

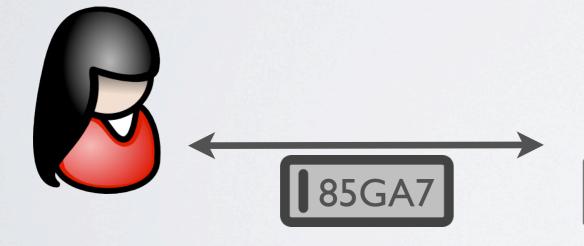


# Controlling Data Flow with a Policy-Based Programming Language for the Web

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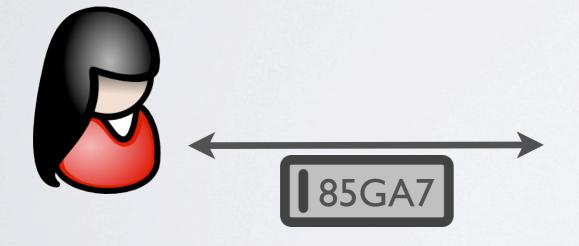
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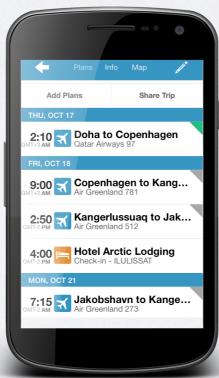
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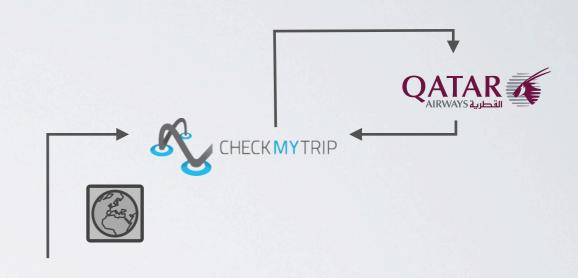




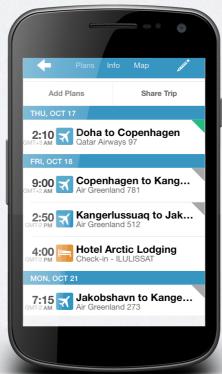


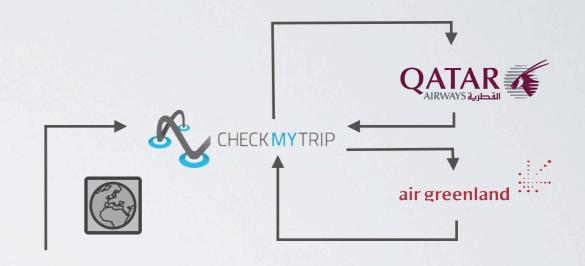




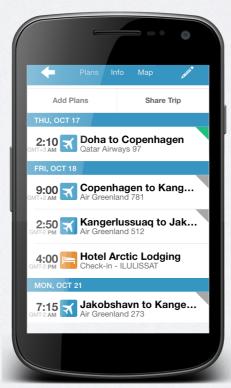


















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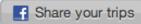




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#### 1. What Information We Collect from You

When you register with Concur, we ask for your email address and password and once registered allow you to provide us with your name, home location and up to three other email addresses in order to access your account as well as other information including your travel information, history and preferences. Concur then uses this information to build personalized travel itineraries.

