aws

Evolving Verified Cloud Authorization

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Formal verification enables faster evolution of critical systems

Who

Principal

Can access

Action

What

Resource

Policies

```json
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": "111111111111"
      },
      "Action": "s3:GetObject",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::my-photos-bucket/*",
      "Condition": {
        "Bool": {
          "aws:SecureTransport": "true"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Requests

```
{
  "Principal": {
    "AWS": "111111111111"
  },
  "Action": "s3:GetObject",
  "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::my-photos-bucket/cats.jpg",
  "aws:SecureTransport": true,
  "aws:CurrentTime": "2022-05-16T01:02:03Z",
  ...
}
```

The authorization problem

Policies   +   Request   =   Allowed


```
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            },
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            "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::my-photos-bucket/*",
            "Condition": {
                "Bool": {
                    "aws:SecureTransport": "true"
                }
            }
        }
    ]
}
```
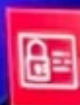
```
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    },
    "Action": "s3:GetObject",
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    ...
}
```

Yes/No

Making changes

Making changes

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        }
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      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::my-photos-bucket/*",
      "Condition": {
        "Bool": {
          "aws:SecureTransport": "true"
        },
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:SourceVpc": "vpc-123"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Making changes

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      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::my-photos-bucket/*",
      "Condition": {
        "Bool": {
          "aws:SecureTransport": "true"
        }
      }
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": "111111111111"
      },
      "Action": "s3:GetObject",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::my-photos-bucket/*",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:SourceVpc": "vpc-123"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Making changes

```json
{
  "Version": "2022-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": "111111111111"
      },
      "Action": "s3:GetObject",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::my-photos-bucket/*",
      "Condition": {
        "OR": [
          { "Bool": { "aws:SecureTransport": "true" } },
          { "StringEquals": { "aws:SourceVpc": "vpc-123" } }
        ]
      }
    }
  ]
}
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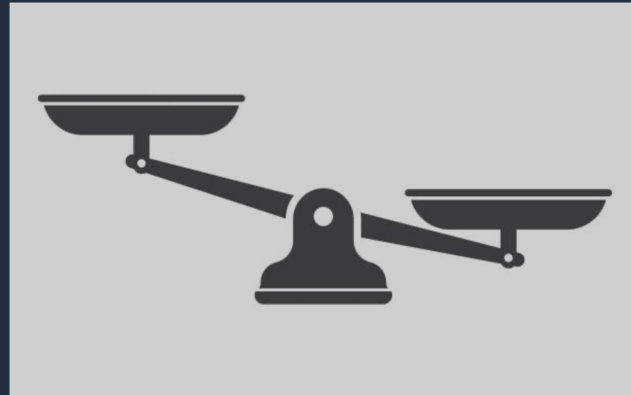
Adding "OR"

