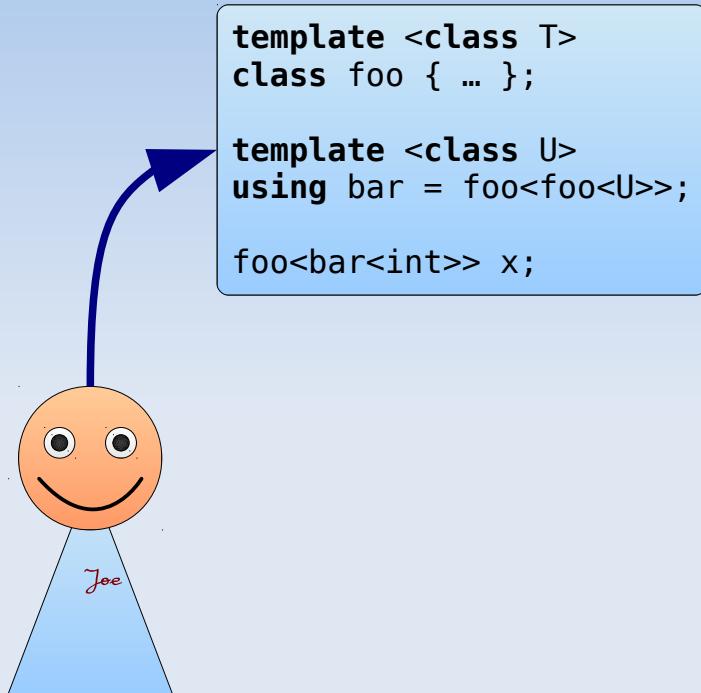
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In C++ they are implemented using templates

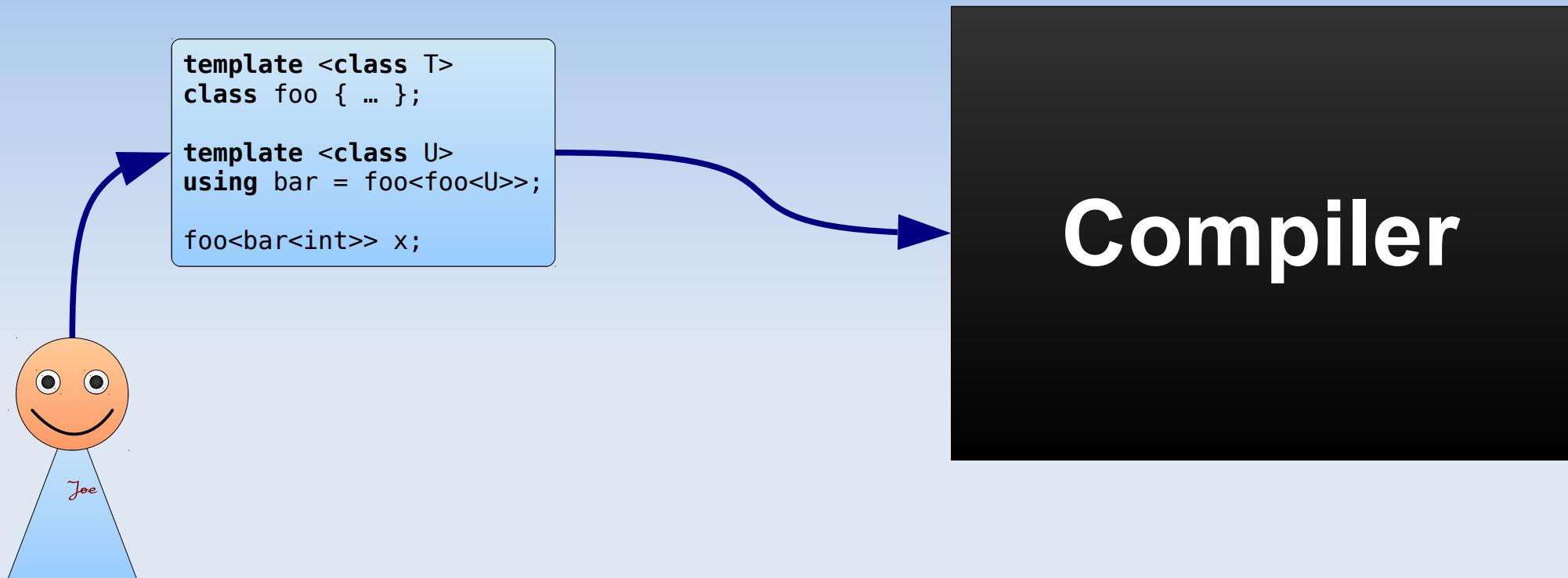
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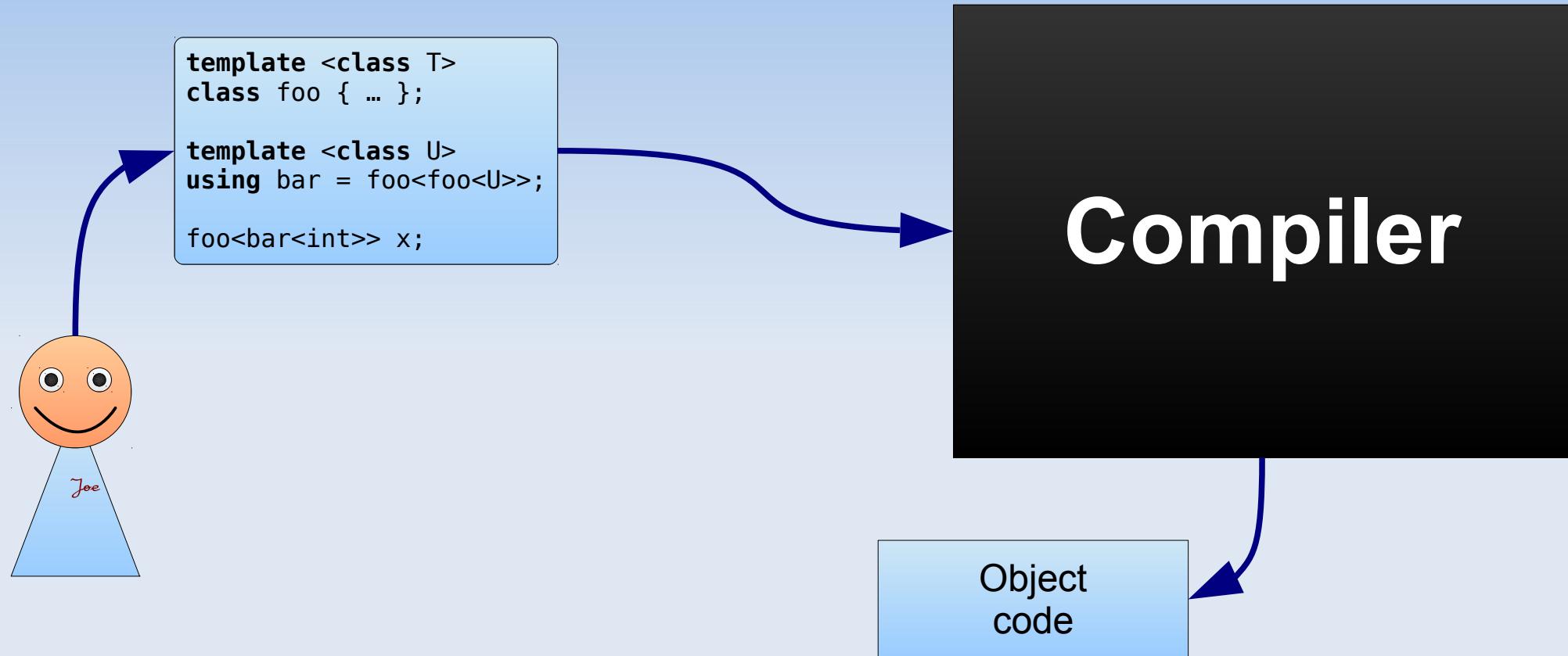
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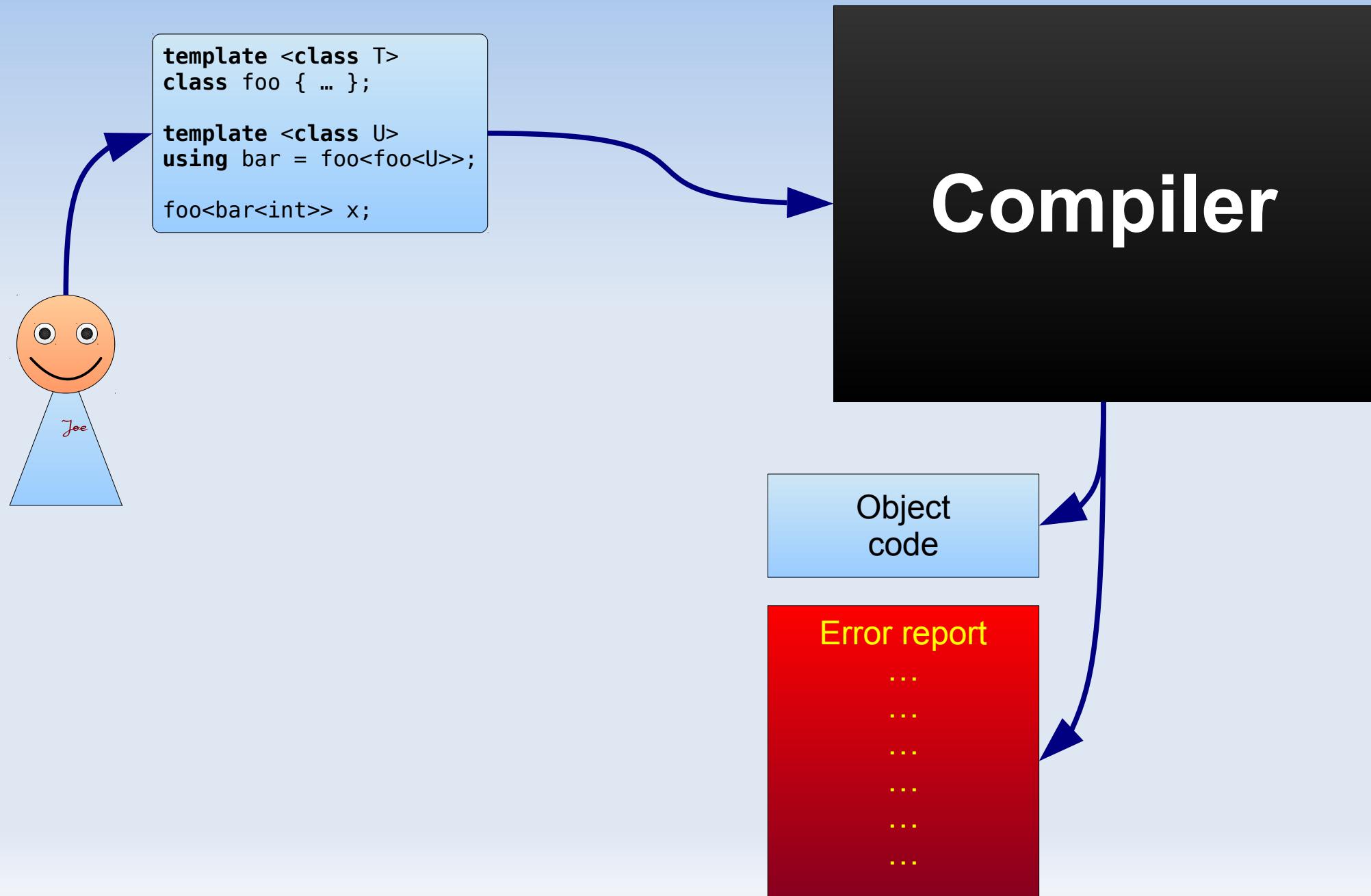
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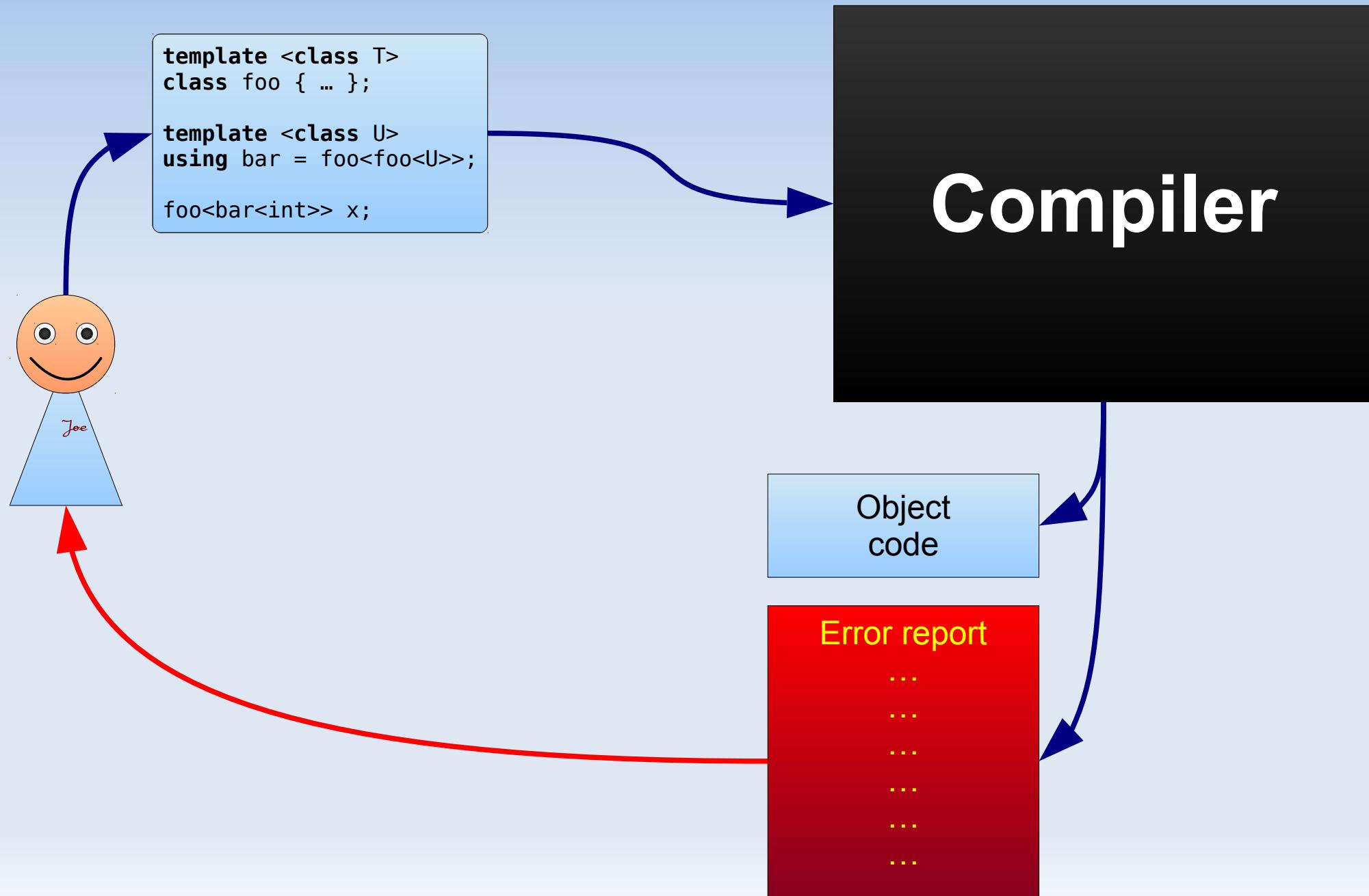
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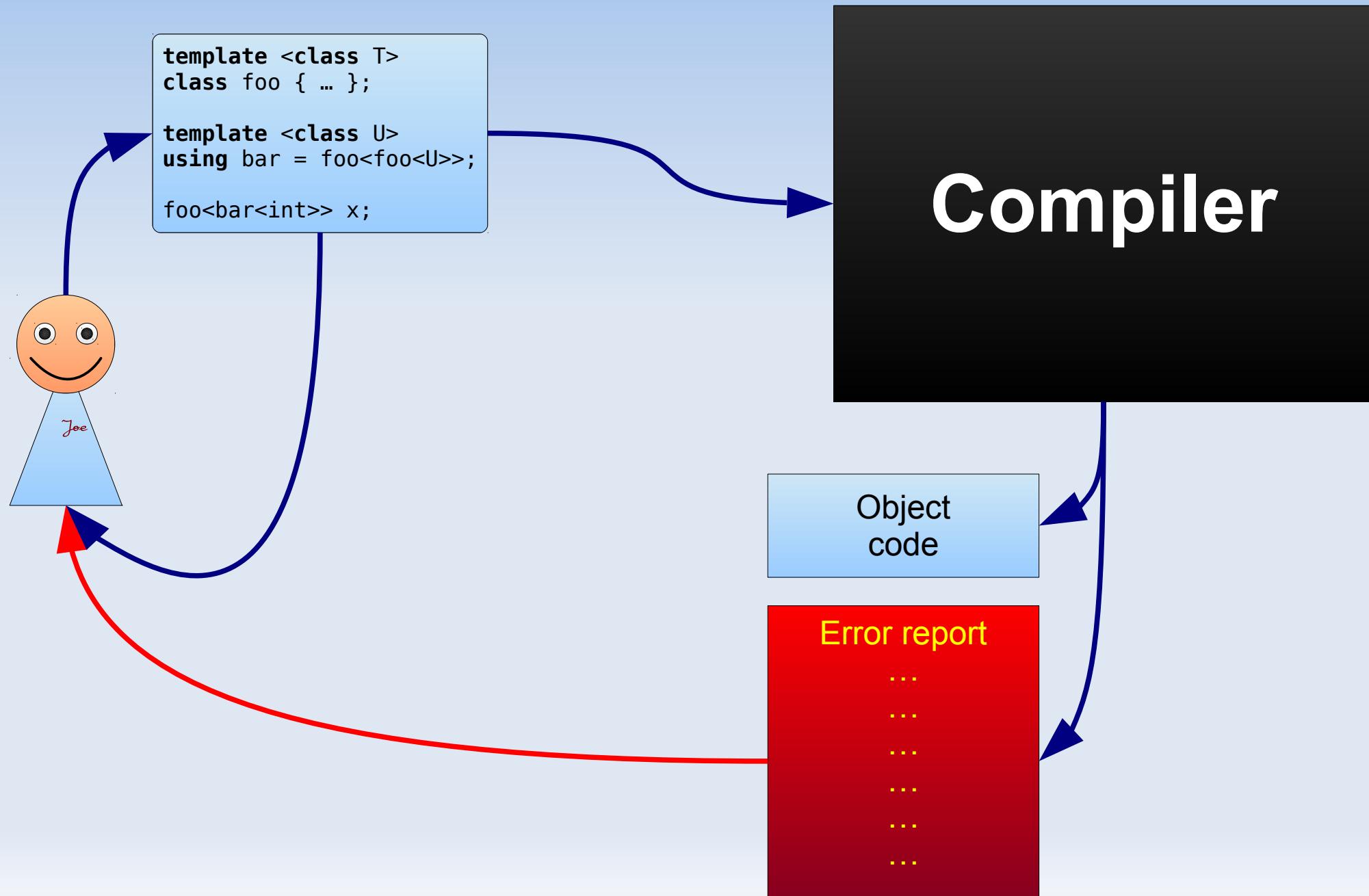
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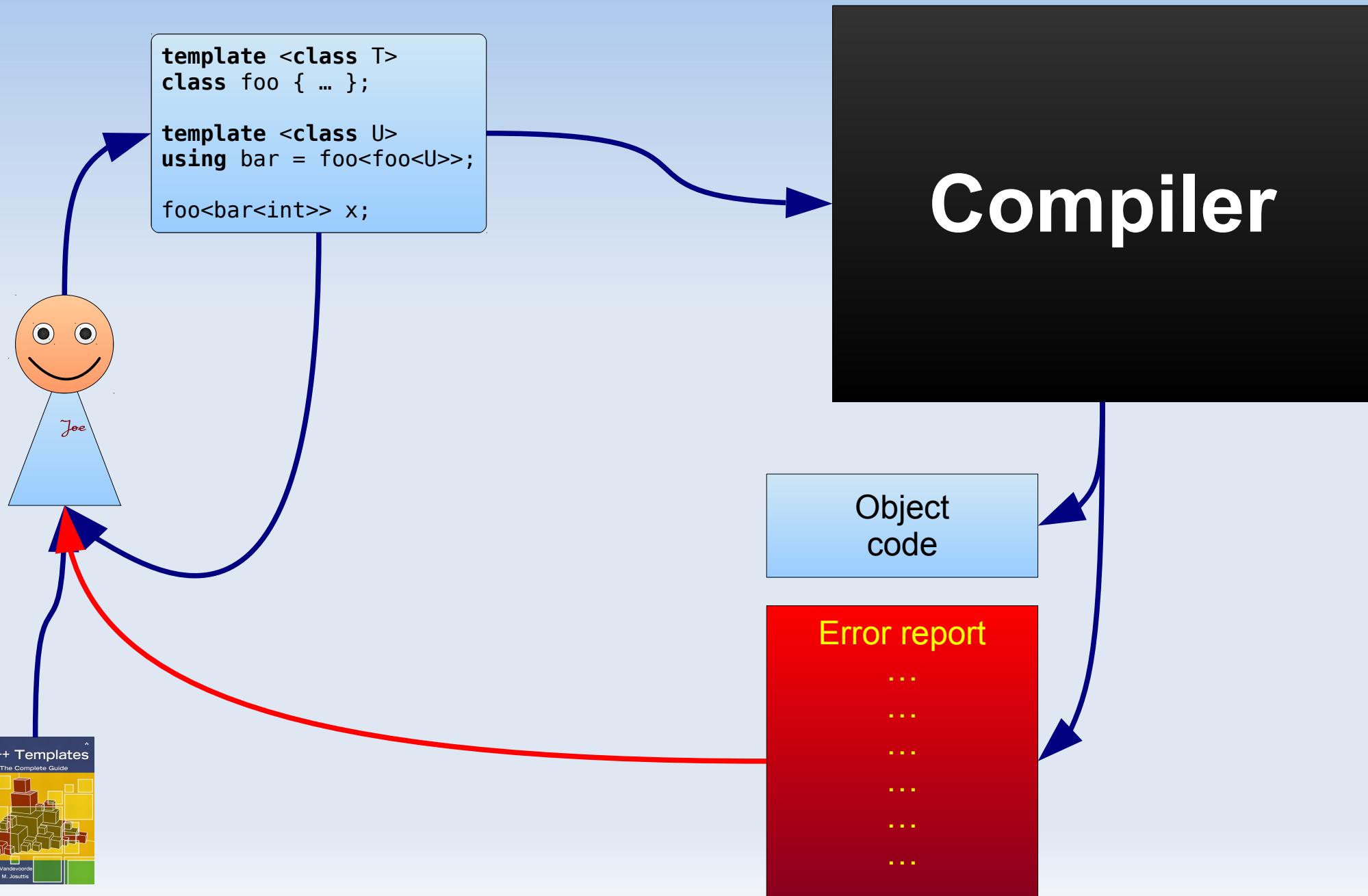
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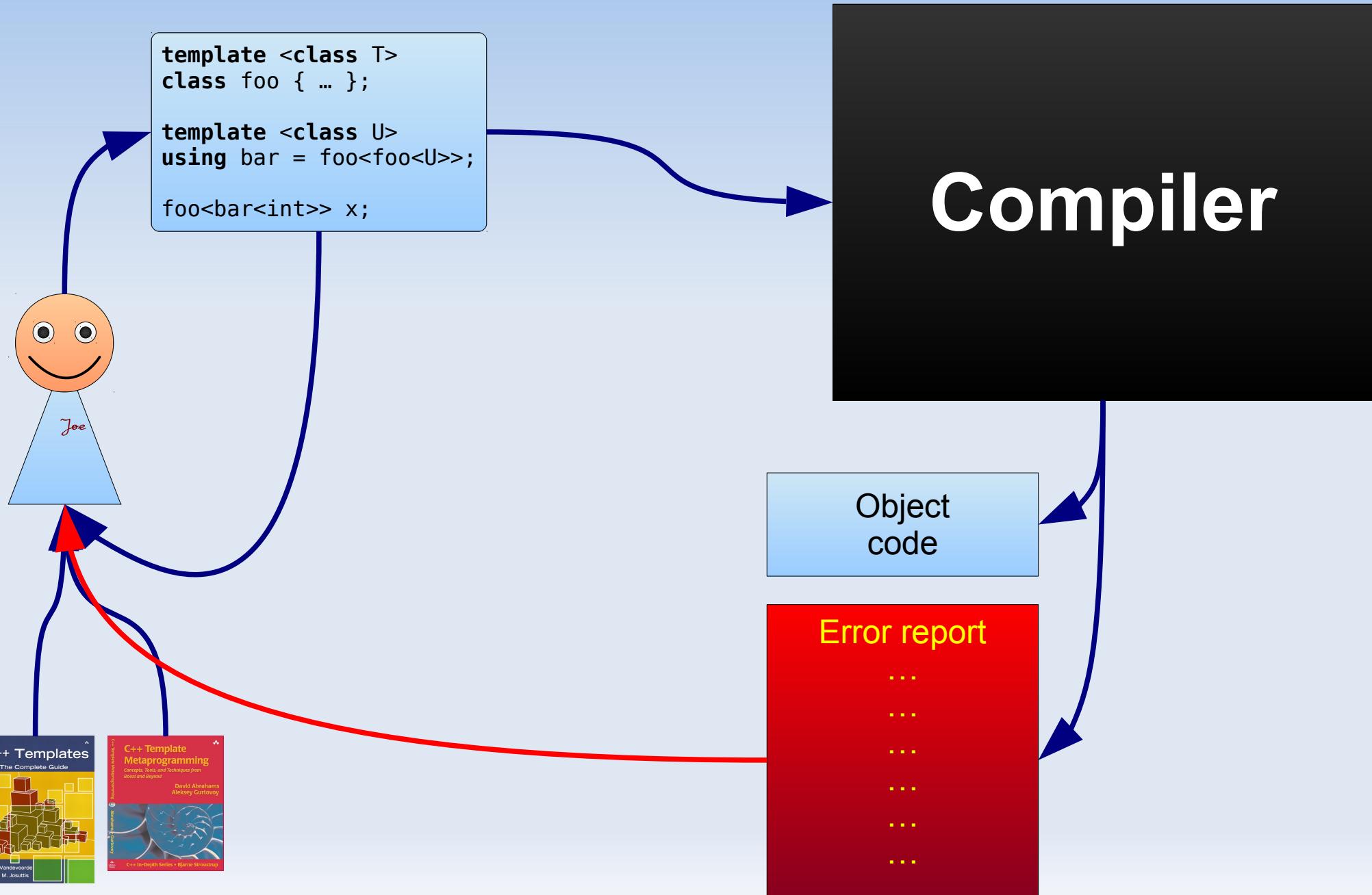
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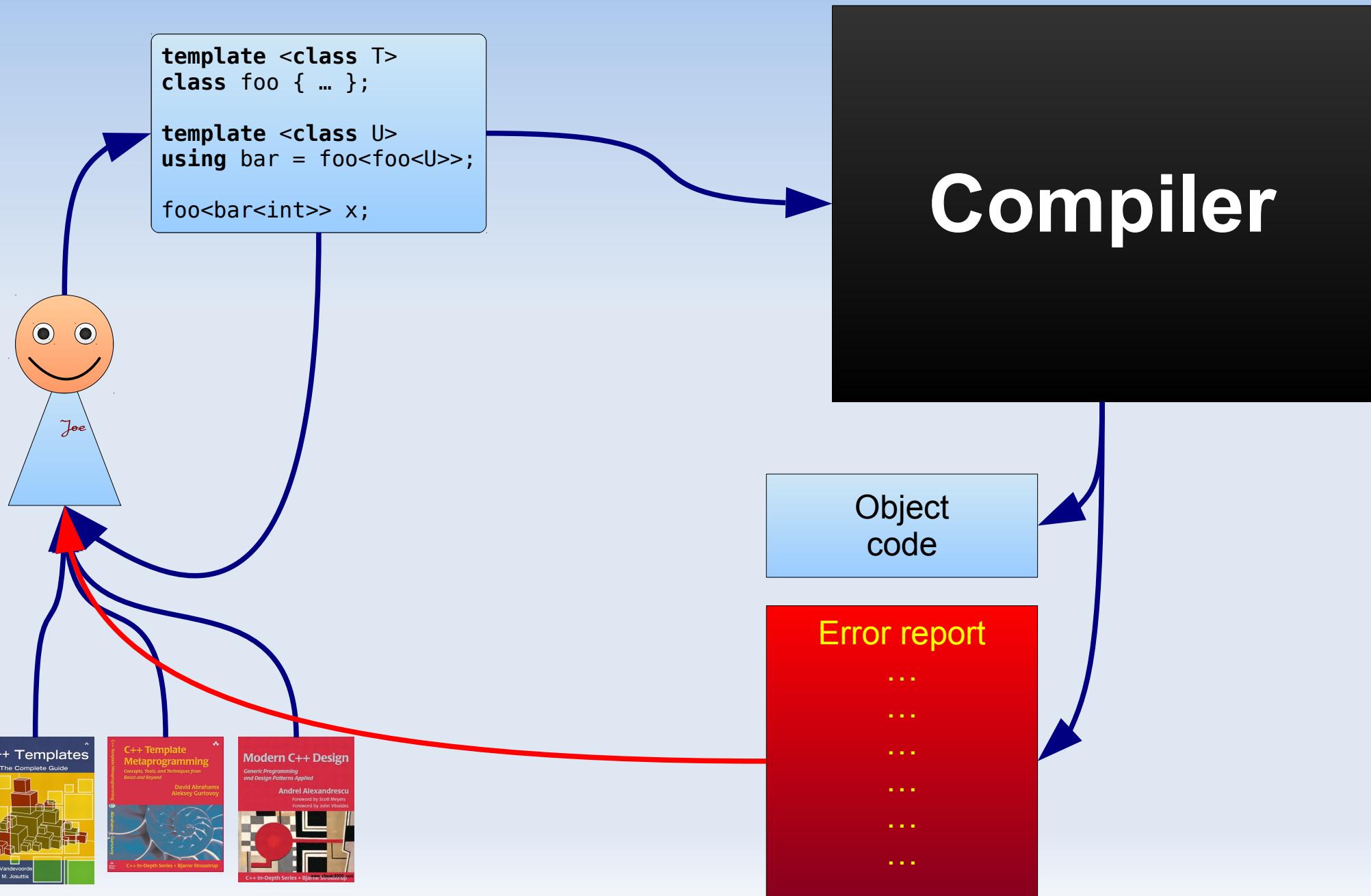
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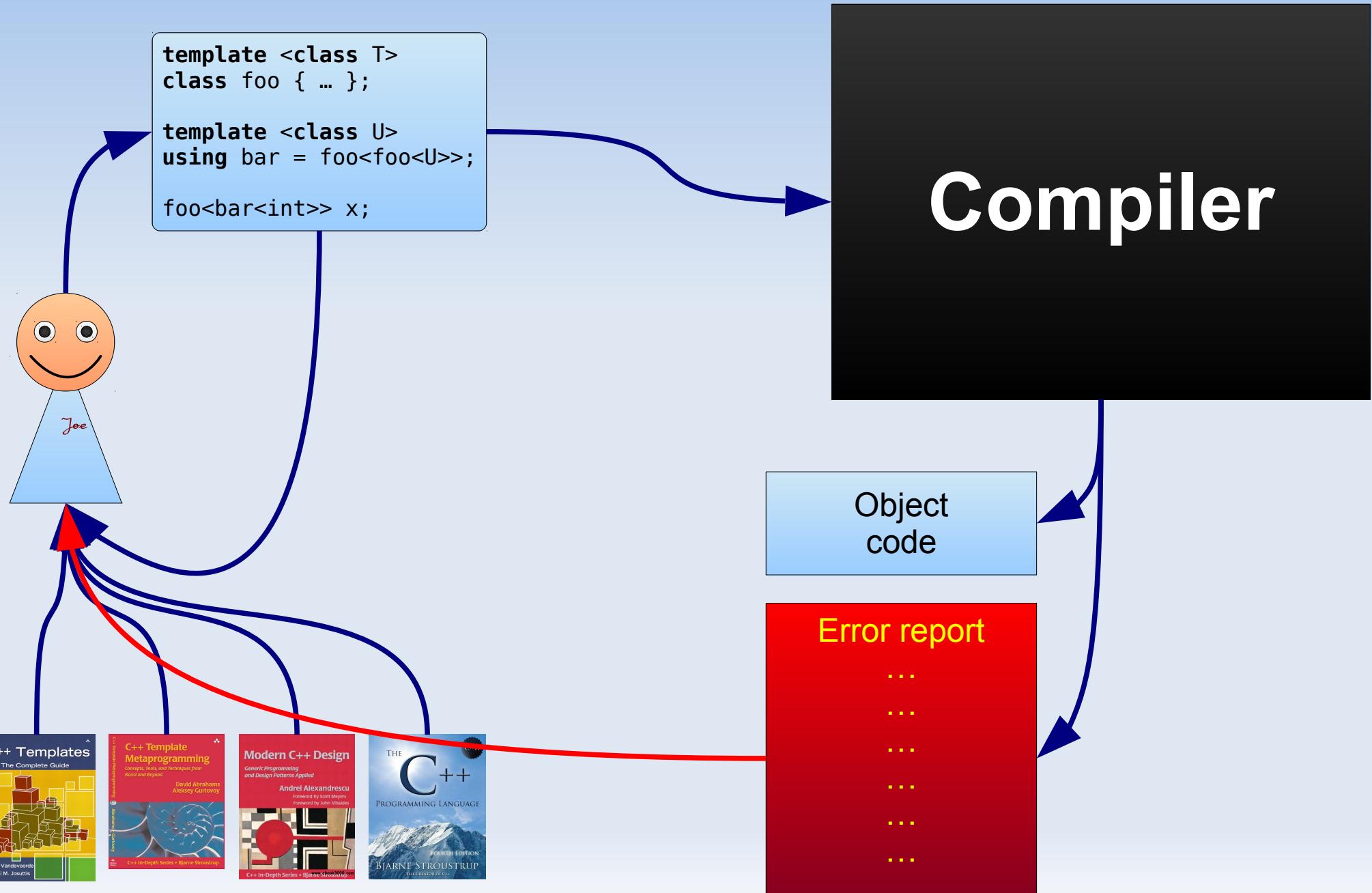
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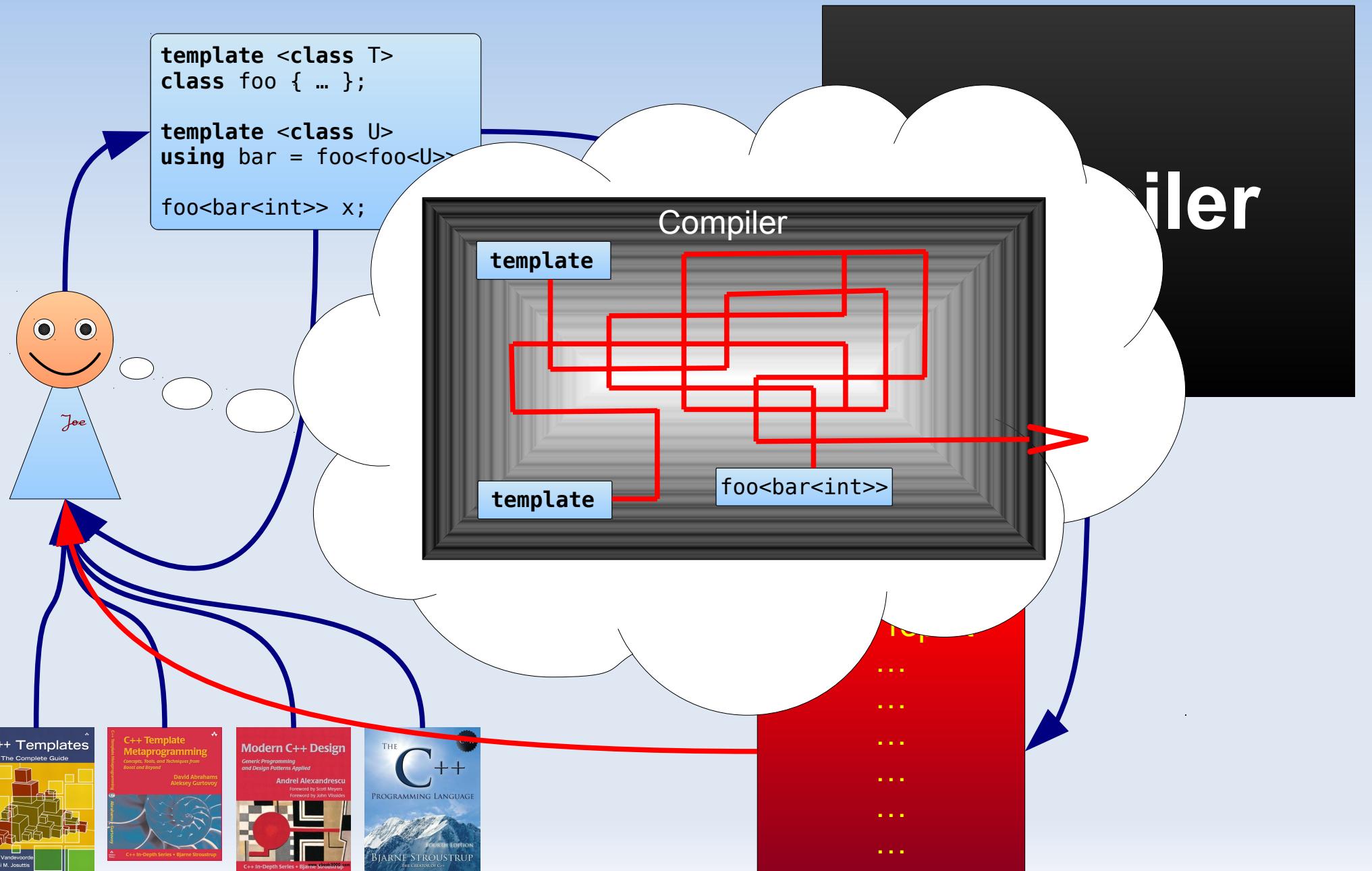
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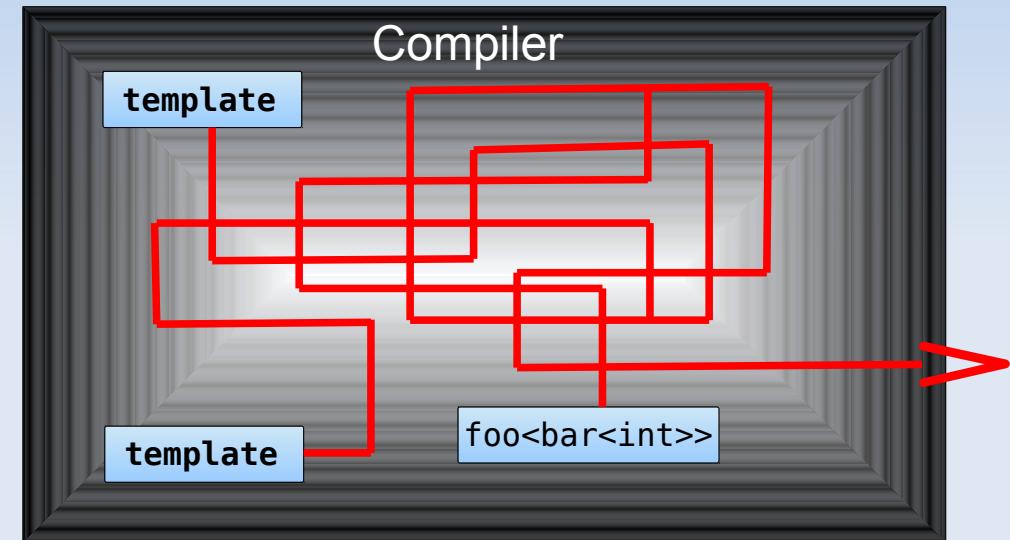