#### Google ID

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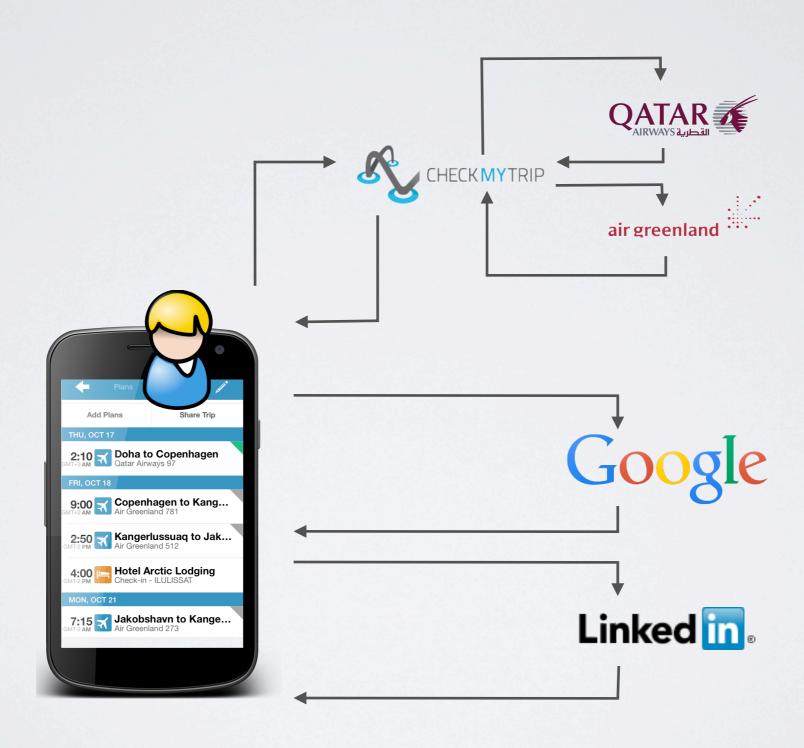
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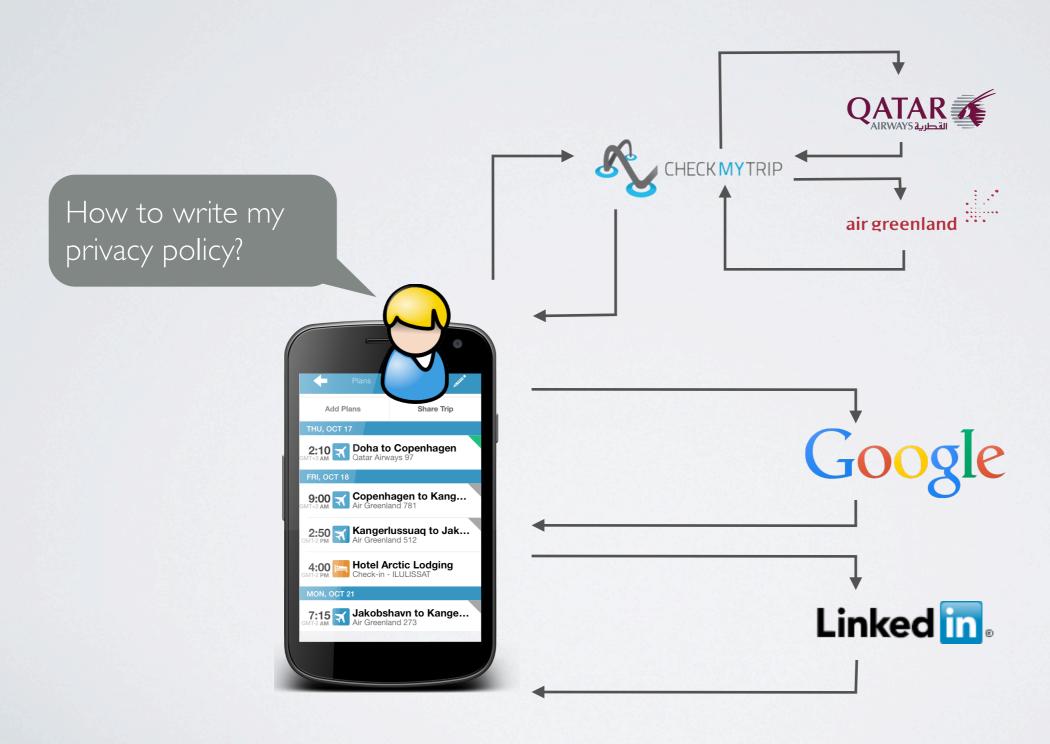
#### 4. When We May Share Your Information

The information we gather is used to create and maintain your travel itineraries and your travel profile and, if you have elected to receive them, send you marketing messages on behalf of Triplt and our travel partners. We also use the information that we gather to target content on our Site to more closely match your interests and, if you have selected to receive email communication from us, target email marketing messages that are more appropriate to your needs.