Pros

- More direct, succinct policies

Cons

- Availability risk
- Security risk

Testing

What we can do

- Fuzzing
- Historical data
- Side-by-side execution

We can't test exhaustively

- Language is complex (111 pages of guide)
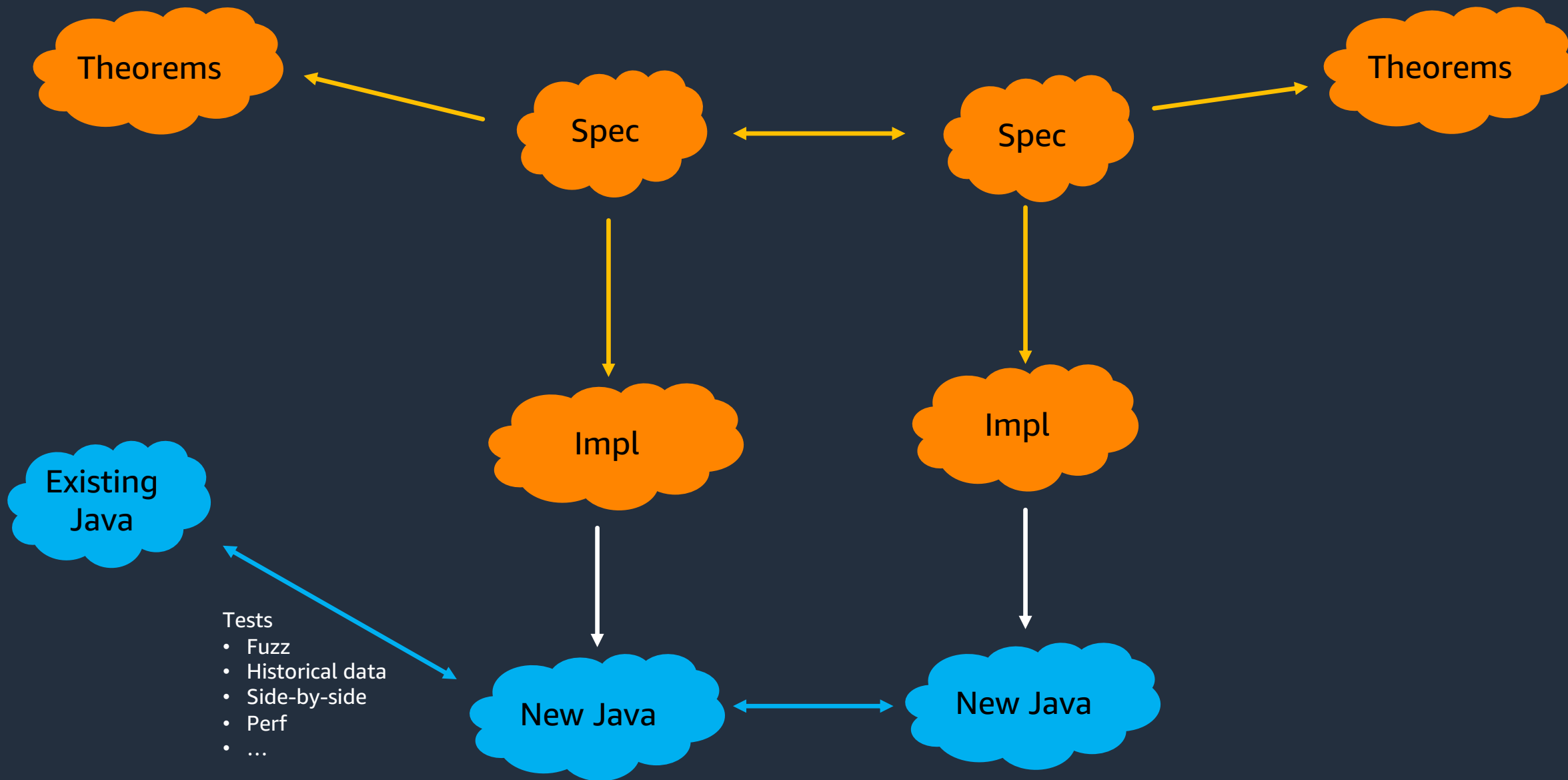- Single request can have dozens of policies and dozens of variables

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Formal Verification Method

Verified Implementation   **Idiomatic Compiler**   **Proof Evolution**

Running Example

StringEqualsIgnoreDashes("ABC", "ABC")

StringEqualsIgnoreDashes("A-B-C", "ABC")

StringEqualsIgnoreDashes("ABC", "A-B-C")

StringEqualsIgnoreDashes("-----", "")

Verified Implementation   Idiomatic Compiler   Proof Evolution

1. **Specification**

2. **Theorems**

3. **Implementation**

1. Specification

```
 1    predicate AllDashes(s: string) {
 2      s == [] || (s[0] == '-' && AllDashes(s[1..]))
 3    }
 4
 5    predicate EqualsIgnoreDashes(s: string, t: string) {
 6      if s == [] then AllDashes(t)
 7      else if t == [] then AllDashes(s)
 8      else if s[0] == '-' then EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[1..], t)
 9      else if t[0] == '-' then EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t[1..])
10      else s[0] == t[0] && EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[1..], t[1..])
11    }
```