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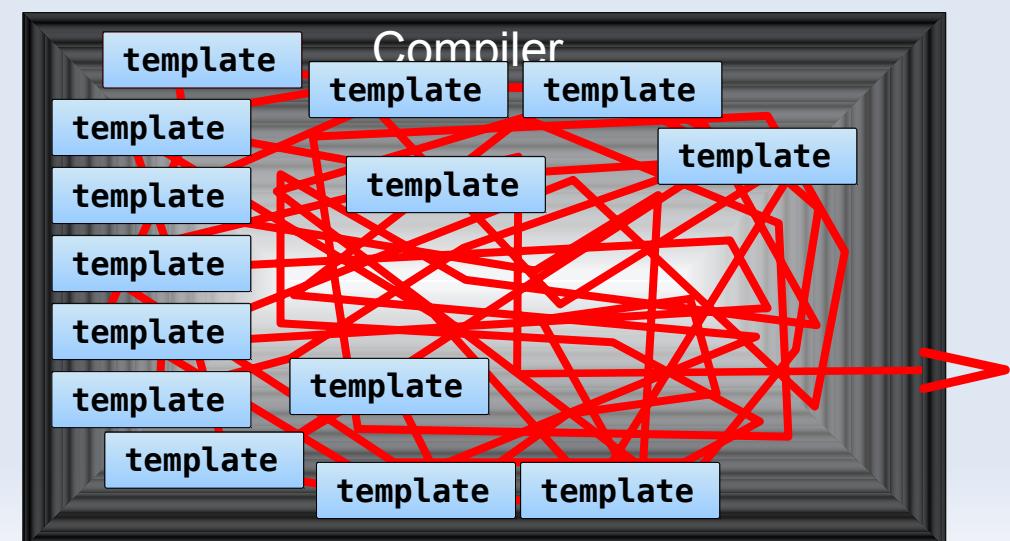
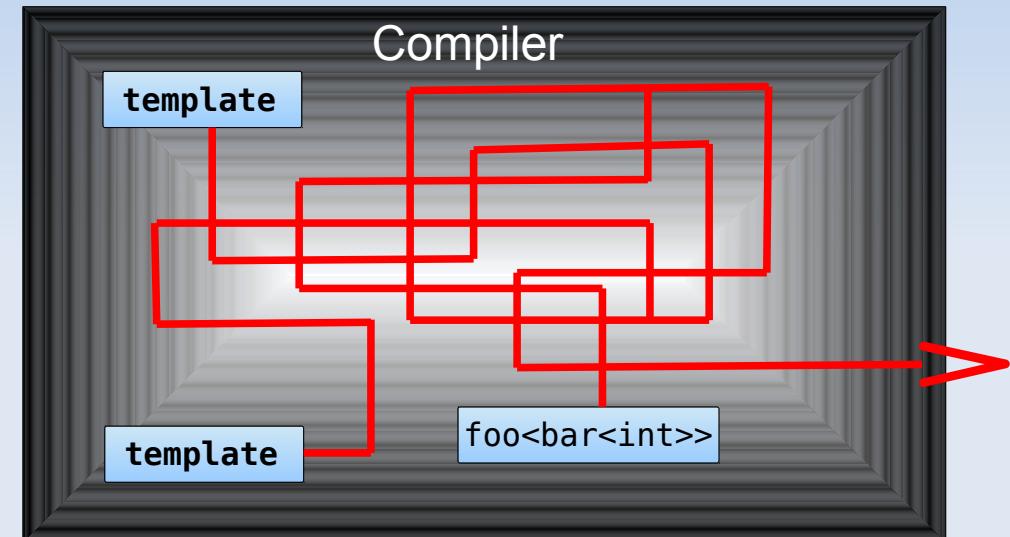
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#ifndef B_HPP  
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```
#include "c.hpp"  
#include "d.hpp"
```

```
template <class T, class U>  
class b  
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public:  
    typedef typename c<T, d<U>>::handle handle;  
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```
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template <class T, class U>
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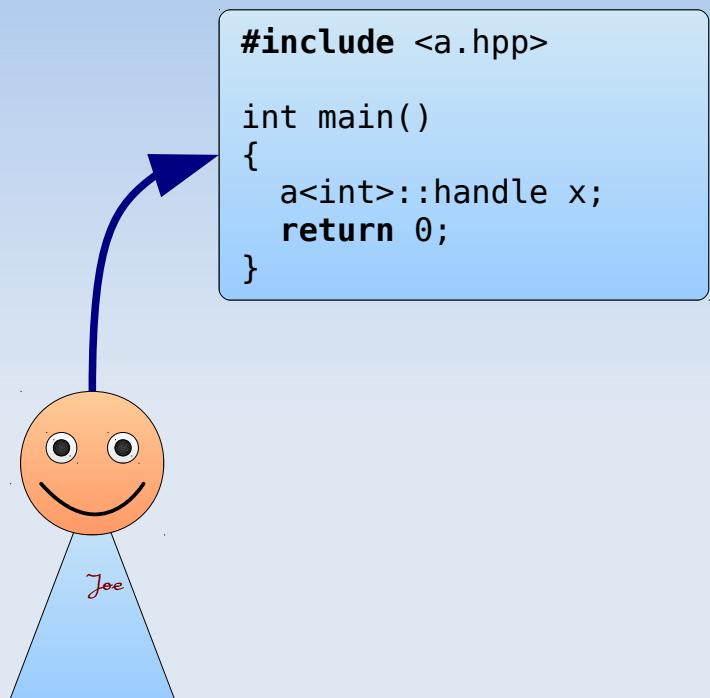
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- Displaying the name at runtime
- IDEs
- Debuggers
- Metaprogrammer tools