2. Theorems

```
lemma EqualsIgnoreDashesRefl(s: string)
  ensures EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, s)
```

```
lemma EqualsIgnoreDashesSym(s: string, t: string)
  requires EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t)
  ensures EqualsIgnoreDashes(t, s)
```

```
lemma EqualsIgnoreDashesTrans(s: string, t: string, u: string)
  requires EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t)
  requires EqualsIgnoreDashes(t, u)
  ensures EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, u)
```

2. Theorems

```
lemma EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend(s1: string, t1: string, s2: string, t2: string)
  requires EqualsIgnoreDashes(s1, s2)
  requires EqualsIgnoreDashes(t1, t2)
  ensures EqualsIgnoreDashes(s1 + t1, s2 + t2)
```

2. Theorems

```
lemma EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend(s1: string, t1: string, s2: string, t2: string)
  requires EqualsIgnoreDashes(s1, s2)
  requires EqualsIgnoreDashes(t1, t2)
  ensures EqualsIgnoreDashes(s1 + t1, s2 + t2)
{
  if s1 == [] {
    assert s1 + t1 == t1;
    assert AllDashes(s2);
    if s2 == [] {
      assert s2 + t2 == t2;
    } else {
      EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend(s1, t1, s2[1..], t2);
      EqualsIgnoreDashesRightAdd(s1 + t1, s2[1..] + t2);
      assert s2 + t2 == ['-'] + (s2[1..] + t2);
    }
  } else {
    if s1[0] == '-' {
      assert EqualsIgnoreDashes(s1[1..] + t1, s2 + t2);
      assert s1 + t1 == ['-'] + (s1[1..] + t1);
    } else {
      if s2 == [] {
      } else {
        if s2[0] == '-' {
          assert s2 + t2 == ['-'] + (s2[1..] + t2);
        } else {
          assert s1 + t1 == [s1[0]] + (s1[1..] + t1);
          assert s2 + t2 == [s2[0]] + (s2[1..] + t2);
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

3. Implementation

```
method equalsIgnoreDashes(s: string32, t: string32) returns (res: bool)
  ensures res == EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t)
{
  var i := 0 as nat32;
  var j := 0 as nat32;

  var slength := strLen(s);
  var tlength := strLen(t);

  while i < slength && j < tlength
    invariant i <= slength && j <= tlength
    invariant EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[..i], t[..j])
    invariant EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t) <==> EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[i..], t[j..]);
    decreases |s| + |t| - i as nat - j as nat
  {
    if s[i]
      EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend(s[..i], [s[i]], t[..j], []);
      assert s[..i] + [s[i]] == s[..i+1];
      assert t[..j] + [] == t[..j];
      i := i + 1;
    } else if t[j]
      EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend(s[..i], [], t[..j], [t[j]]);
      assert s[..i] + [] == s[..i];
      assert t[..j] + [t[j]] == t[..j+1];
      j := i + 1;
    } else if s[i]
      EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend(s[..i], [s[i]], t[..j], [t[j]]);
      assert s[..i] + [s[i]] == s[..i+1];
      assert t[..j] + [t[j]] == t[..j+1];
      i := i + 1;
      j := j + 1;
    } else {
      return false;
    }
  }
```

```
  while i < slength
    invariant i <= slength
    invariant EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t) <==> EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[i..], t[i..]);
  {
    if s[i] != '-' {
      return false;
    }
    i := i + 1;
  }

  while j < tlength
    invariant j <= tlength
    invariant EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t) <==> EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[i..], t[j..])
  {
    if t[j] != '-' {
      return false;
    }
    j := j + 1;
  }

  return true;
}
```

3. Implementation

```
newtype nat32 = x | 0 <= x <= 0x7fff_ffff

type string32 = x: string | 0 <= |x| <= 0x7fff_ffff

function method {:javainline "$s.length()"} strLen(s: string32): (res: nat32)
    ensures res == |s| as nat32
```

Verified Implementation   **Idiomatic Compiler**   Proof Evolution