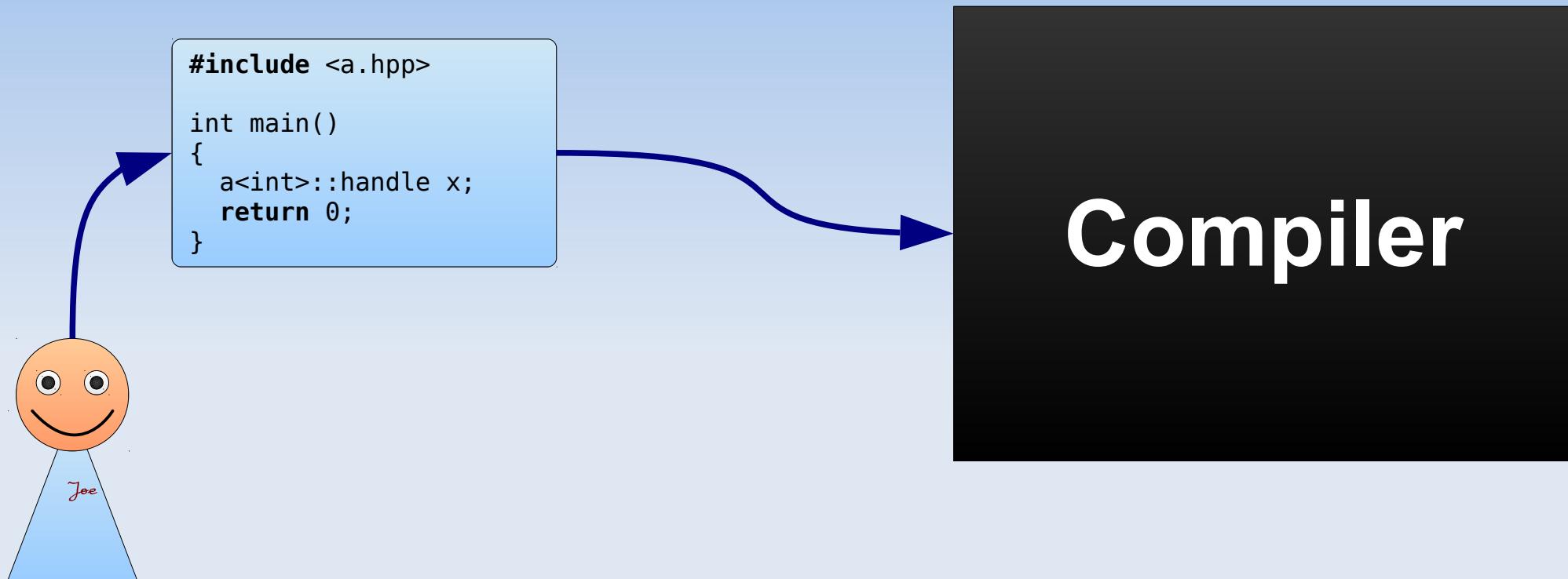
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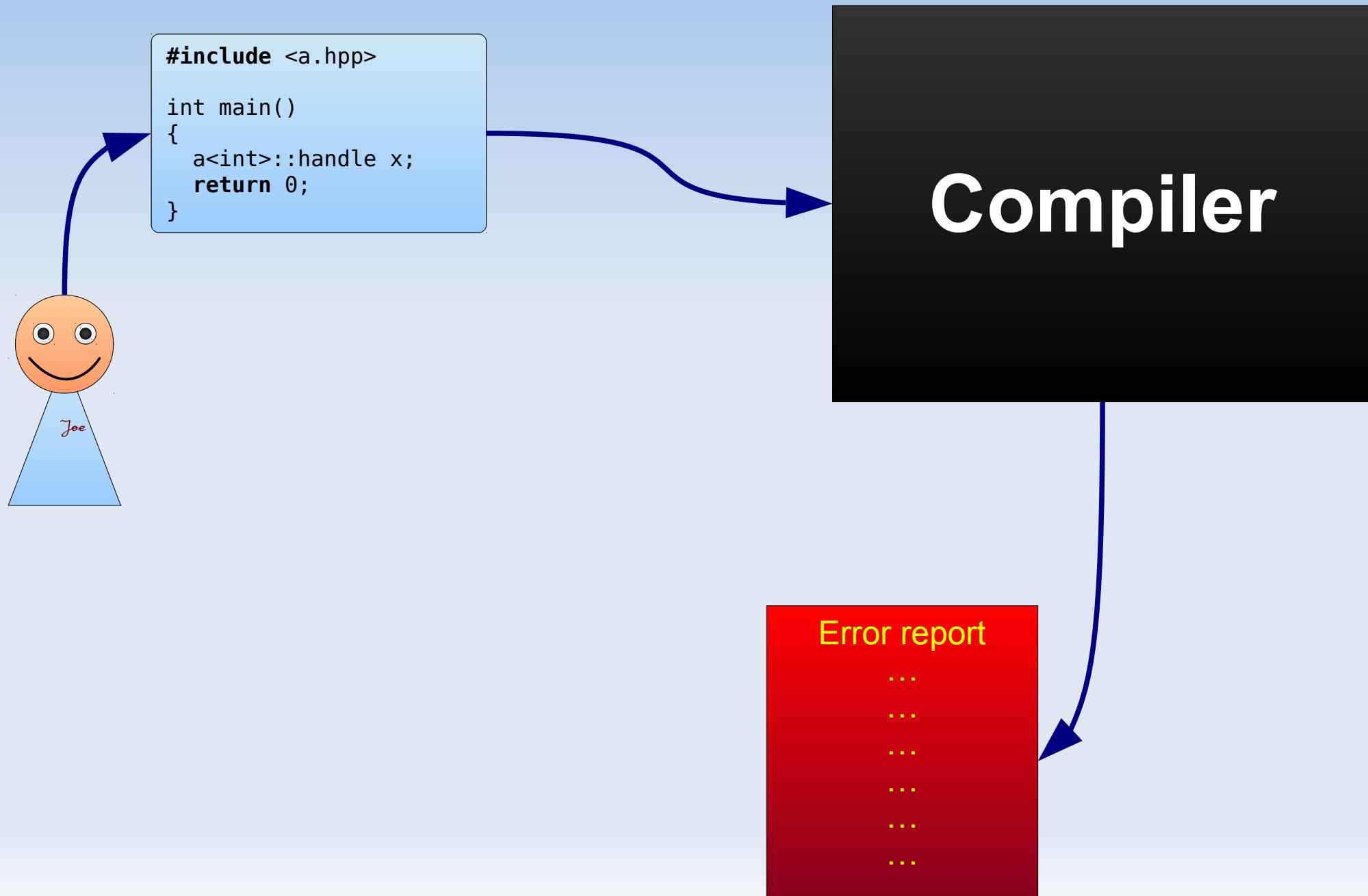
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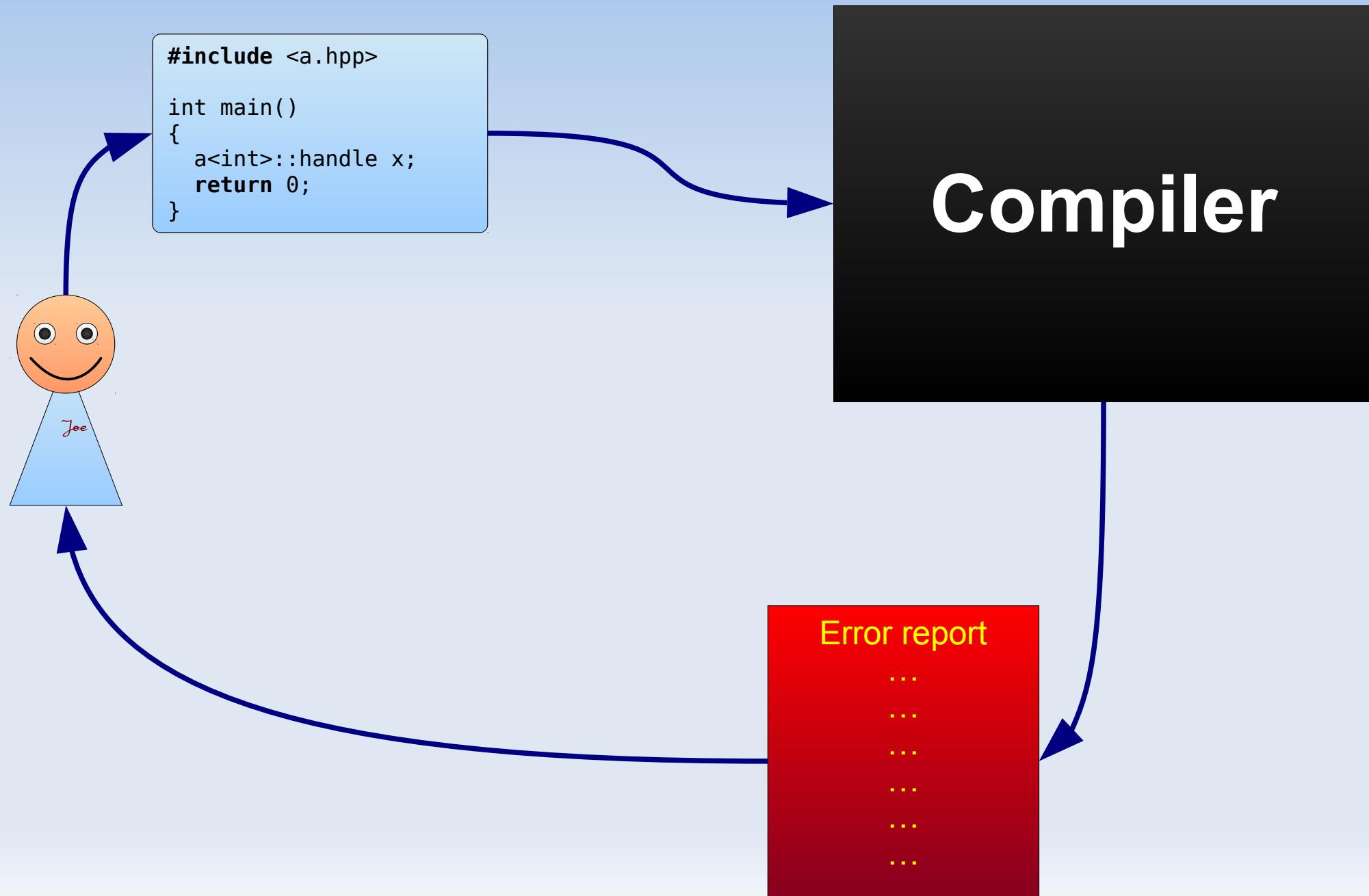
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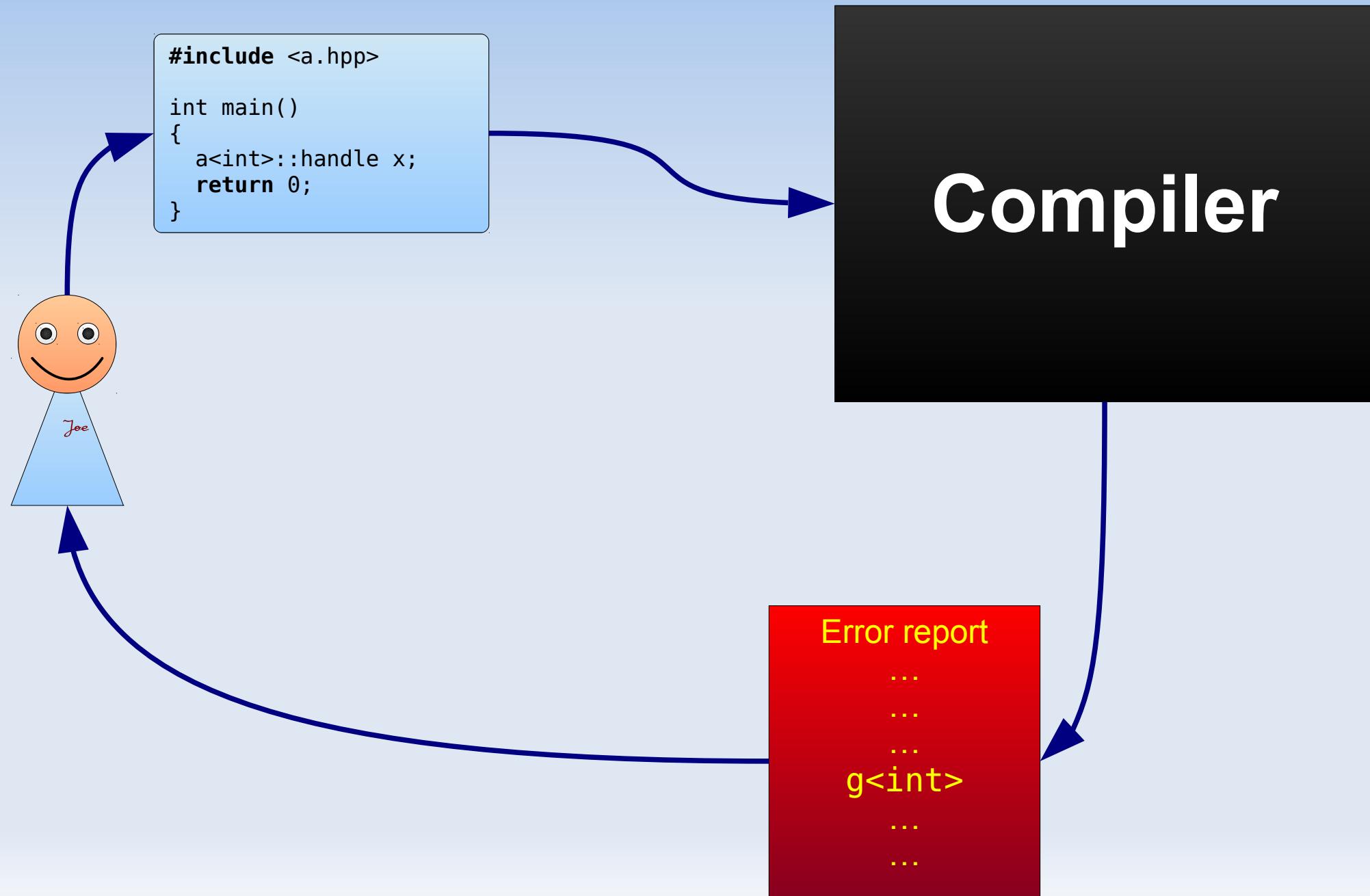
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v1::fail_with_type() [with T = g<int>]':  
main1_err_mpplib.cpp:7:56: required from here  
metamonomad/v1/fail_with_type.hpp:26:70: error: 'f' is not a member of 'mpplib::  
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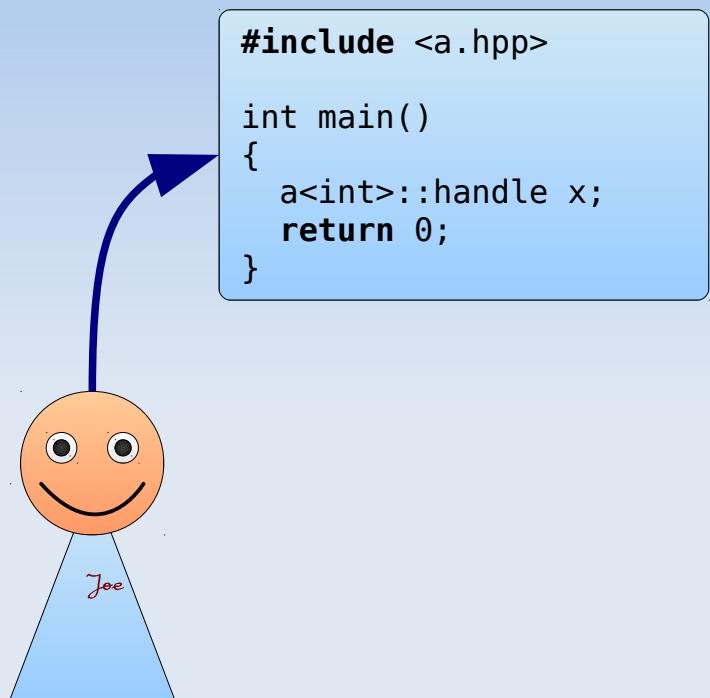
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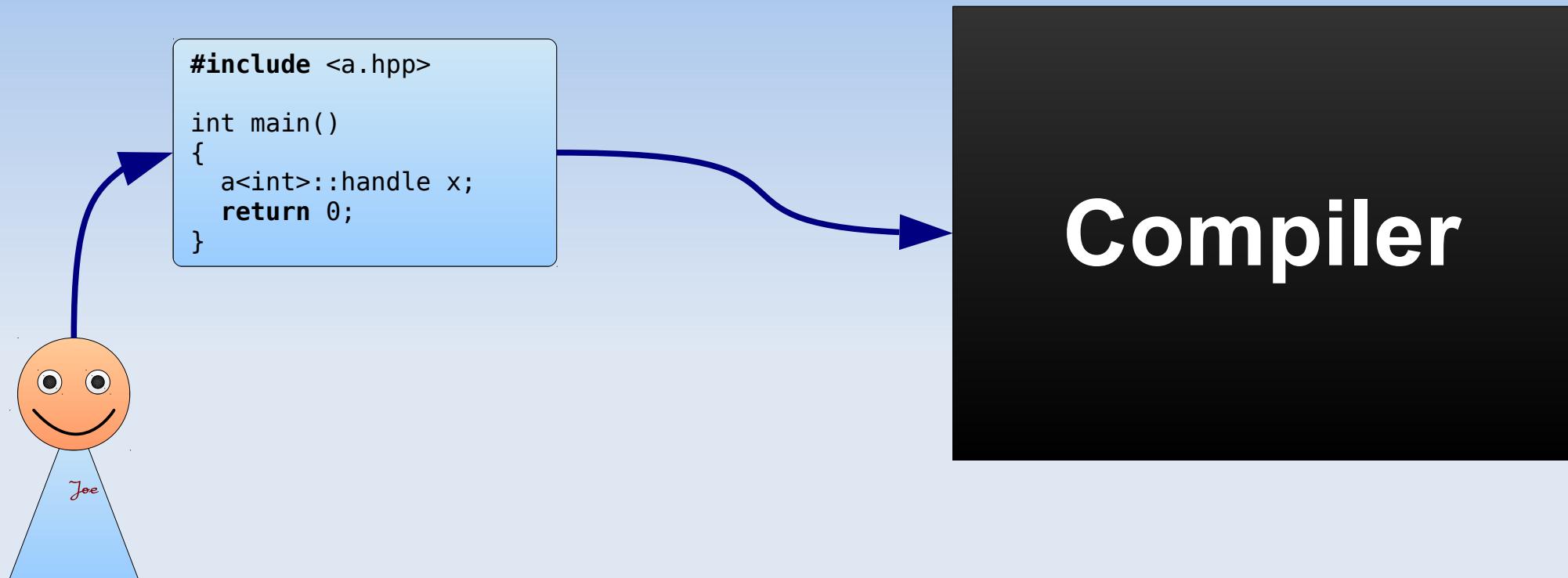
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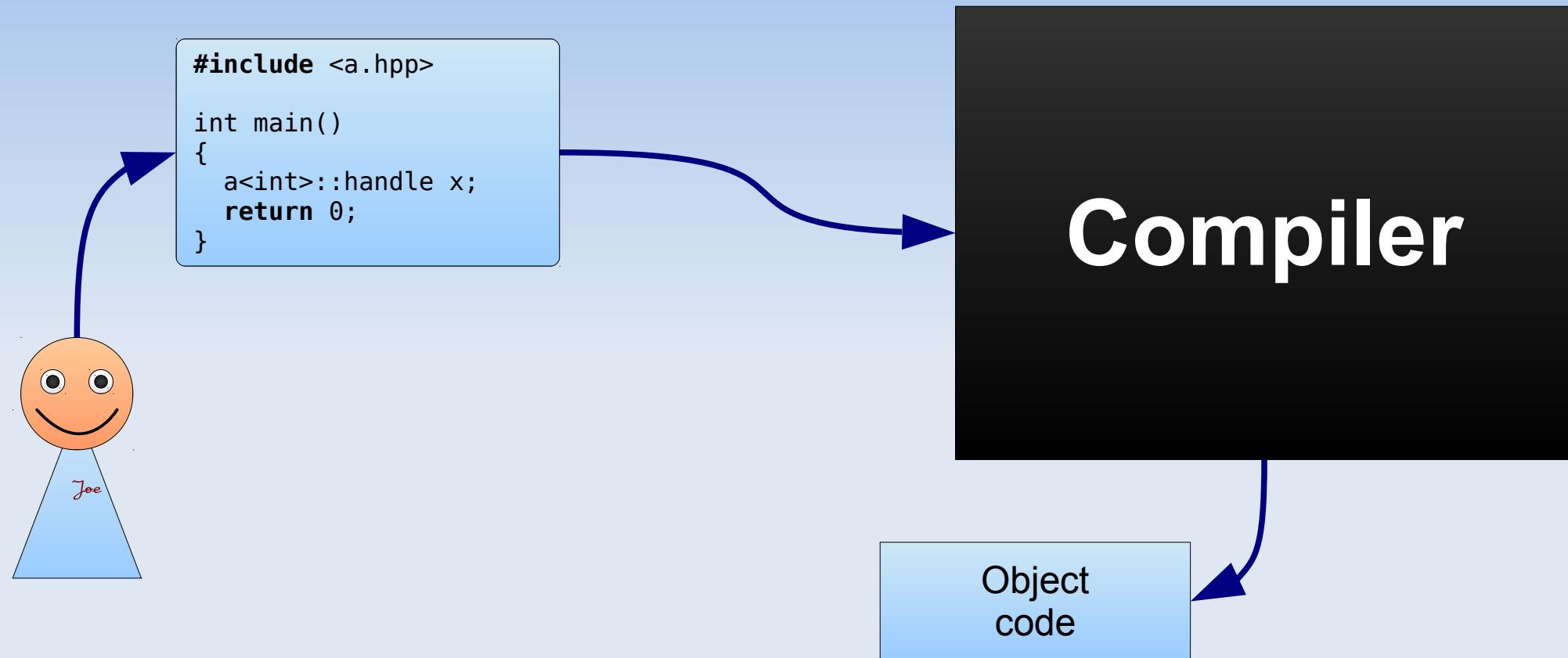
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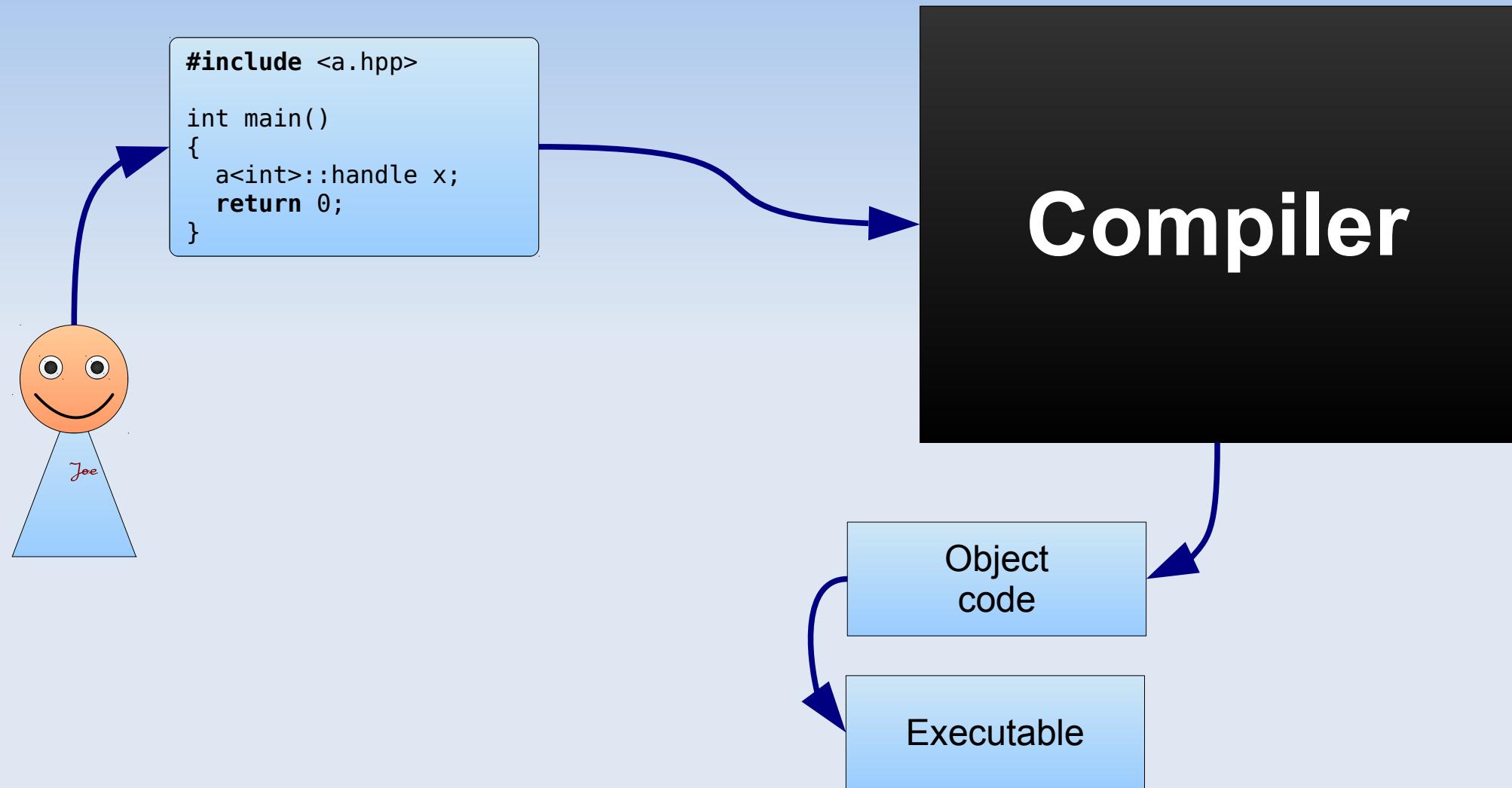
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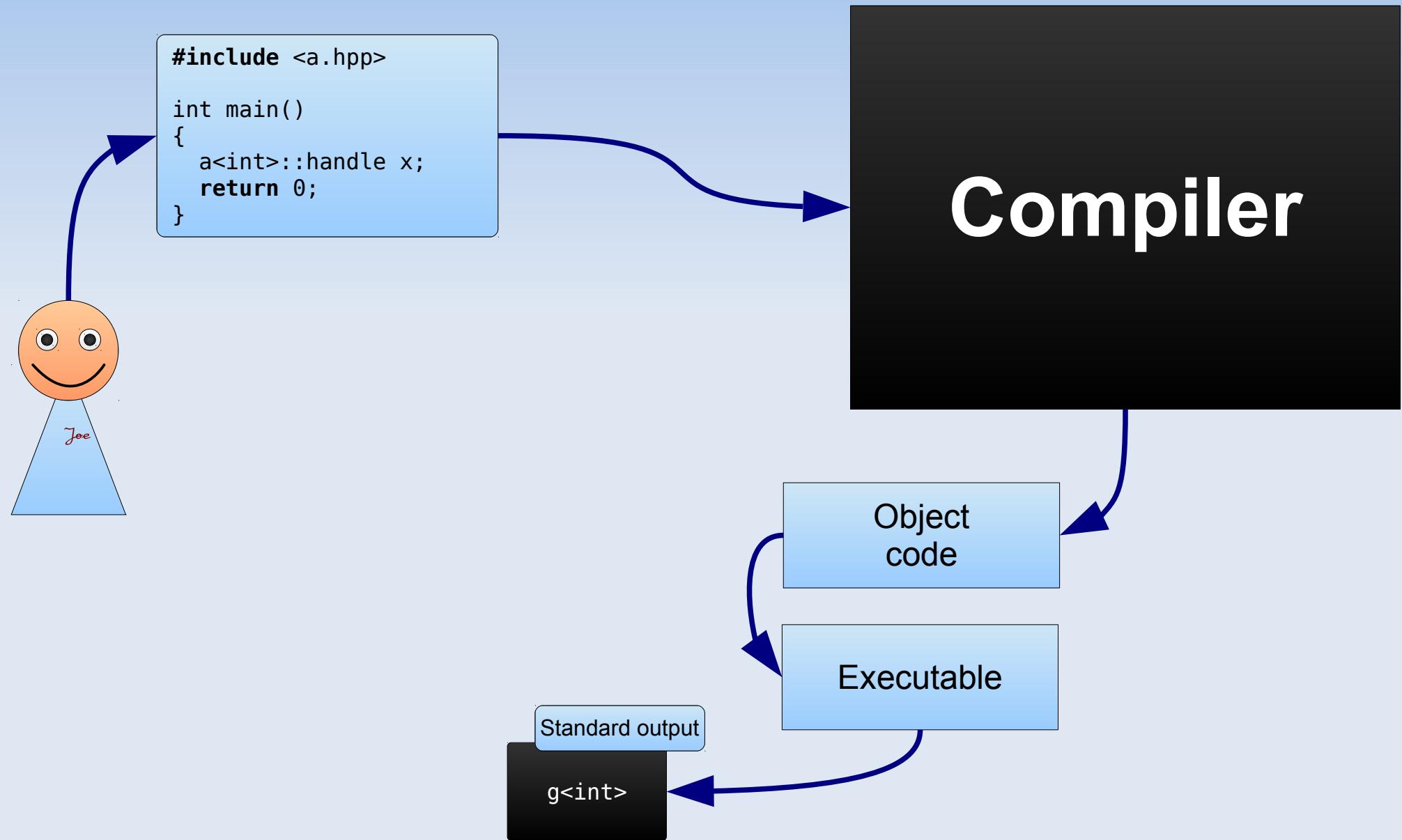
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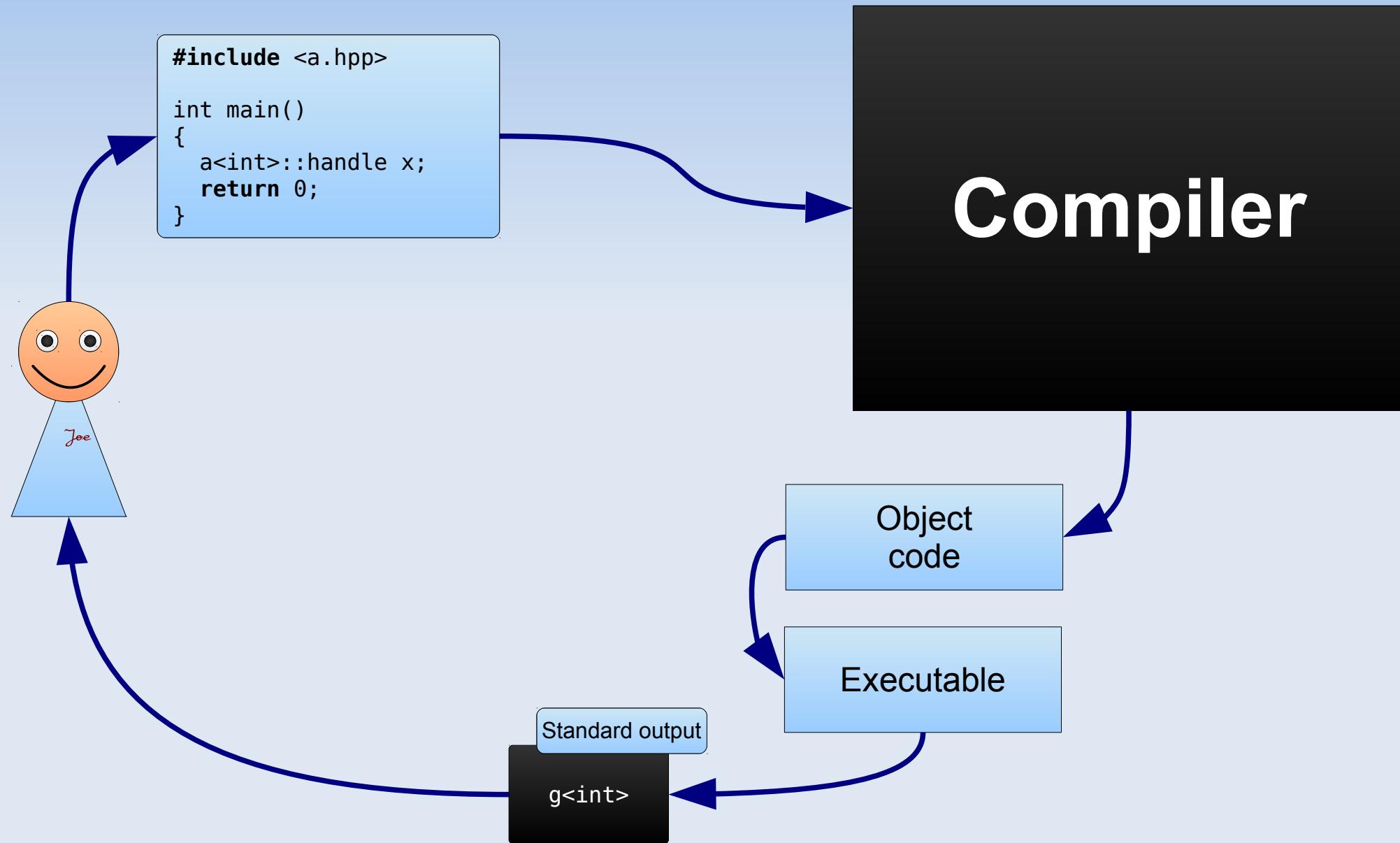
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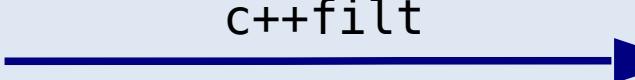
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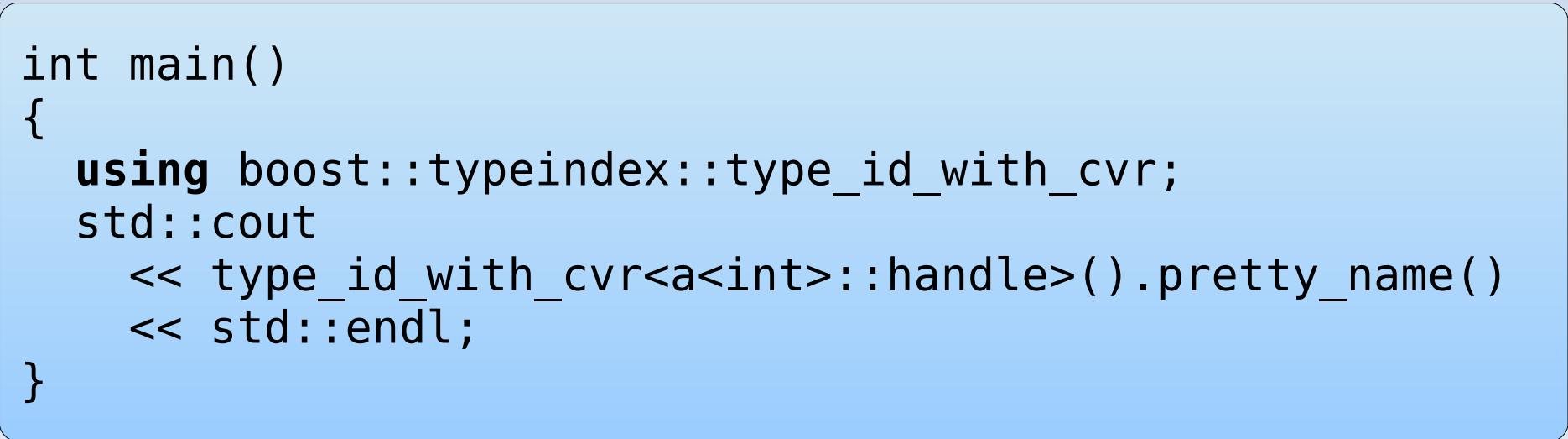
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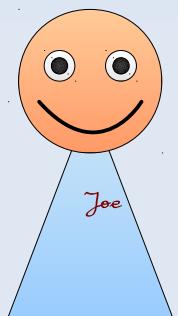
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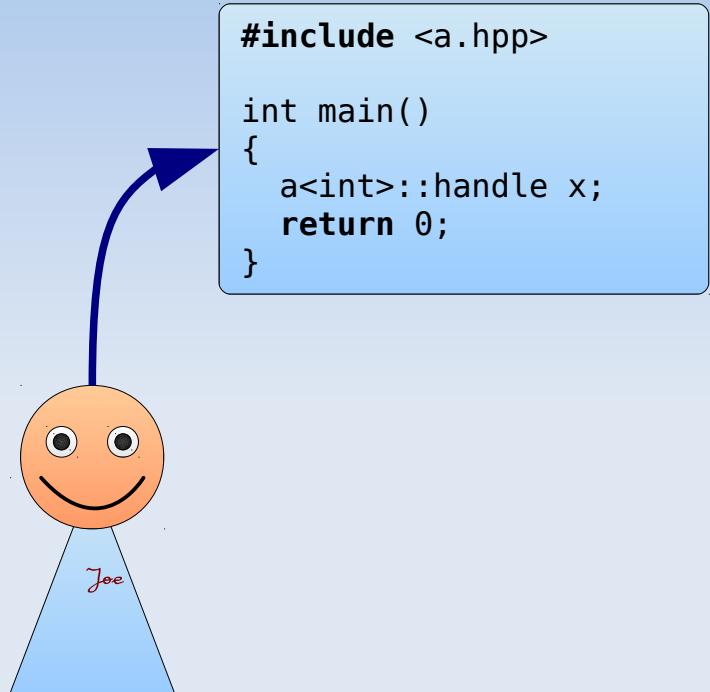


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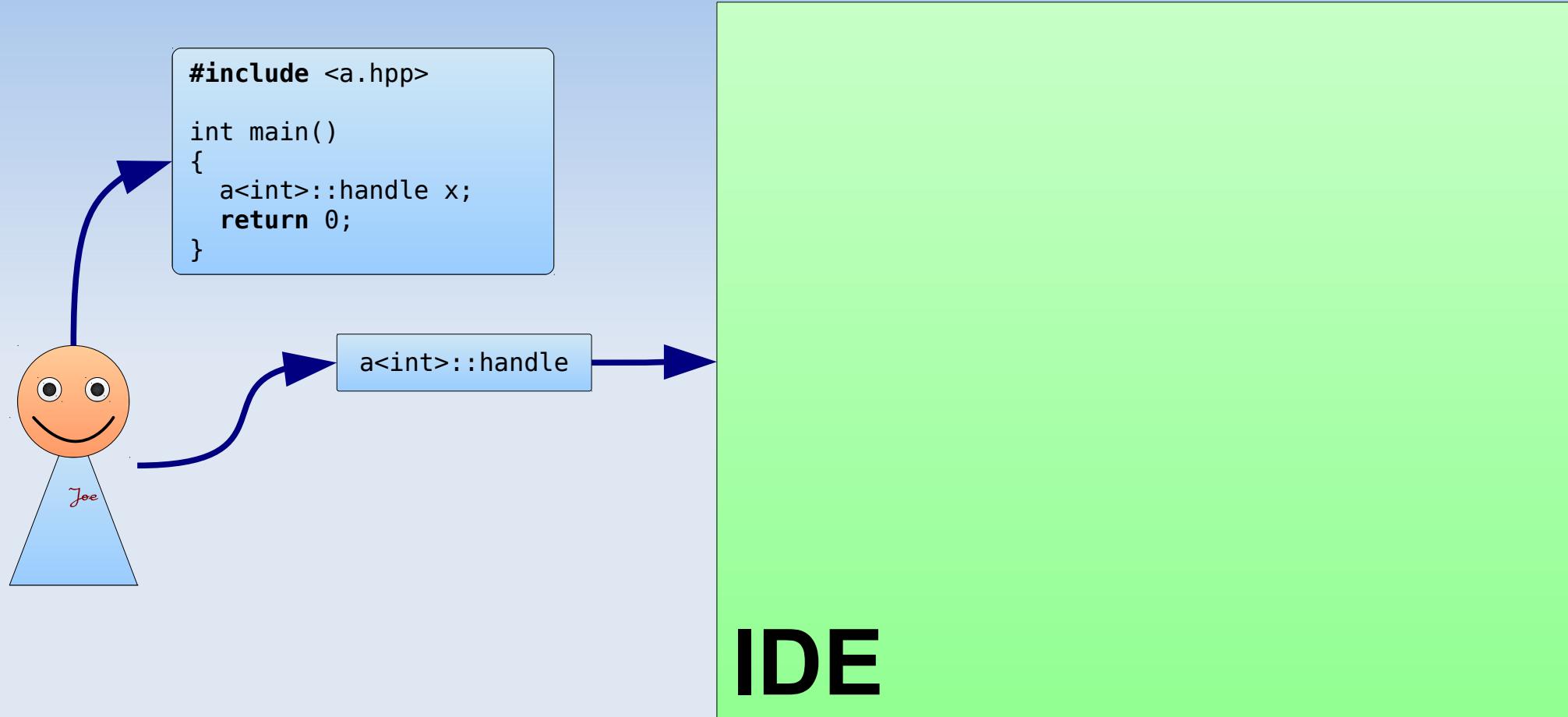