```java
public static boolean equalsIgnoreDashes(
    dafny.DafnySequence<? extends Character> s,
    dafny.DafnySequence<? extends Character> t
) {
    boolean res = false;
    int _277_i;
    _277_i = 0;
    int _278_j;
    _278_j = 0;
    int _279_slength;
    _279_slength = __default.strLen(s);
    int _280_tlength;
    _280_tlength = __default.strLen(t);
    while ((Integer.compareUnsigned(_277_i, _279_slength) < 0)
            && (Integer.compareUnsigned(_278_j, _280_tlength) < 0)) {
        if (((s).select(_277_i)) == ('-')) {
            _277_i = (int)  ((_277_i) + (1));
        } else if (((t).select(_278_j)) == ('-')) {
            _278_j = (int)  ((_278_j) + (1));
        } else if (((s).select(_277_i)) == ((t).select(_278_j))) {
            _277_i = (int)  ((_277_i) + (1));
            _278_j = (int)  ((_278_j) + (1));
        } else {
            res = false;
            return res;
        }
    }
    while (Integer.compareUnsigned(_277_i, _279_slength) < 0) {
        if (((s).select(_277_i)) != ('-')) {
            res = false;
            return res;
        }
        _277_i = (int)  ((_277_i) + (1));
    }
    while (Integer.compareUnsigned(_278_j, _280_tlength) < 0) {
        if (((t).select(_278_j)) != ('-')) {
            res = false;
            return res;
        }
        _278_j = (int)  ((_278_j) + (1));
    }
    res = true;
    return res;
}
```

```java
static boolean equalsIgnoreDashes(String s, String t) {
    int i = 0;
    int j = 0;
    int slength = s.length();
    int tlength = t.length();
    while (i < slength && j < tlength) {
        if (s.charAt(i) == '-') {
            i = i + 1;
        } else if (t.charAt(j) == '-') {
            j = j + 1;
        } else if (s.charAt(i) == t.charAt(j)) {
            i = i + 1;
            j = j + 1;
        } else {
            return false;
        }
    }
    while (i < slength) {
        if (s.charAt(i) != '-') {
            return false;
        }
        i = i + 1;
    }
    while (j < tlength) {
        if (t.charAt(j) != '-') {
            return false;
        }
        j = j + 1;
    }
    return true;
}
```

Pros

- Lowers the risk of experimentation
- Generated code is reviewed as usual
- Can be directly changed during operational event

Cons

- Language restricted (Dafny-Lite)
- Exceptions are hard

Other languages?

- Rust
  - Exception headaches go away entirely
  - Modeling lifetimes in Dafny is challenging

Verified Implementation　　　Idiomatic Compiler　　　**Proof Evolution**

Specification

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 1    predicate AllDashes(s: string) {
 2      s == [] || (s[0] == '-' && AllDashes(s[1..]))
 3    }
 4
 5    predicate EqualsIgnoreDashes(s: string, t: string) {
 6      if s == [] then AllDashes(t)
 7      else if t == [] then AllDashes(s)
 8      else if s[0] == '-' then EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[1..], t)
 9      else if t[0] == '-' then EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t[1..])
10      else s[0] == t[0] && EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[1..], t[1..])
11    }
```

Specification

```
1    predicate method isDash(c: char) {
2        c == '-' || c == '_'
3    }
4
5    predicate AllDashes(s: string) {
6        s == [] || (isDash(s[0]) && AllDashes(s[1..]))
7    }
8
9    predicate EqualsIgnoreDashes(s: string, t: string) {
10       if s == [] then AllDashes(t)
11       else if t == [] then AllDashes(s)
12       else if isDash(s[0]) then EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[1..], t)
13       else if isDash(t[0]) then EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t[1..])
14       else s[0] == t[0] && EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[1..], t[1..])
15   }
```