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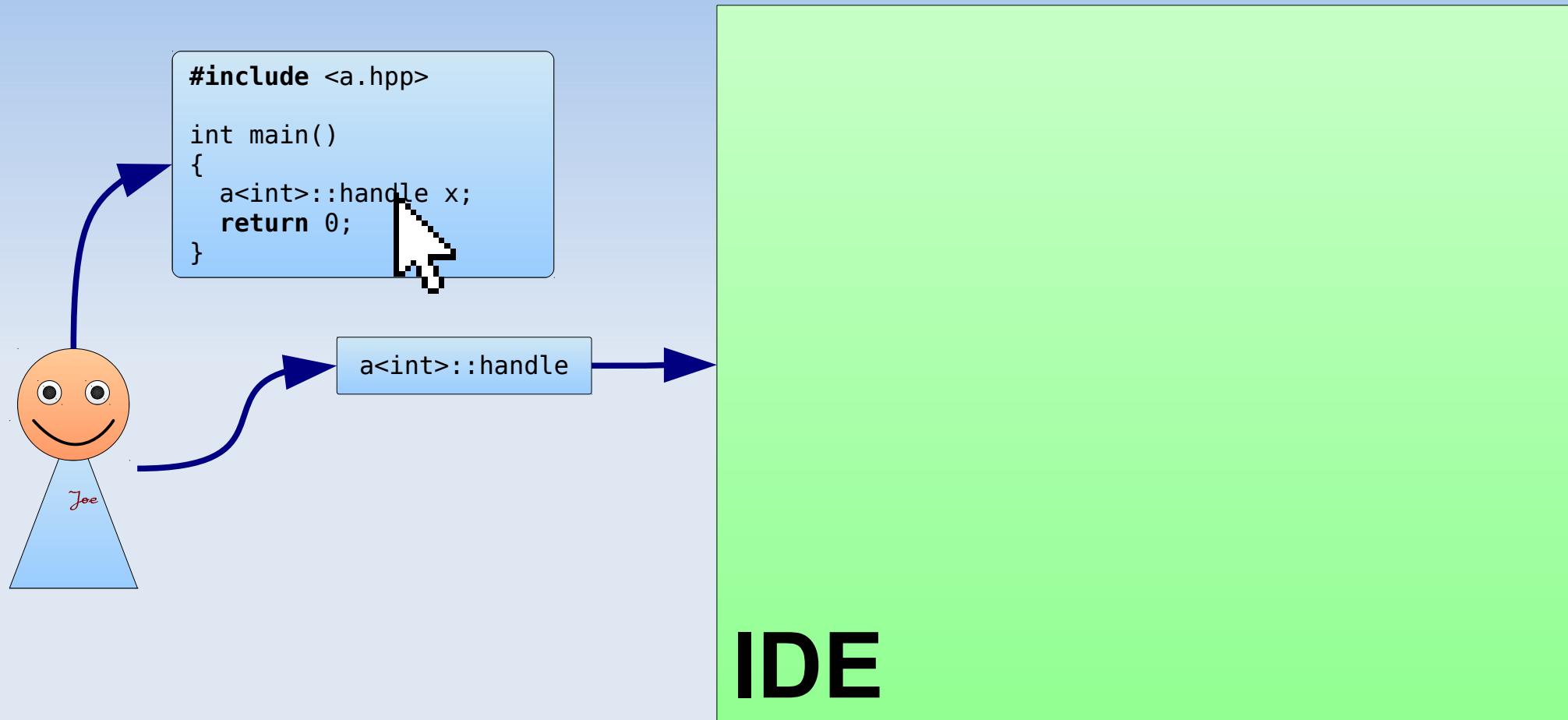
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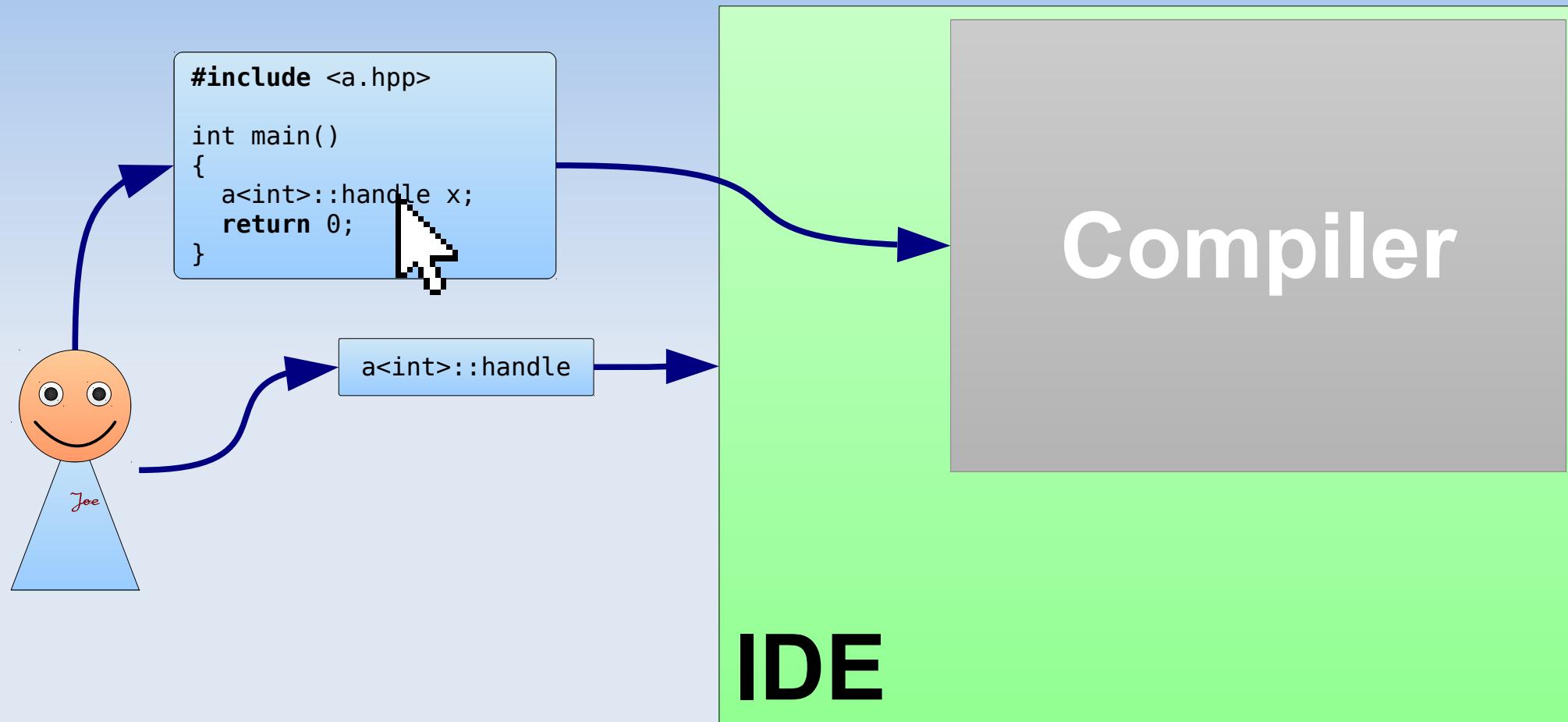
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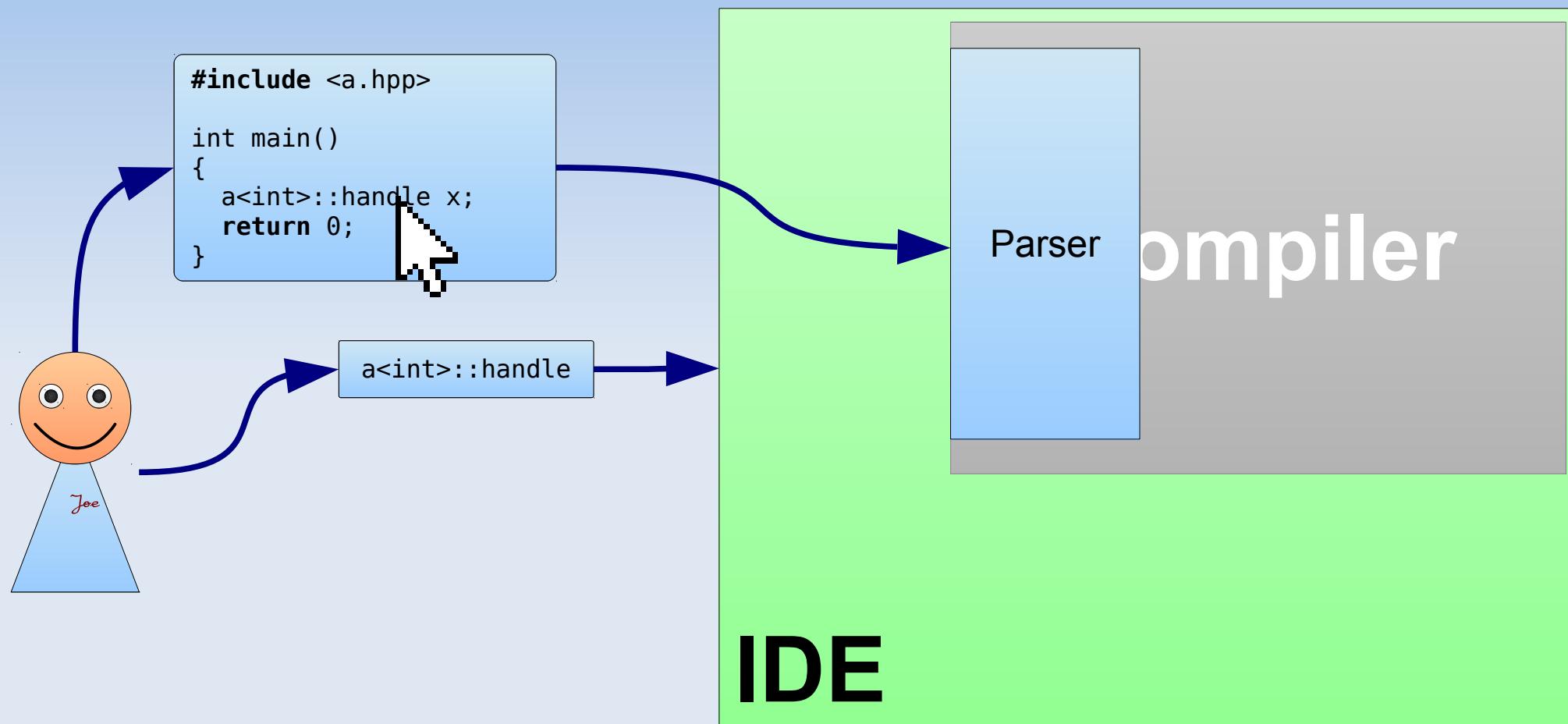
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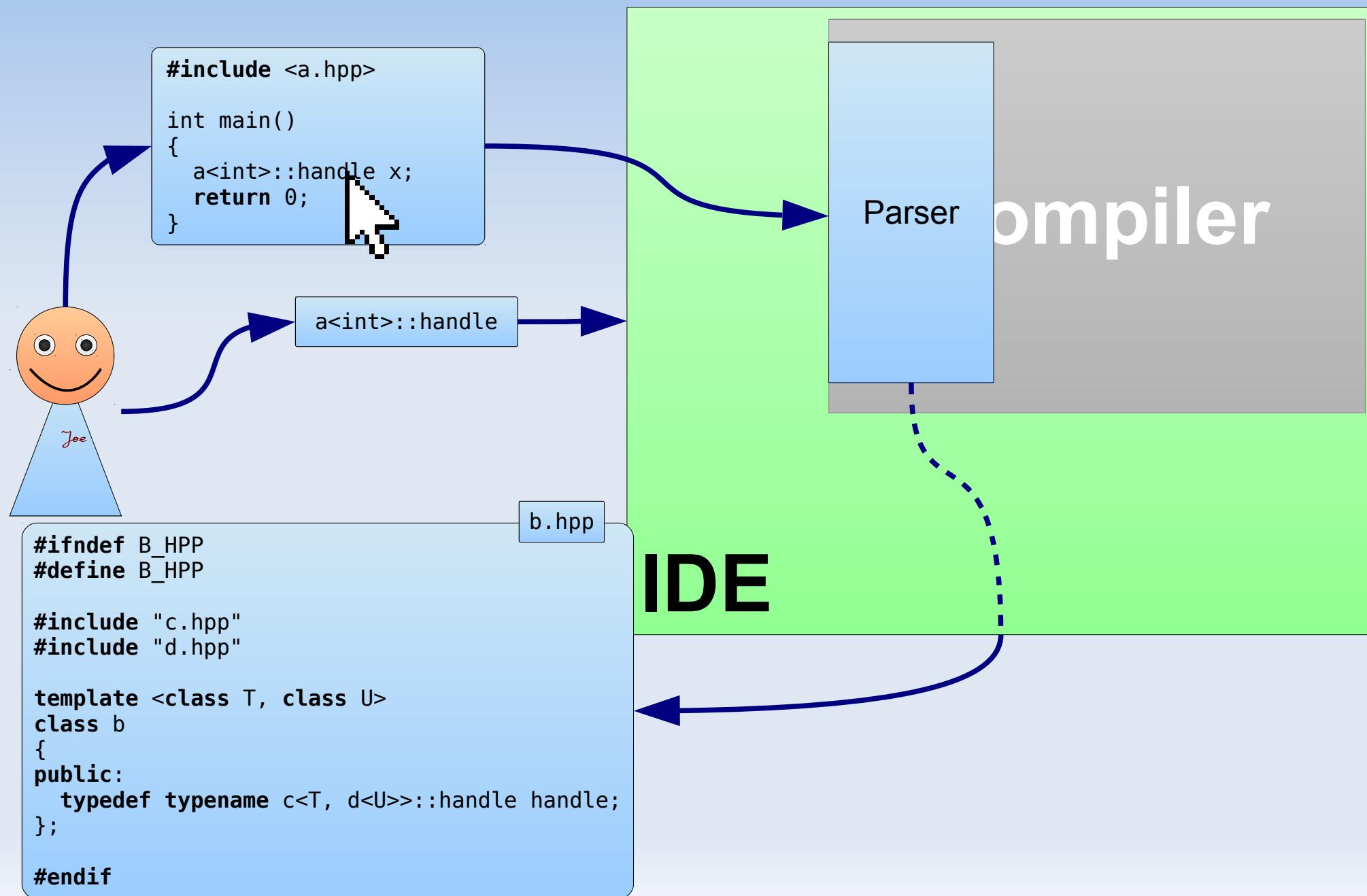
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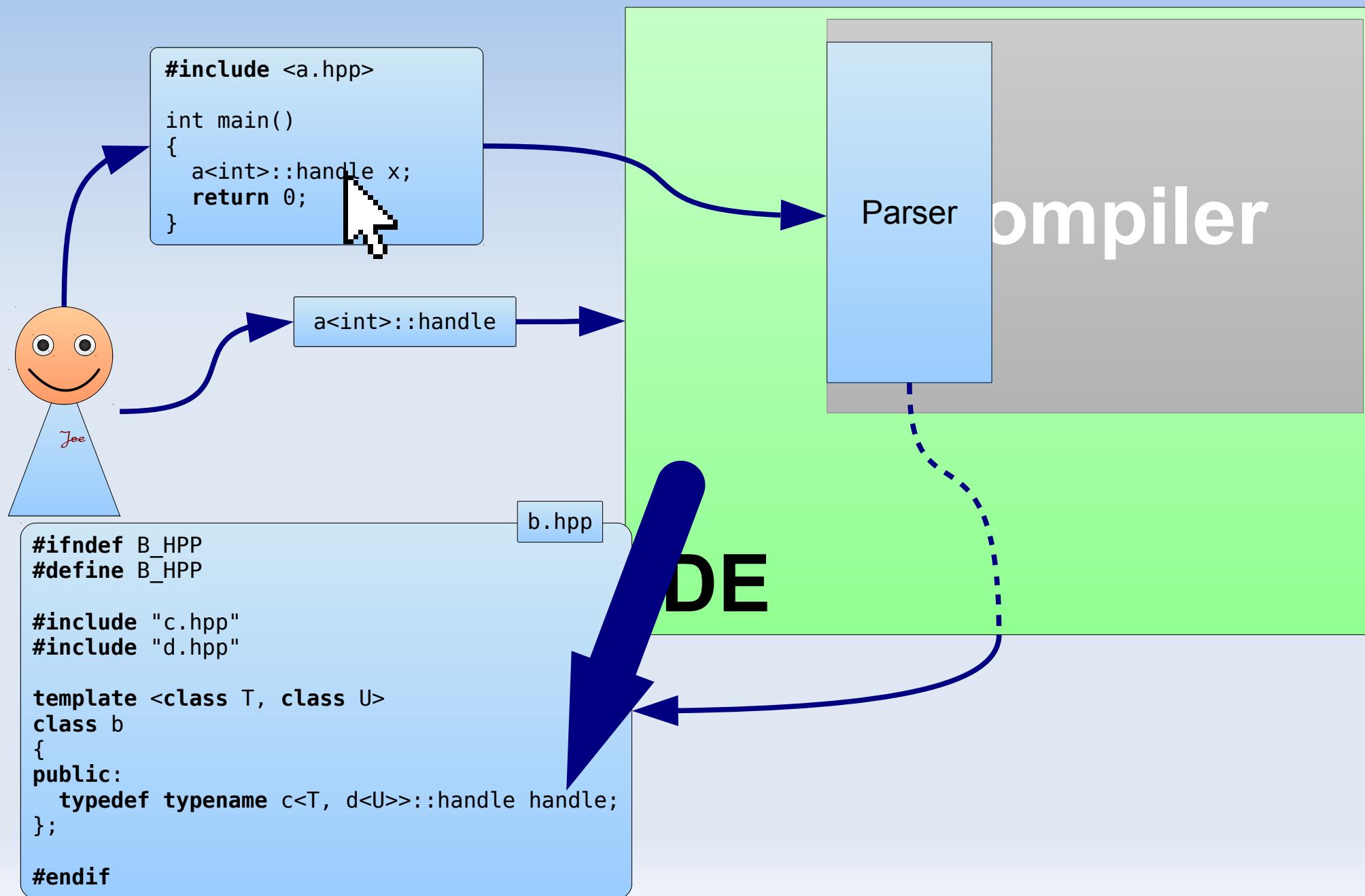
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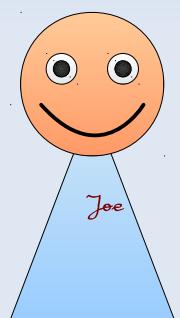
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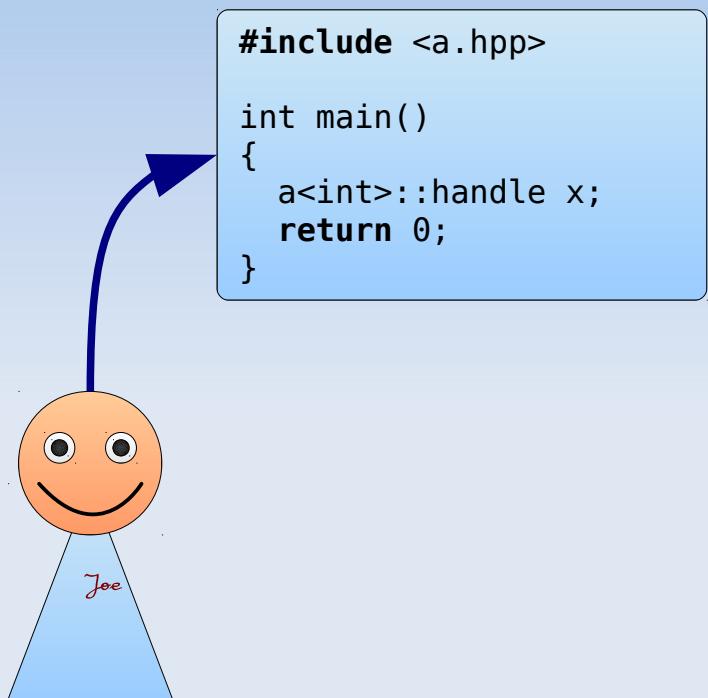
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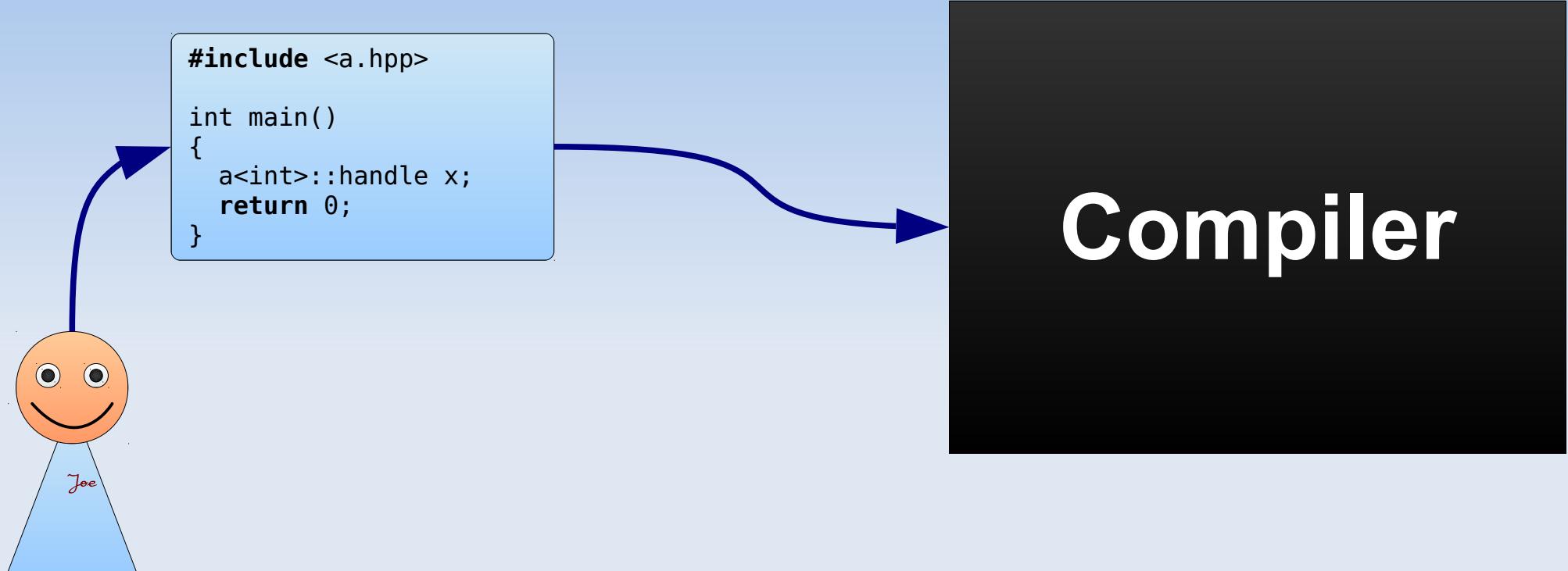
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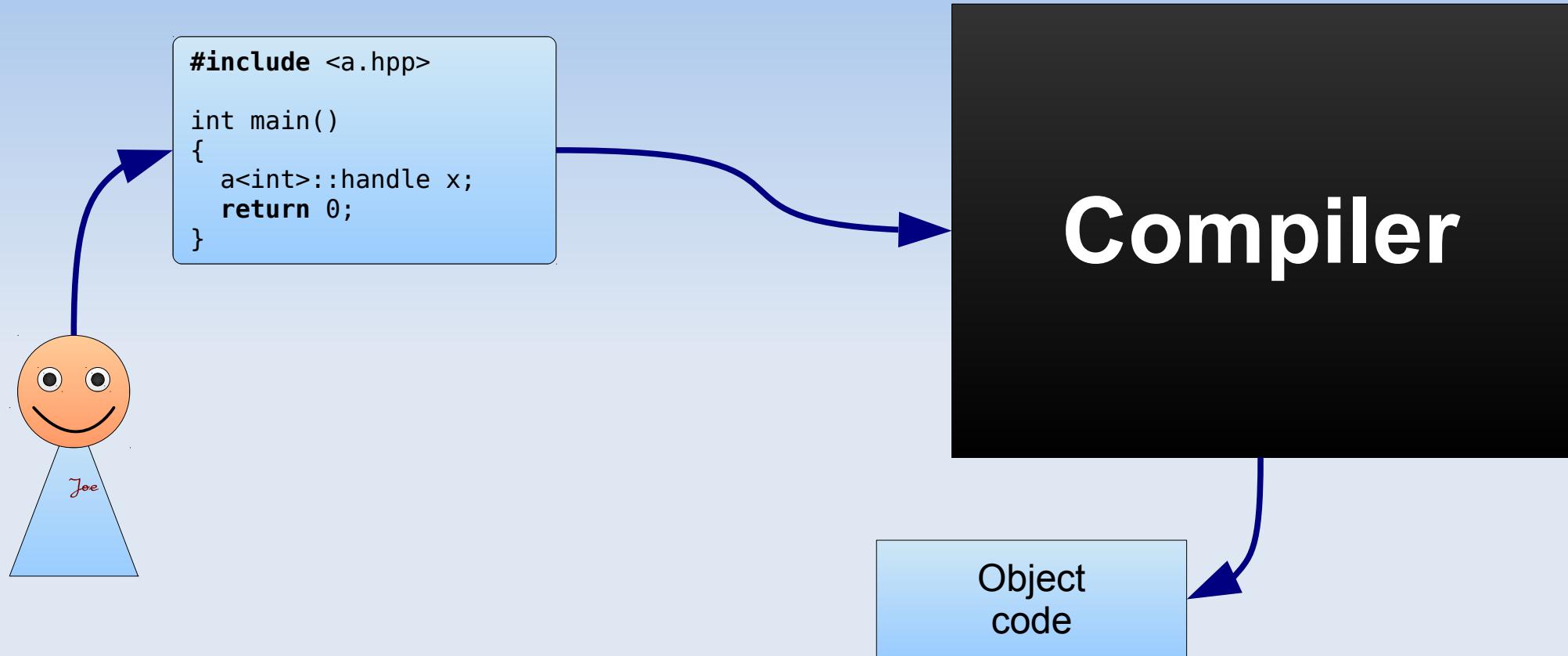
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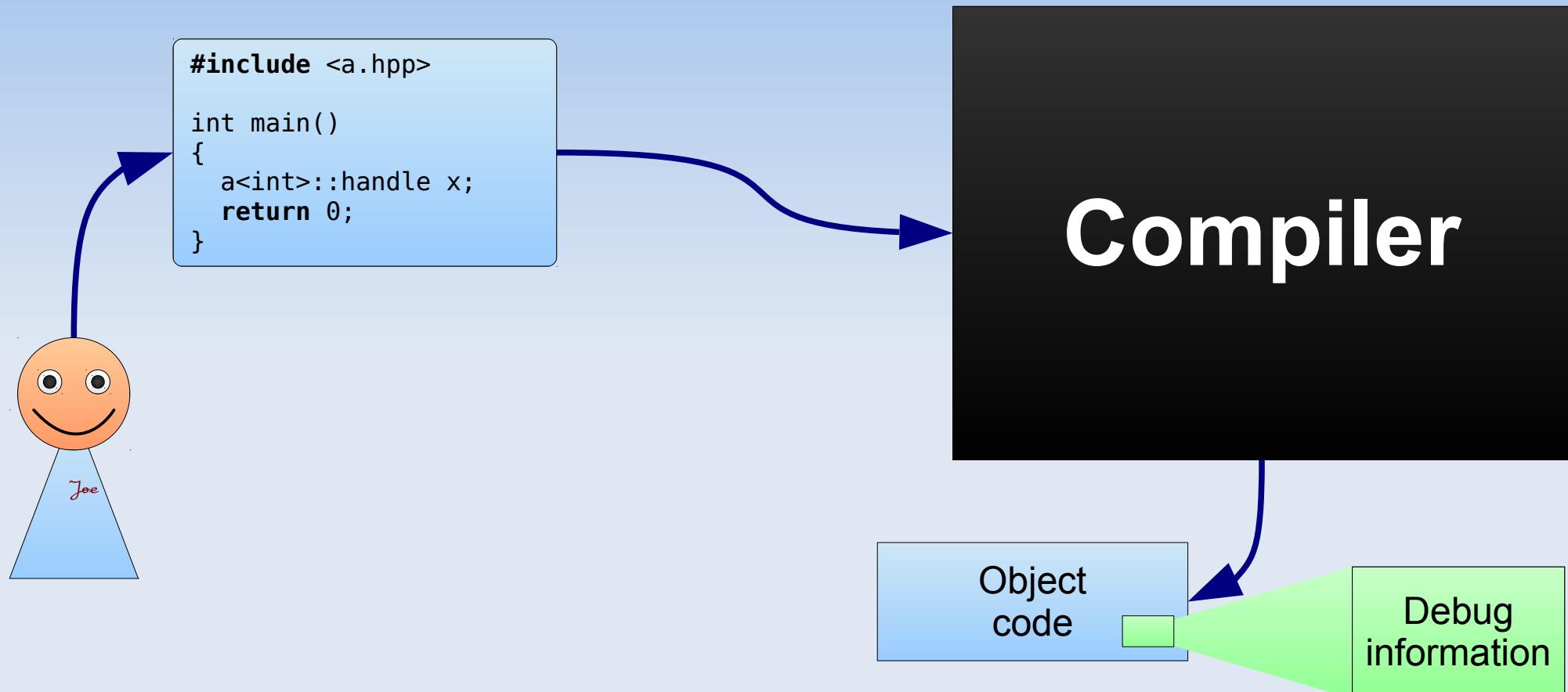
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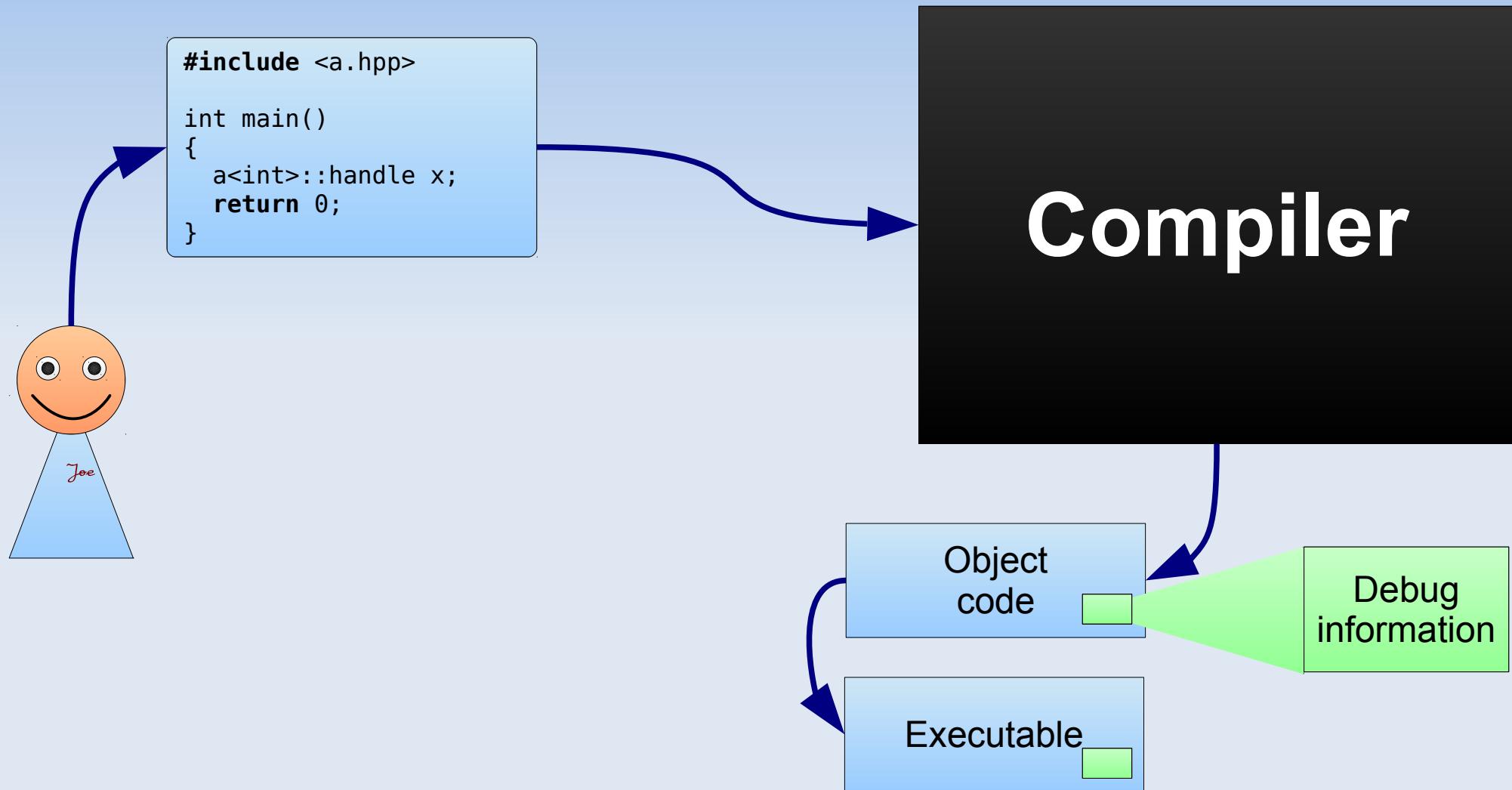
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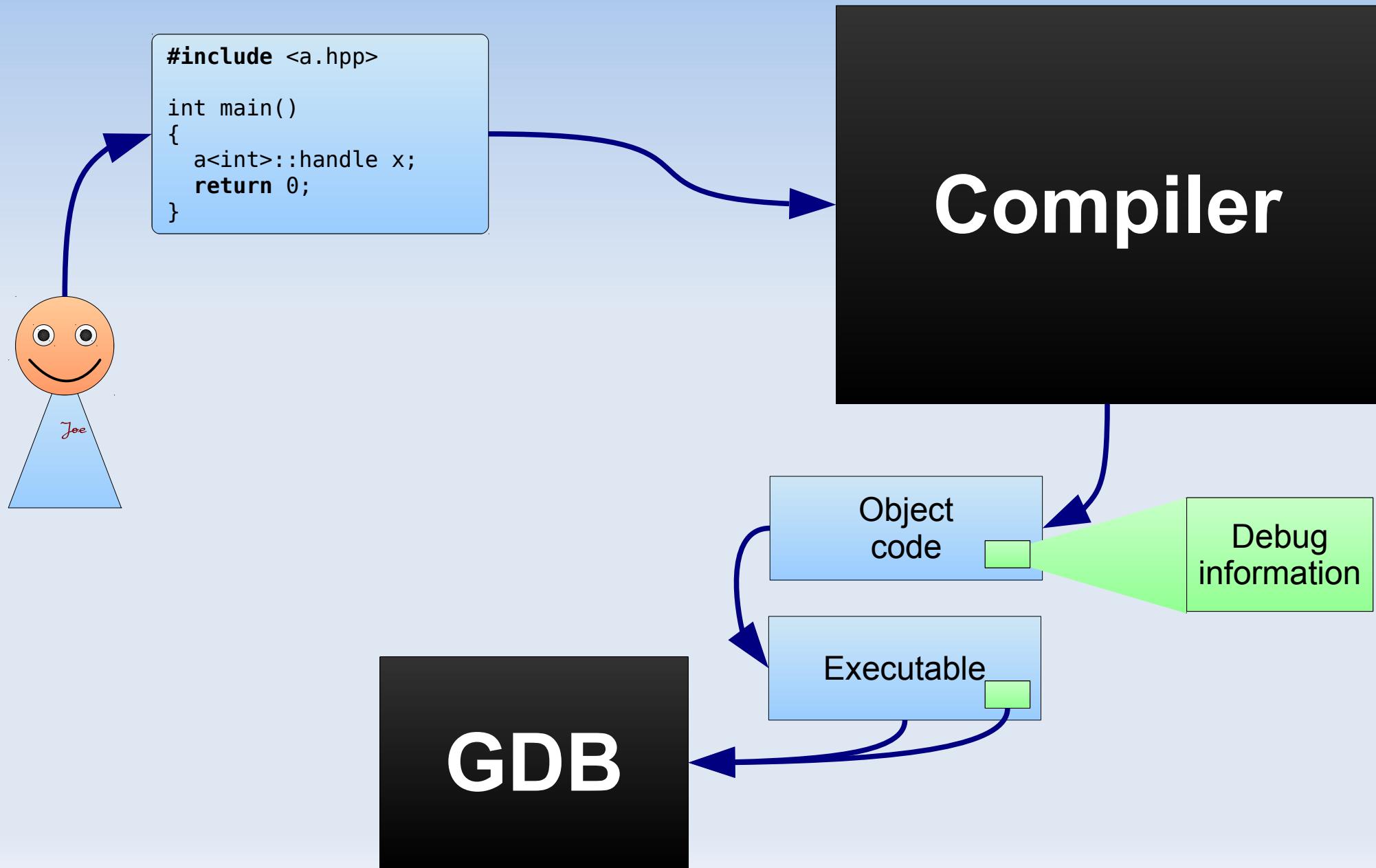
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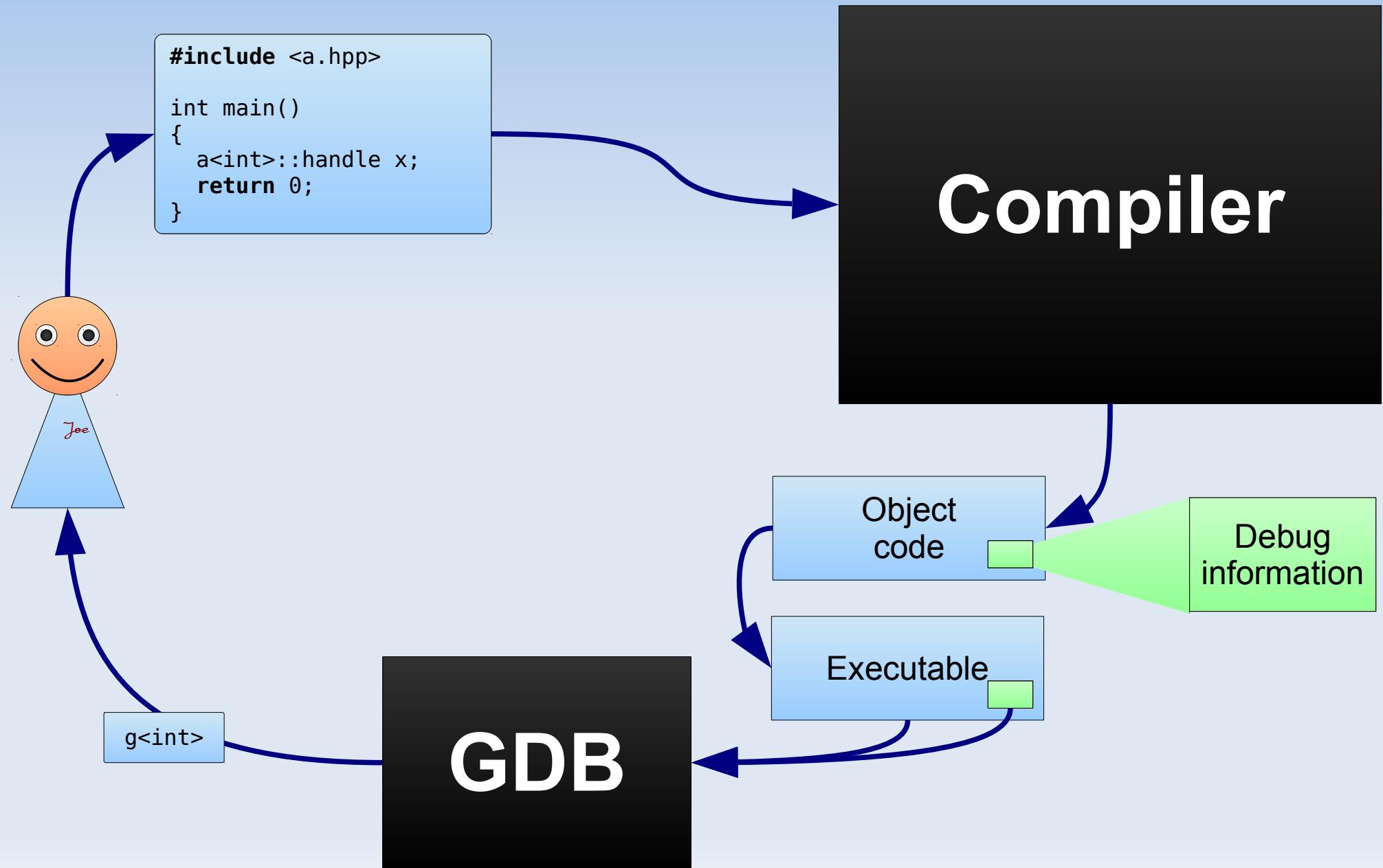
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```

# GDB

```
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$ gdb a.out
```

# GDB

```
$ g++ main1.cpp -g -std=c++11
$ gdb a.out
...
(gdb)
```

# GDB

```
$ g++ main1.cpp -g -std=c++11
$ gdb a.out
...
(gdb) break main1.cpp:5
```

# GDE

```
$ g++ main1.cpp -g -std=c++11  
$ gdb a.out  
...  
(gdb) break main1.cpp:5
```

```
1 #include <a.hpp>  
2  
3 int main()  
4 {  
5     a<int>::handle x;  
6     return 0;  
7 }
```

# GDE

```
$ g++ main1.cpp -g -std=c++11
$ gdb a.out
...
(gdb) break main1.cpp:5
Breakpoint 1 at 0x4006d1: file main1.cpp, line 5.
(gdb)
```

```
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2
3 int main()
4 {
5     a<int>::handle x;
6     return 0;
7 }
```

# GDE

```
$ g++ main1.cpp -g -std=c++11
$ gdb a.out
...
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```

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```

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7 }
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type = class g<int> [with T = int] {
public:
    void foo(void);
}
```

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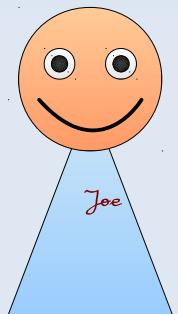
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# Metashell

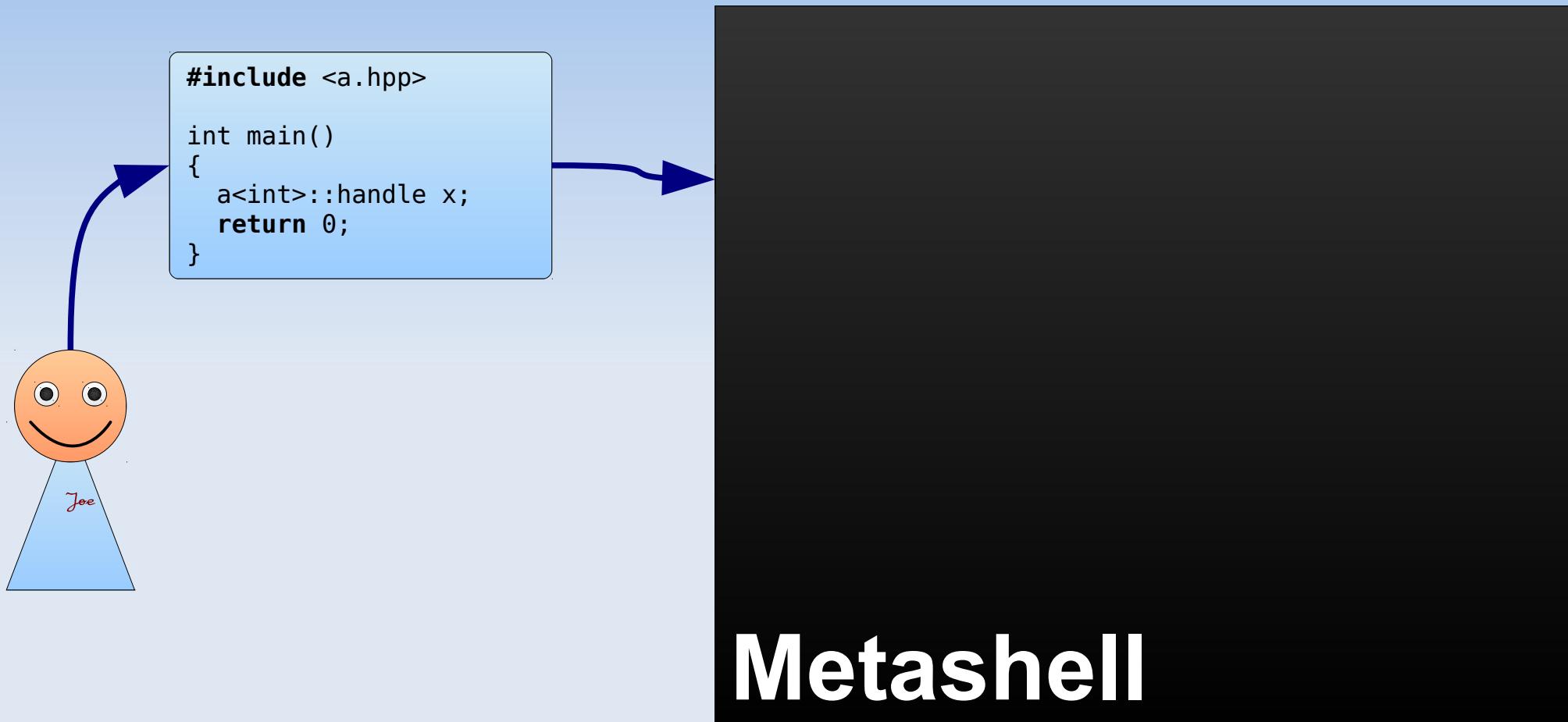
- Template metaprogramming shell & debugger
- Designed for uncovering the template instantiation details
- Not a "template metaprogrammer-only" shell
- <http://github.com/sabel83/metashell>

# Metashell

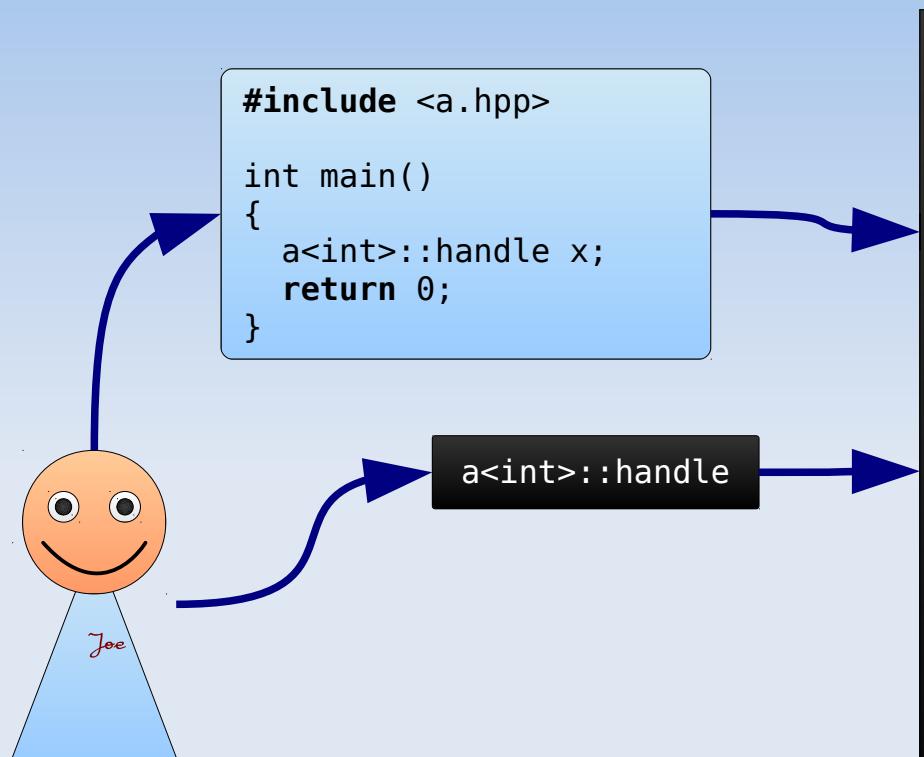


Metashell

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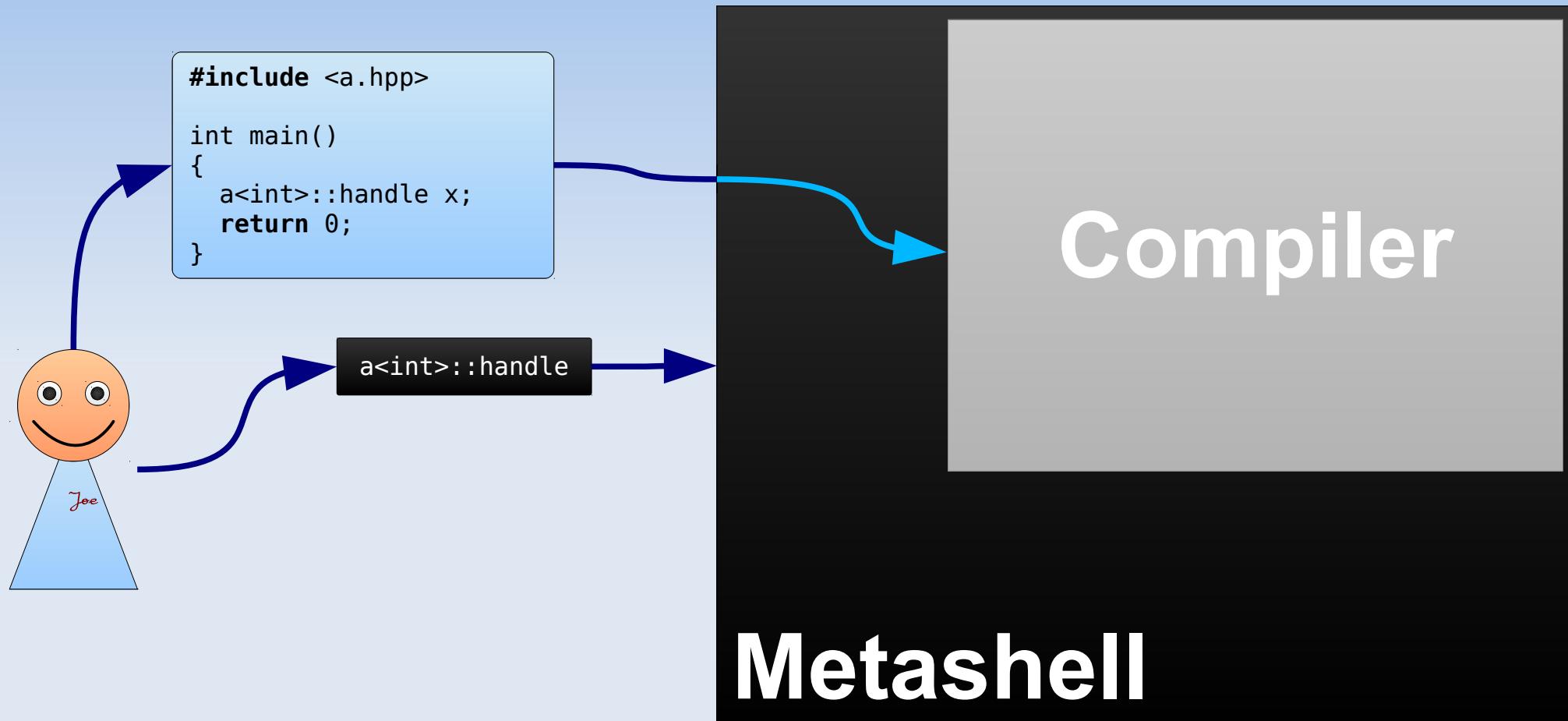