Implementation

```
method equalsIgnoreDashes(s: string32, t: string32) returns (res: bool)
  ensures res == EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t)
{
  var i := 0 as nat32;
  var j := 0 as nat32;

  var slength := strLen(s);
  var tlength := strLen(t);

  while i < slength && j < tlength
    invariant i <= slength && j <= tlength
    invariant EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[..i], t[..j])
    invariant EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t) <==> EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[i..], t[j..]);
    decreases |s| + |t| - i as nat - j as nat
  {
    if s[i] == '-' {
      EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend(s[..i], [s[i]], t[..j], []);
      assert s[..i] + [s[i]] == s[..i+1];
      assert t[..j] + [] == t[..j];
      i := i + 1;
    } else if t[j] == '-' {
      EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend(s[..i], [], t[..j], [t[j]]);
      assert s[..i] + [] == s[..i];
      assert t[..j] + [t[j]] == t[..j+1];
      j := j + 1;
    } else if s[i] == t[j] {
      EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend(s[..i], [s[i]], t[..j], [t[j]]);
      assert s[..i] + [s[i]] == s[..i+1];
      assert t[..j] + [t[j]] == t[..j+1];
      i := i + 1;
      j := j + 1;
    } else {
      return false;
    }
  }
}
```

```
31
32    while i < |s|
33      invariant i <= |s|
34      invariant EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t) <==> EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[i..], t[j..]) {
35      if s[i] != '-' {
36        return false;
37      }
38      i := i + 1;
39    }
40
41    while j < |t|
42      invariant j <= |t|
43      invariant EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t) <==> EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[i..], t[j..]) {
44      if t[j] != '-' {
45        return false;
46      }
47      j := j + 1;
48    }
49
50    return true;
51  }
```
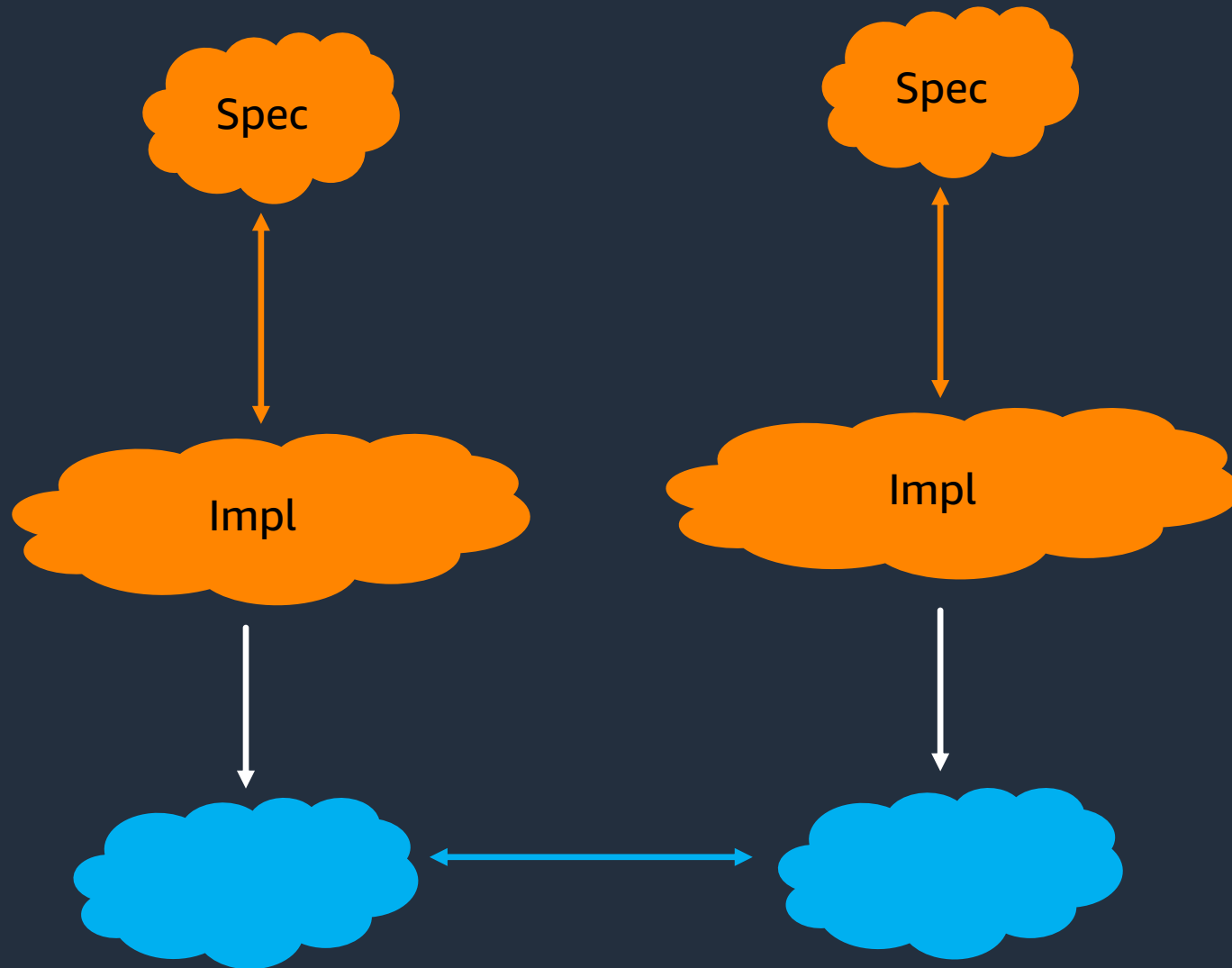
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    invariant EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[..i], t[..j])
    invariant EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t) <==> EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[i..], t[j..]);
    decreases |s| + |t| - i - j {
    if isDash(s[i]) {
      EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend(s[..i], [s[i]], t[..j], []);
      assert s[..i] + [s[i]] == s[..i+1];
      assert t[..j] + [] == t[..j];
      i := i + 1;
    } else if isDash(t[j]) {
      EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend(s[..i], [], t[..j], [t[j]]);
      assert s[..i] + [] == s[..i];
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      j := j + 1;
    } else if s[i] == t[j] {
      EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend(s[..i], [s[i]], t[..j], [t[j]]);
      assert s[..i] + [s[i]] == s[..i+1];
      assert t[..j] + [t[j]] == t[..j+1];
      i := i + 1;
      j := j + 1;
    } else {
      return false;
    }
  }
```