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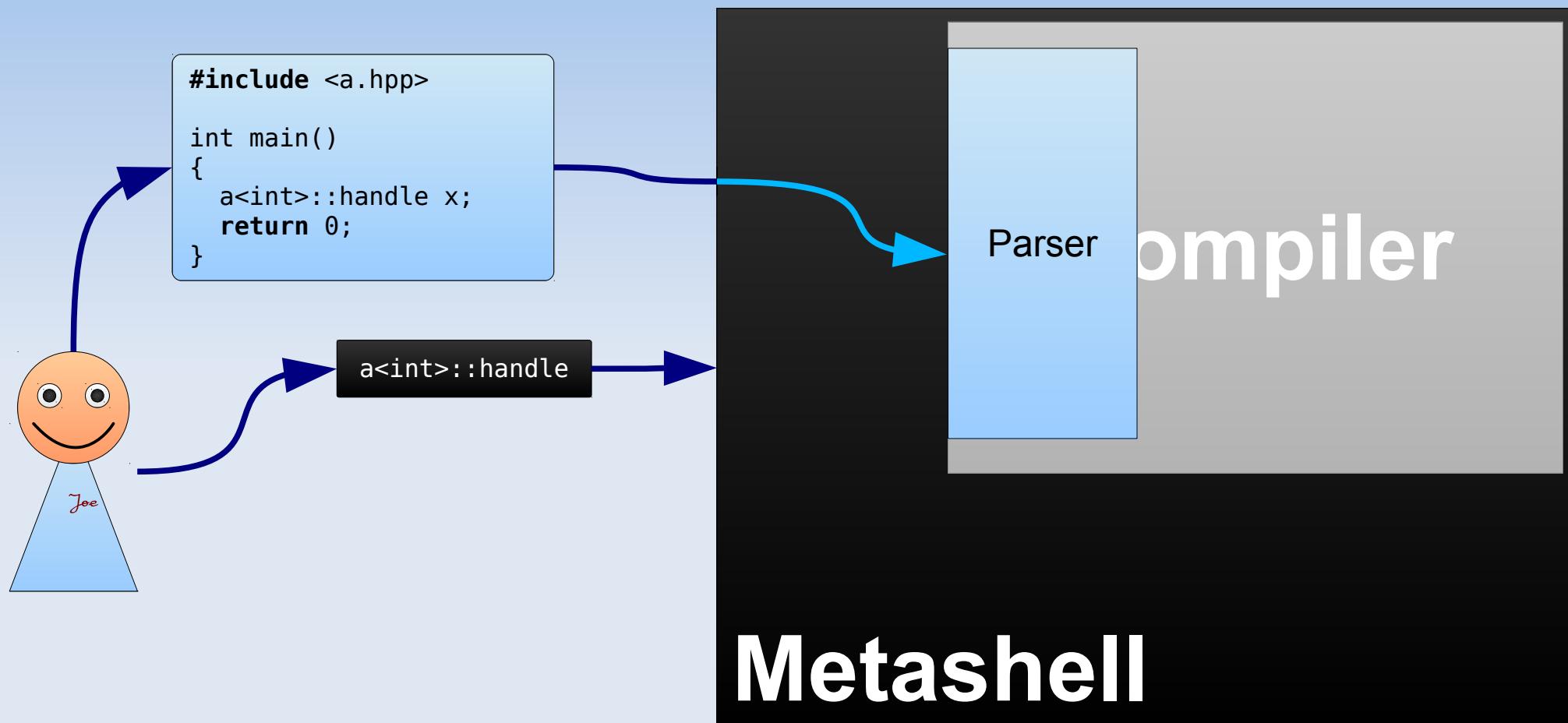


Metashell

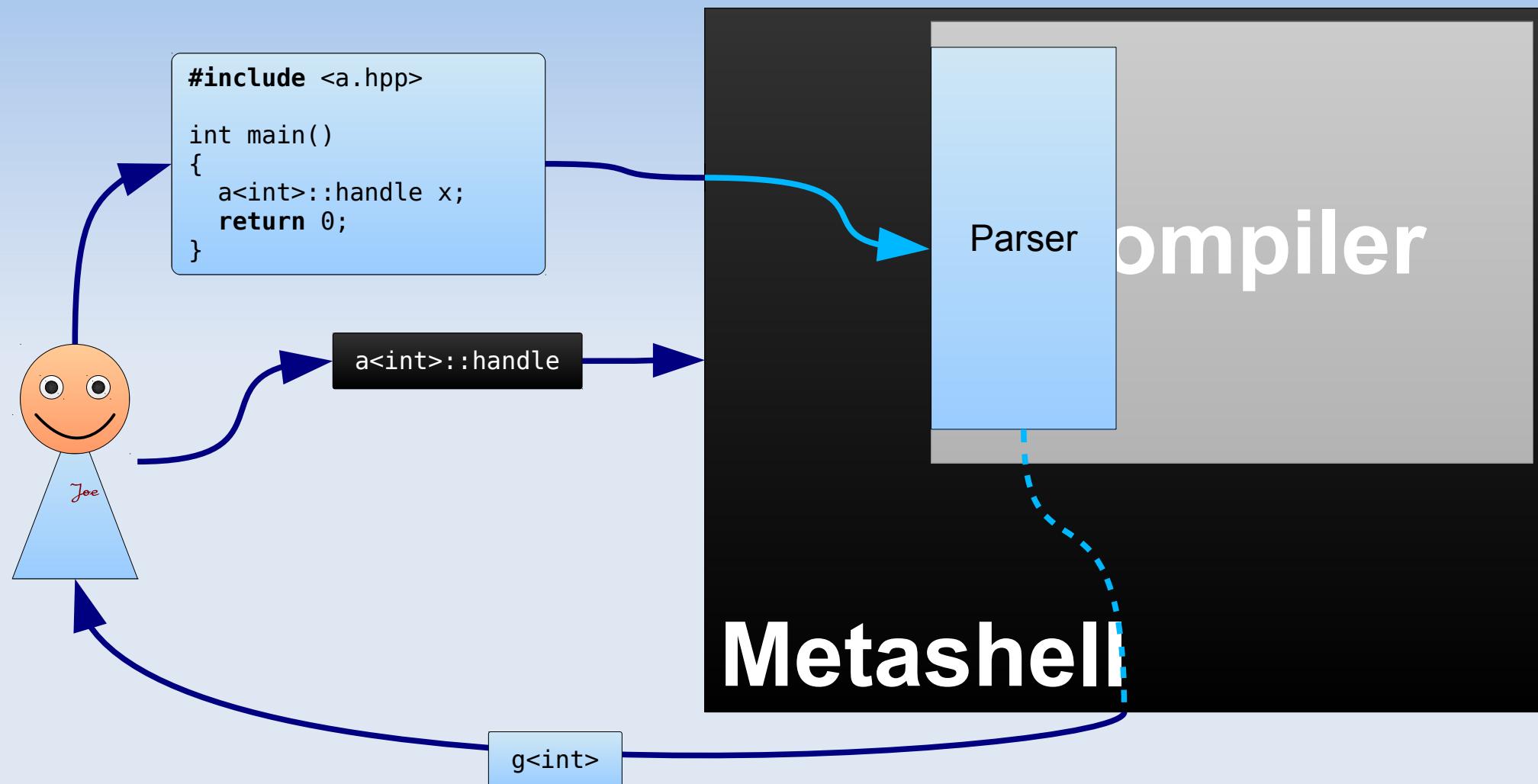
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# Metashell

```
$ metashell  
>
```

# Metashell

```
$ metashell  
> #include "main1.cpp"  
>
```

# Metashell

```
$ metashell  
> #include "main1.cpp"  
> a<int>::handle
```

# Metashell

```
$ metashell
> #include "main1.cpp"
> a<int>::handle
g<int>
```

# What is the type of...? #2

```
#include <a.hpp>

template <class T>
void fun()
{
    typename a<T>::handle h;
    h.foo();
}

int main()
{
}
```

# What is the type of...? #2

```
#include <a.hpp>

template <class T>
void fun()
{
    typename a<T>::handle h;
    h.foo();
}

int main()
{
    fun<double>();
}
```

# What is the type of...? #2

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```

# Approaches

- Enforced error message
- Displaying the name at runtime
- IDEs
- Debuggers
- Metaprogrammer tools

# boost::mpl::print

```
template <class T>
void fun()
{
    typename a<T>::handle h;
    h.foo();
}
```

# boost::mpl::print

```
template <class T>
void fun()
{
    boost::mpl::print< typename a<T>::handle > t;
    typename a<T>::handle h;
    h.foo();
}
```

# boost::mpl::print

```
template <class T>
void fun()
{
    boost::mpl::print< typename a<T>::handle > t;
    typename a<T>::handle h;
    h.foo();
}
```

Clang

```
In file included from main2_err.cpp:3:
boost/mpl/print.hpp:50:23: warning: division by zero is undefined
      [-Wdivision-by-zero]
        const int m_x = 1 / (sizeof(T) - sizeof(T));
                           ^ ~~~~~
main2_err.cpp:8:46: note: in instantiation of template class
      'boost::mpl::print<g<int> >' requested here
        boost::mpl::print< typename a<T>::handle > t;
                                         ^
main2_err.cpp:15:3: note: in instantiation of function template
      specialization 'fun<double>' requested here
        fun<double>();
               ^
1 warning generated.
```

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}
```

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Clang

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```

Visual C++

```
boost\mpl\print.hpp(52): error C4308: negative integral constant
converted to unsigned type
          main.cpp(8) : see reference to class template instantiation
'boost::mpl::print<g<T>>' being compiled
          with
          [
              T=int
          ]
          main.cpp(15) : see reference to function template instantiation
'void fun<double>(void)' being compiled
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```

with

[

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]

```
main.cpp(15) : see reference to function template instantiation
'vention void fun<double>(void)' being compiled
```

# metamonad::fail\_with\_type

```
template <class T>
void fun()
{
    typename a<T>::handle h;
    h.foo();
}
```

# metamonad::fail\_with\_type

```
template <class T>
void fun()
{
    mpllibs::metamonad::fail_with_type< typename a<T>::handle >();
    typename a<T>::handle h;
    h.foo();
}
```

# metamonad::fail\_with\_type

GCC

```
template <class T>
```

```
void fun()
```

```
In file included from metamonad/fail_with_type.hpp:9:0,
                 from main2_err_mpllibs.cpp:3:
metamonad/v1/fail_with_type.hpp: In instantiation of 'void mpllibs::
metamonad::v1::fail_with_type() [with T = g<int>]':
main2_err_mpllibs.cpp:8:63:   required from 'void fun() [with T =
double]'
main2_err_mpllibs.cpp:15:15:   required from here
metamonad/v1/fail_with_type.hpp:26:70: error: 'f' is not a member of
'mplibs::metamonad::v1::impl::FAIL_WITH_TYPE_
_____
<g<int> >'  
          impl::FAIL_WITH_TYPE _____<T>::f();  
_____  
^
```

# metamonad::fail\_with\_type

GCC

```
template <class T>
```

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```

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_____
```

# metamonad::fail\_with\_type

## template <class T>

*voiced fricative*

In file included from metamonad/fail\_with\_type.hpp:9:0,

GCC

# Clang

In file included from main2 err mpllibs.cpp:3:

In file included from metamonad/fail with type.hpp:9:

metamonad/v1/fail\_with\_type.hpp:26:68: error: no member

```
named 'f' in 'mpllibs::metamonad::v1::impl::FAIL_WITH_TYPE_'
          <g<int> >'
```

`Impl::FAIL_WITH_TYPE` \_\_\_\_\_ `<T>::f`

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requested here
```

```
mpllibs::metamonad::fail_with_type< typename a<T>::handle >();
```

```
main2_err_mpllibs.cpp:15:3: note: in instantiation of function template  
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```

```
fun<double>() ;  
^
```

error generated.

# metamonad::fail\_with\_type

## template <class T>

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GCC

# Clang

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named 'f' in 'mpllibs::metamonad::v1::impl::FAIL\_TYPE'

<g<int> > '

`Impl::FAIL_WITH_TYPE` \_\_\_\_\_ `<T>::f()`

```
main2_err_mpllibs.cpp:8:23: note: in instantiation of function template
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requested here
```

```
mpllibs::metamonad::fail_with_type< typename a<T>::handle >();
```

```
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```

```
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^
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```
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```
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GCC

Clang

Visual C++

```
metamonad\v1\fail_with_type.hpp(26): error C2039: 'f' : is not a member  
of 'mpllibs::metamonad::v1::impl::FAIL_WITH_TYPE'
```

```
          <T>'
```

```
with
```

```
[
```

```
    T=g<int>
```

```
]
```

```
main.cpp(8) : see reference to function template instantiation  
on 'void mpllibs::metamonad::v1::fail_with_type<g<T>>(void)' being compiled
```

```
with
```

```
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```

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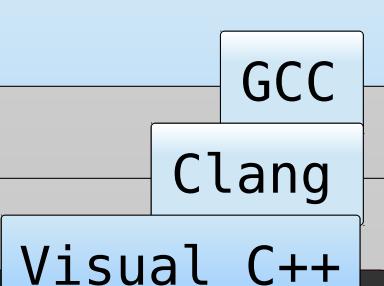
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# metamonad::fail\_with\_type



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```
with
```

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```

```
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```

```
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# IDEs

```
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template <class T>
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```
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}
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```
void fun<int>()
{
    a<int>::handle h;
    h.foo();
}

void fun<double>()
{
    a<double>::handle h;
    h.foo();
}

void fun<bar>()
{
    a<bar>::handle h;
    h.foo();
}
```

# IDEs

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template <class T>
void fun()
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    h.foo();
}

int main()
{
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}
```

The diagram illustrates the process of generating multiple function implementations from a single template definition. A light blue rounded rectangle encloses the template code. Three arrows point from this box to three separate function definitions on the right, each corresponding to a different type parameter:

- The top arrow points to `void fun<int>()`.
- The middle arrow points to `void fun<double>()`.
- The bottom arrow points to `void fun<bar>()`.

```
void fun<int>()
{
    a<int>::handle h;
    h.foo();
}

void fun<double>()
{
    a<double>::handle h;
    h.foo();
}

void fun<bar>()
{
    a<bar>::handle h;
    h.foo();
}
```

# GDB

```
$ g++ main2.cpp -g -std=c++11  
$
```

# GDB

```
$ g++ main2.cpp -g -std=c++11
$ gdb a.out
...
(gdb)
```

# GDE

```
$ g++ main2.cpp -g -std=c++11  
$ gdb a.out  
...  
(gdb) break main2.cpp:6
```

```
1 #include <a.hpp>  
2  
3 template <class T>  
4 void fun()  
5 {  
6     typename a<T>::handle h;  
7     h.foo();  
8 }
```

# GDE

```
$ g++ main2.cpp -g -std=c++11  
$ gdb a.out  
...  
(gdb) break main2.cpp:6  
Breakpoint 1 at 0x4008c7: file main2.cpp, line 6.  
(gdb)
```

```
1 #include <a.hpp>  
2  
3 template <class T>  
4 void fun()  
5 {  
6     typename a<T>::handle h;  
7     h.foo();  
8 }
```

# GDE

```
$ g++ main2.cpp -g -std=c++11  
$ gdb a.out  
...  
(gdb) break main2.cpp:6  
Breakpoint 1 at 0x4008c7: file main2.cpp, line 6.  
(gdb) run
```

```
1 #include <a.hpp>  
2  
3 template <class T>  
4 void fun()  
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(mdb) ft
a<double>::handle
+ a<double> (TemplateInstantiation from <stdin>:2:26)
| ` b<double, int> (TemplateInstantiation from ./a.hpp:7:18)
|   ` c<double, d<int> > (TemplateInstantiation from ./b.hpp:11:20)
|     + d<int> (TemplateInstantiation from ./c.hpp:10:39)
|       | ` e<int> (TemplateInstantiation from ./d.hpp:10:20)
|         ` c_factory<f<int> > (TemplateInstantiation from ./c.hpp:10:20)
|           ` f<int> (TemplateInstantiation from ./c_factory.hpp:8:20)
g<int> (TemplateInstantiation from <stdin>:2:46)
```

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# Templight

- Clang extension/tool
- Logs template instantiation-related events
- Original: <http://plc.inf.elte.hu/templight/>
  - Fork: <https://github.com/mikael-s-persson/templight>
  - We will be using the fork

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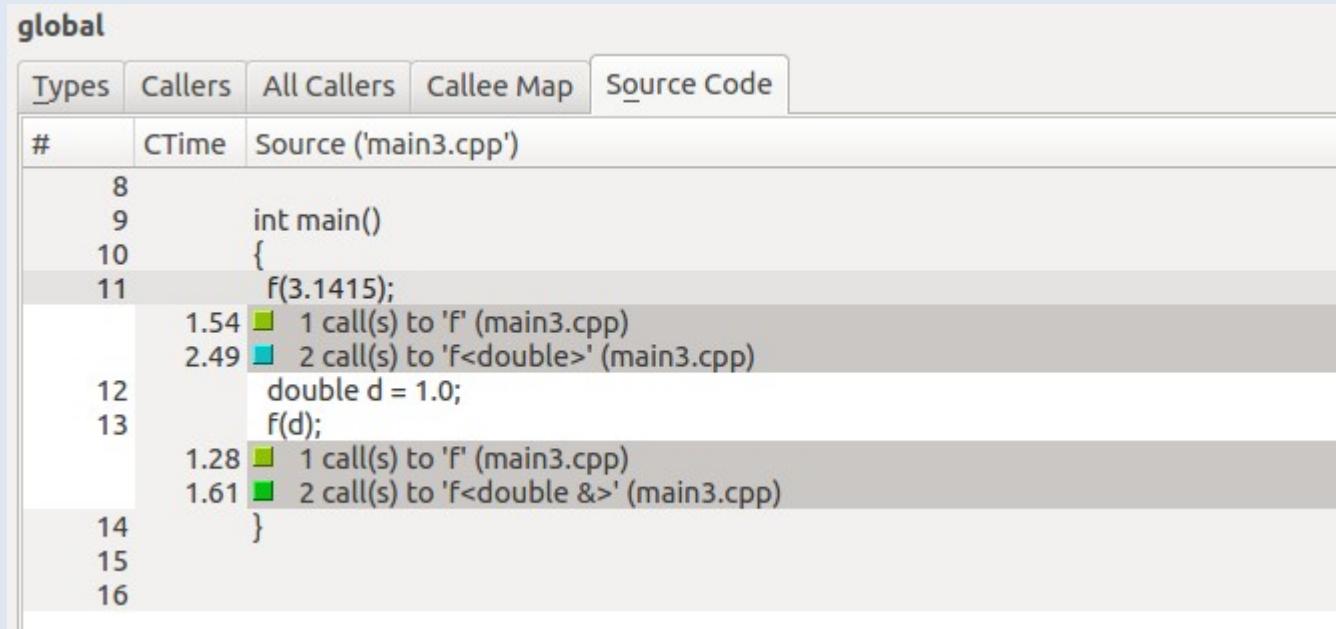
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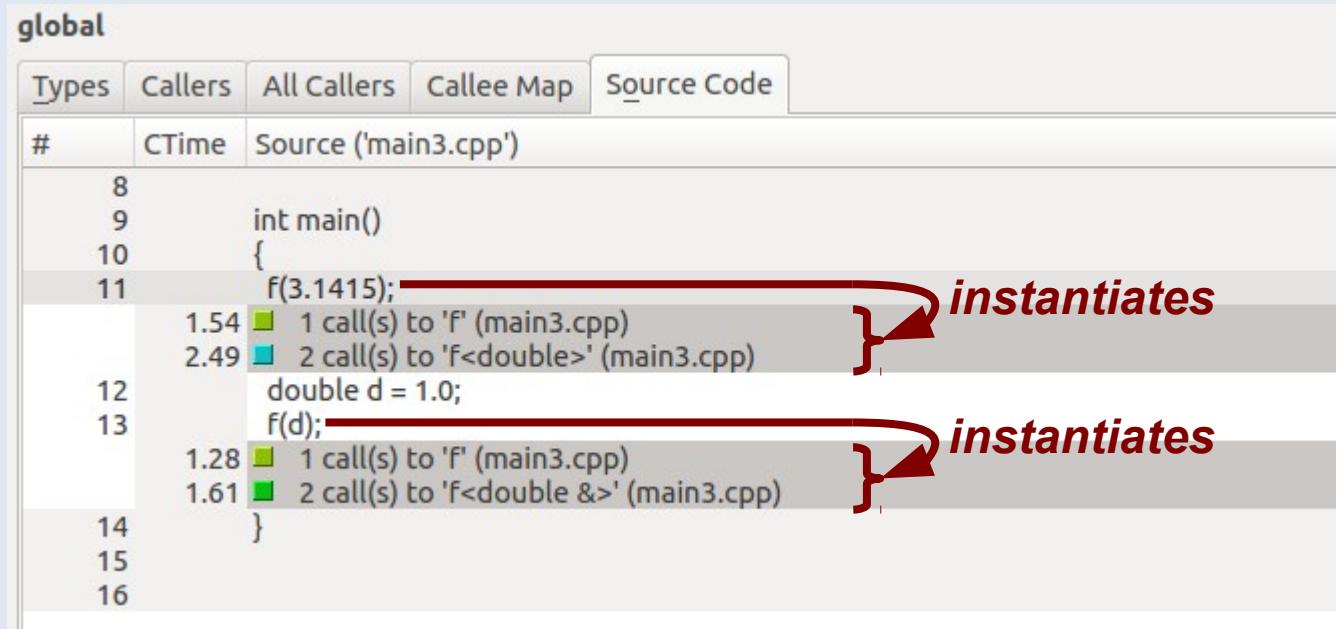
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# Understanding template instantiations

- What happens when you instantiate a template function?
- The body of the template function might trigger further template instantiations
- It is often useful to understand what happens

# Summarising numbers

```
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template <class T, class... Ts>
typename std::common_type<T, Ts...>::type
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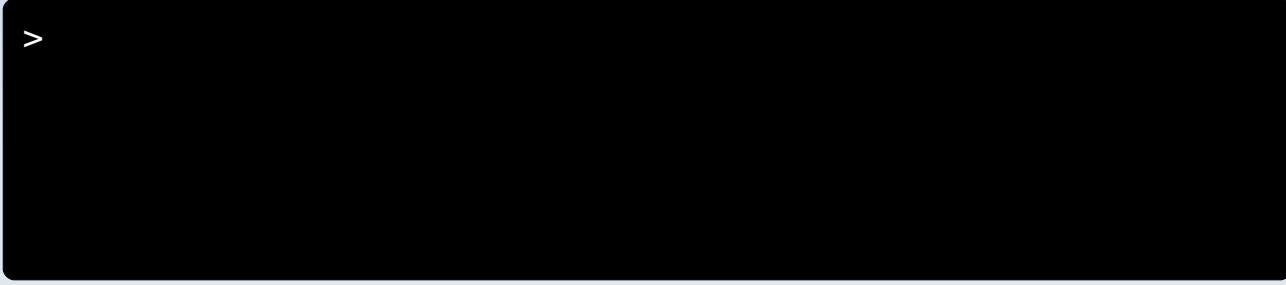
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+ std::basic_string<char, std::char_traits<char>, std::allocator<char> > (Memoization from <stdin>:2:26)
| + std::allocator<char> (Memoization from /usr/lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-gnu/4.8/../../../../include/c++/4.8/bits/basic_string.h:114:24)
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# An STL example

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# Compilation speed

- Heavy template usage can lead to long compilation times
- To optimise it, we need to understand where this comes from

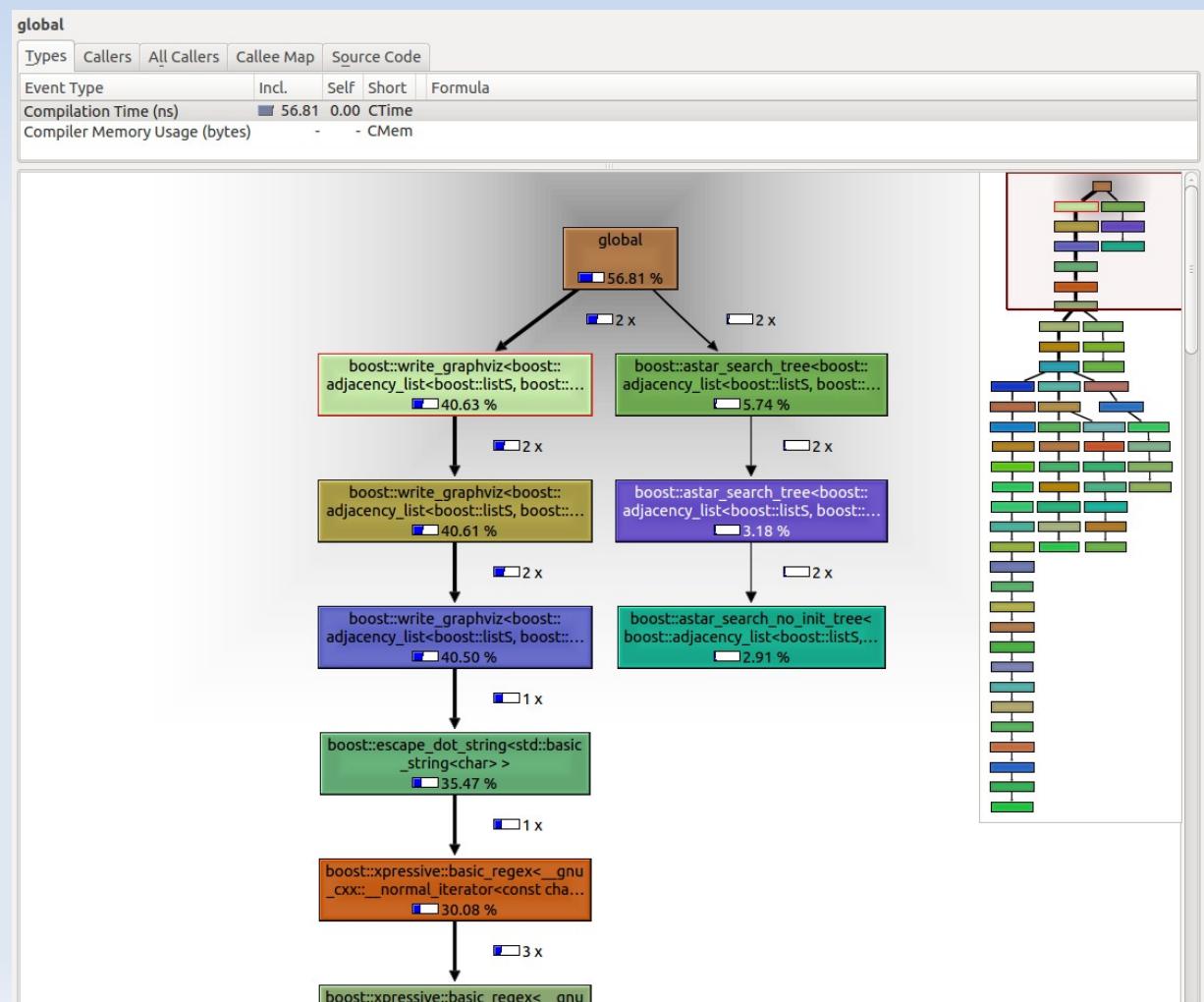
# Example code

- Boost.Graph example: `astar-cities.cpp`

```
$ time clang++ astar-cities.cpp  
real    0m3.726s  
user    0m3.297s  
sys     0m0.139s
```

# Templight + Callgrind

- KcacheGrind
  - Instantiation tree
  - Profiling



# Templight + Callgrind

global

Types	Callers	All Callers	Callee Map	Source Code
#	CTime	Source ('astar-cities.cpp')		
154				unsigned int num_edges = sizeof(edge_array) / sizeof(edge);
155				cost weights[] = { // estimated travel time (mins)
...				...
159				
160				
161				// create graph
162				mygraph_t g(N);
0.00				1 call(s) to 'boost::adjacency_list<boost::listS, boost::vecS, boost::undirectedS, boost::no_property, boost::property<boost::edge_weight_t, ...'
0.00				1 call(s) to 'p' (adjacency_list.hpp)
0.74				1 call(s) to 'boost::adjacency_list<boost::listS, boost::vecS, boost::undirectedS, boost::no_property, boost::property<boost::edge_weight_t, ...'
163				WeightMap weightmap = get(edge_weight, g);
0.00				2 call(s) to 'boost::get' (reverse_graph.hpp)
0.00				1 call(s) to 'boost::property<boost::edge_weight_t, float, boost::no_property>' (property.hpp)
0.01				1 call(s) to 'boost::adj_list_edge_property_map<boost::undirected_tag, float, float &, unsigned long, boost::property<boost::edge_weight_...'
0.01				2 call(s) to 'boost::get' (adjacency_list.hpp)
0.05				3 call(s) to 'boost::get<boost::detail::adj_list_gen<boost::adjacency_list<boost::listS, boost::vecS, boost::undirectedS, boost::no_property, b...'
164				for(std::size_t j = 0; j < num_edges; ++j) {
165				edge_descriptor e; bool inserted;
0.00				1 call(s) to 'boost::detail::edge_desc_impl<boost::undirected_tag, unsigned long>' (edge.hpp)
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166				boost::tie(e, inserted) = add_edge(edge_array[j].first,
0.00				1 call(s) to 'std::pair<boost::detail::edge_desc_impl<boost::undirected_tag, unsigned long>, bool>::pair<boost::detail::edge_desc_impl<bo...'
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0.00				1 call(s) to 'std::pair<boost::detail::edge_desc_impl<boost::undirected_tag, unsigned long>, bool>::pair' (stl_pair.h)
0.00				1 call(s) to 'boost::tuples::tuple<boost::detail::edge_desc_impl<boost::undirected_tag, unsigned long> &, bool &, boost::tuples::null_type, b...'
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0.01				2 call(s) to 'boost::add_edge' (adjacency_list.hpp)
0.01				1 call(s) to 'boost::tuples::tie' (tuple_basic.hpp)
0.02				2 call(s) to 'boost::tuples::tuple<boost::detail::edge_desc_impl<boost::undirected_tag, unsigned long> &, bool &, boost::tuples::null_type, b...'
0.07				2 call(s) to 'boost::tuples::tie<boost::detail::edge_desc_impl<boost::undirected_tag, unsigned long>, bool>' (tuple_basic.hpp)
0.21				1 call(s) to 'boost::tuples::tuple<boost::detail::edge_desc_impl<boost::undirected_tag, unsigned long> &, bool &, boost::tuples::null_type, b...'
1.73				2 call(s) to 'boost::add_edge<boost::adjacency_list<boost::listS, boost::vecS, boost::undirectedS, boost::no_property, boost::property<boos...'
				edge_array[j].second, g);
				weightmap[e] = weight_fn;

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```

# When things go wrong

- So far we have assumed, that the code *compiles*
- When the code fails to compile, we need to *debug the compilation process*

# Example code

```
class person
{
    // ...
};
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```
1926 /// This is a helper function for the sort routines.
1927 template<typename _RandomAccessIterator>
1928 void
1929     __heap_select(_RandomAccessIterator __first,
1930                  _RandomAccessIterator __middle,
1931                  _RandomAccessIterator __last)
1932 {
1933     std::make_heap(__first, __middle);
1934     for (_RandomAccessIterator __i = __middle; __i < __last; ++__i)
1935         if (*__i < *__first)
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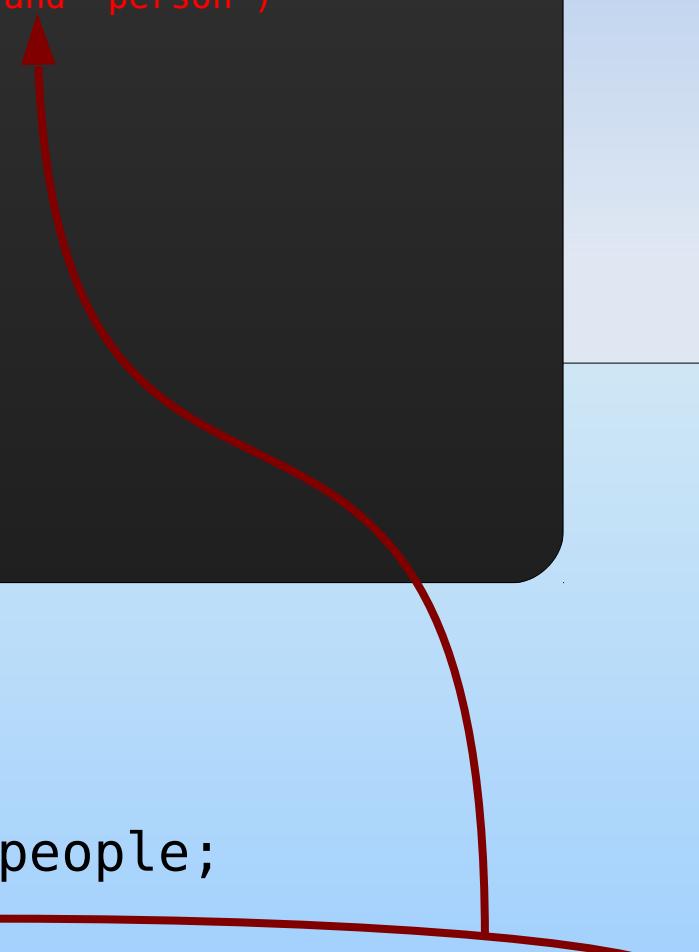
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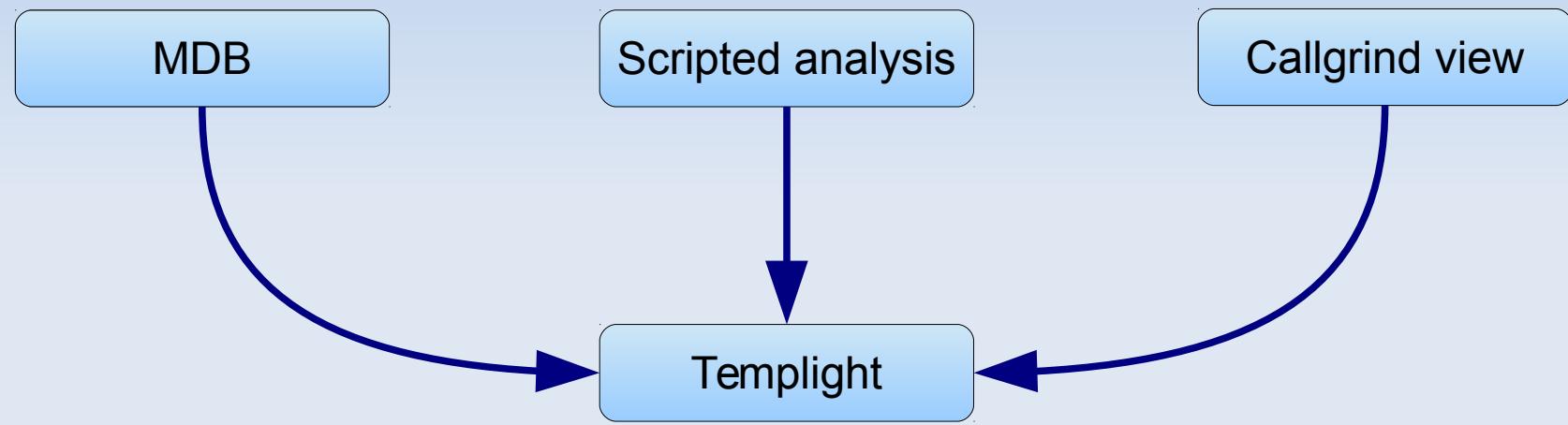
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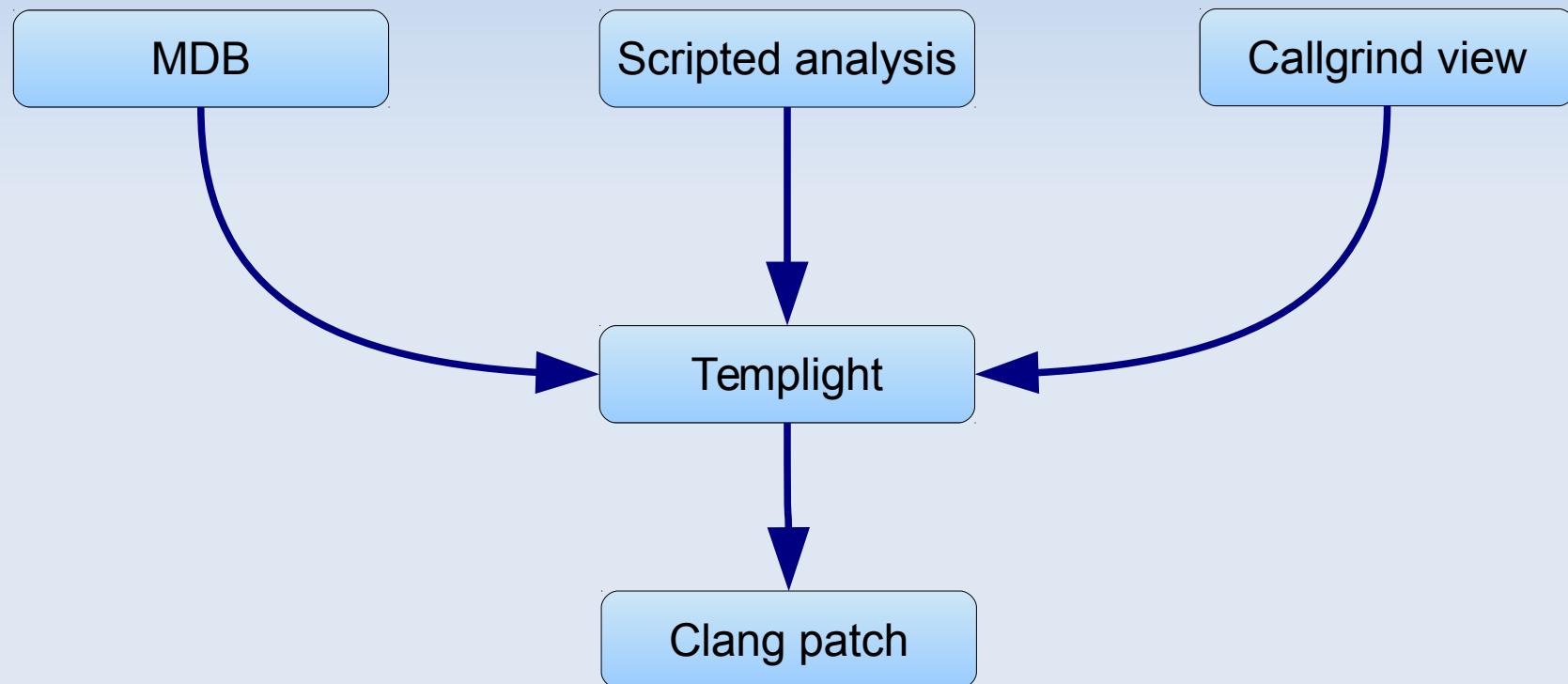
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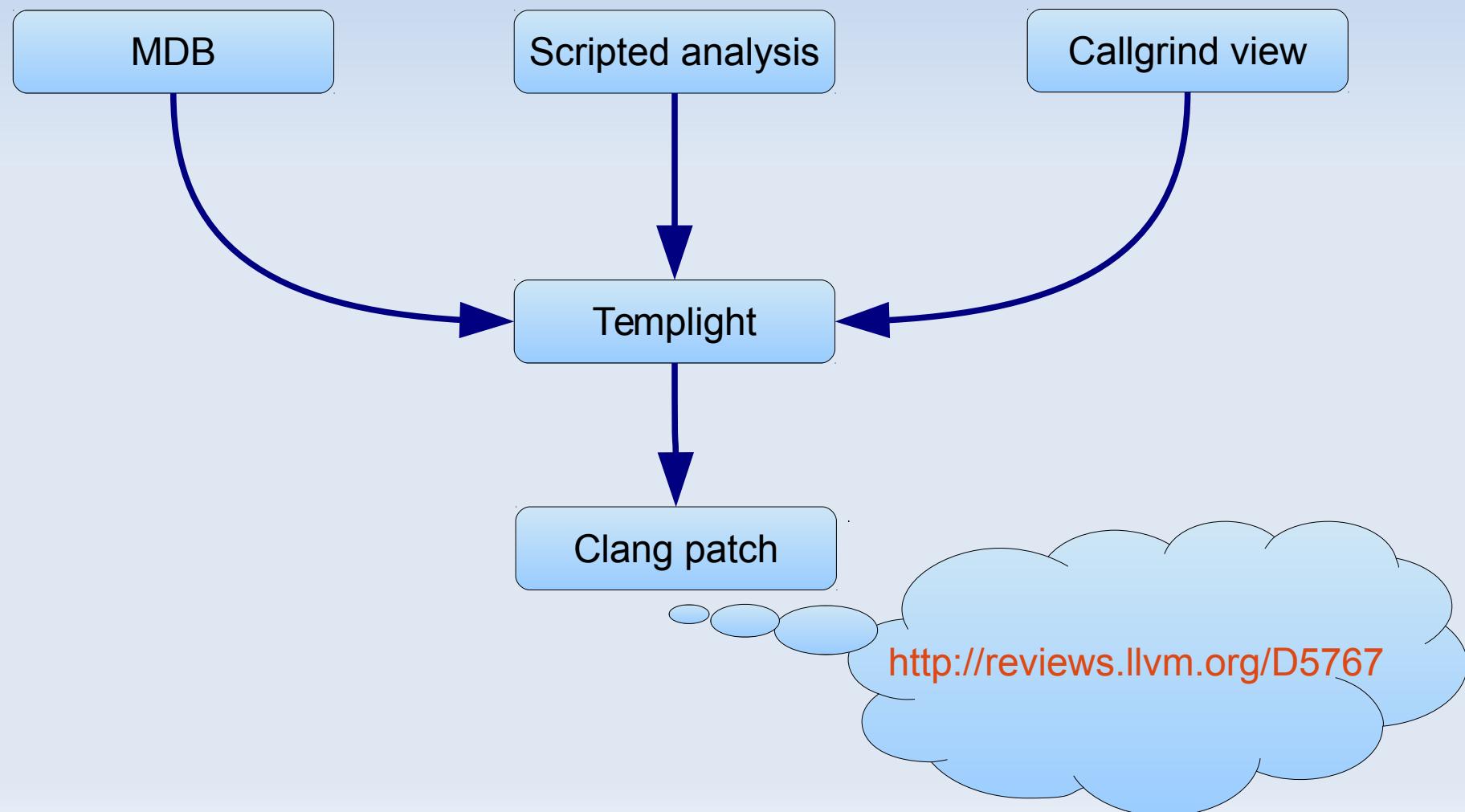
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