```
  while i < |s|
    invariant i <= |s|
    invariant EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t) <==> EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[i..], t[j..]) {
    if !isDash(s[i]) {
      return false;
    }
    i := i + 1;
  }

  while j < |t|
    invariant j <= |t|
    invariant EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t) <==> EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[i..], t[j..]) {
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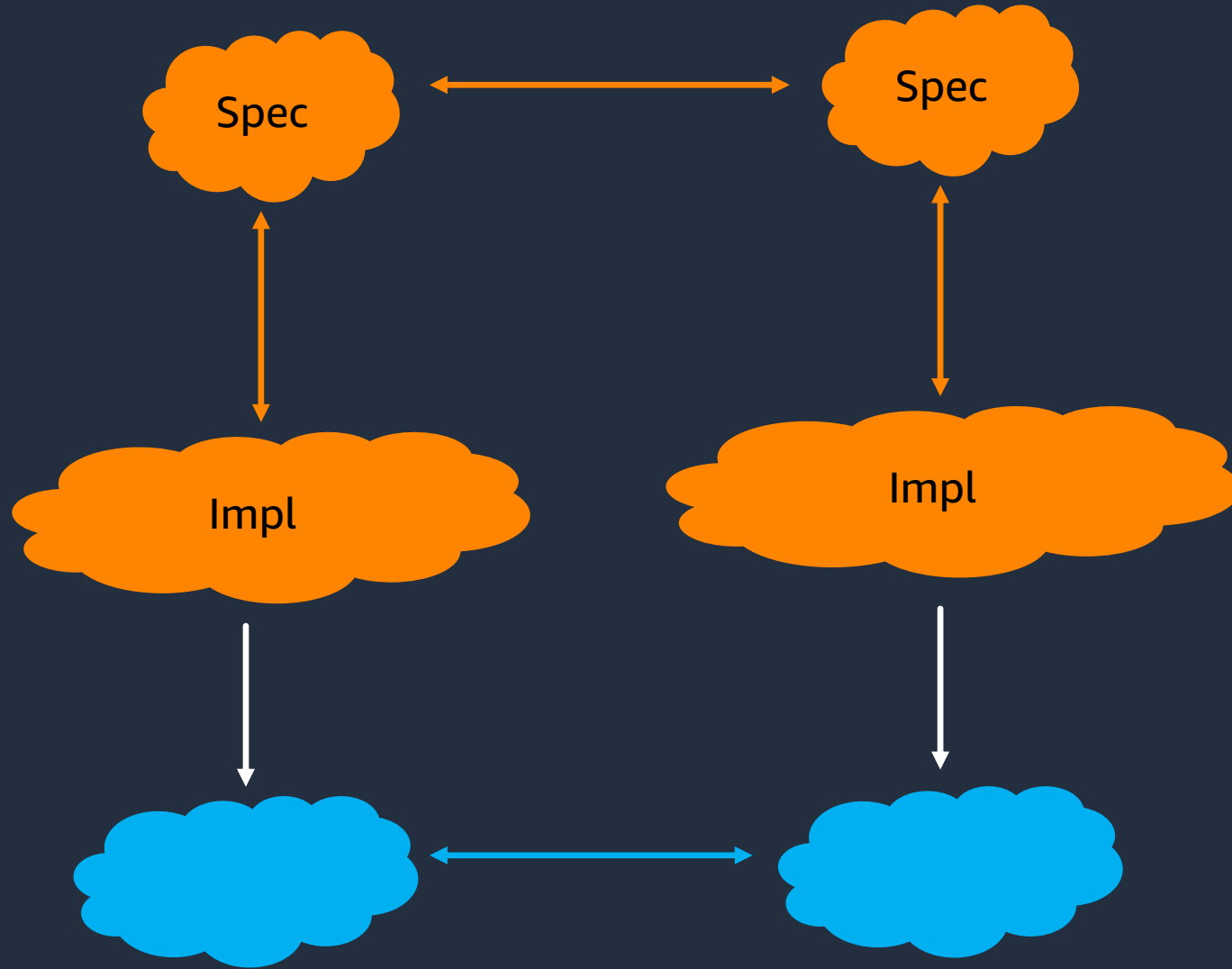
Proof Evolution

```
module Old {
  predicate EqualsIgnoreDashes(...)
}

module New {
  predicate EqualsIgnoreDashes(...)
}

module Evolve {
  lemma Ok(s: string, t: string)
    requires Old.EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t)
    ensures New.EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t)
  { ... }
}
```

Proof Evolution

```
lemma OldNewOk(s: string, t: string)
  requires Old.EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t)
  ensures New.EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t) {
    if s == [] {
      AllDashesOldNewOk(t);
    } else {
      if s[0] == '-' {
        assert New.EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[1..], t);
      }
      else {
        if t[0] == '-' {
          New.EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend([], s, [t[0]], t[1..]);
          assert [t[0]] + t[1..] == t;
          assert [] + s == s;
        } else {
          New.EqualsIgnoreDashesRefl([s[0]]);
          New.EqualsIgnoreDashesAppend([s[0]], s[1..], [t[0]], t[1..]);
          assert [s[0]] + s[1..] == s;
          assert [t[0]] + t[1..] == t;
        }
      }
    }
}
```

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Proof Evolution

```
lemma NewOldOk(s: string, t: string)
    requires New.EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t)
    requires '_' !in s
    requires '_' !in t
    ensures Old.EqualsIgnoreDashes(s, t)
{
    if s == [] {
        AllDashesNewOldOk(t);
    } else {
        if New.isDash(s[0]) {
            assert Old.EqualsIgnoreDashes(s[1..], t);
        }
    }
}
```

Conclusion

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        "OR": [
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}
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Cons

- Need to prove backward compatibility

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Customer-facing auth coming soon…

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