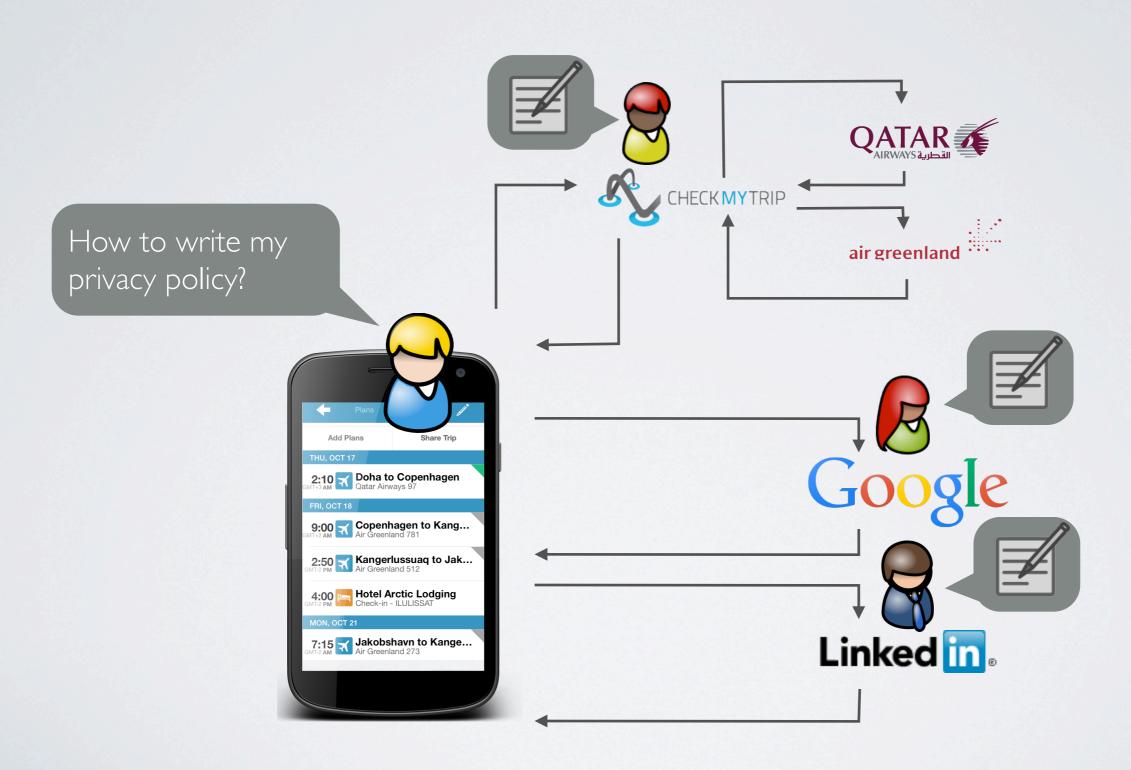
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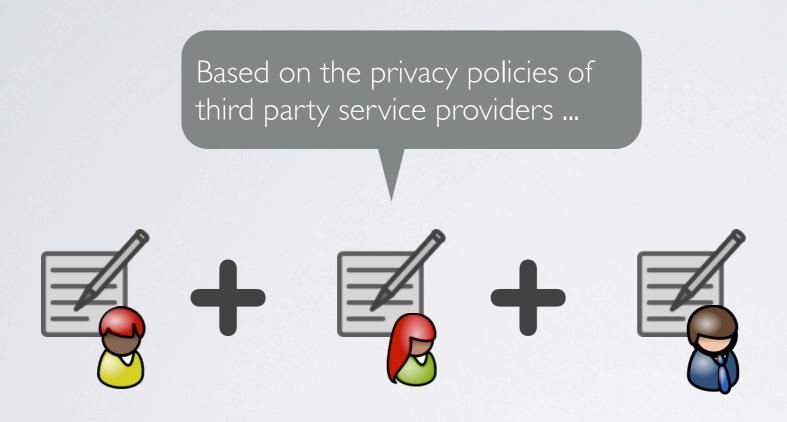


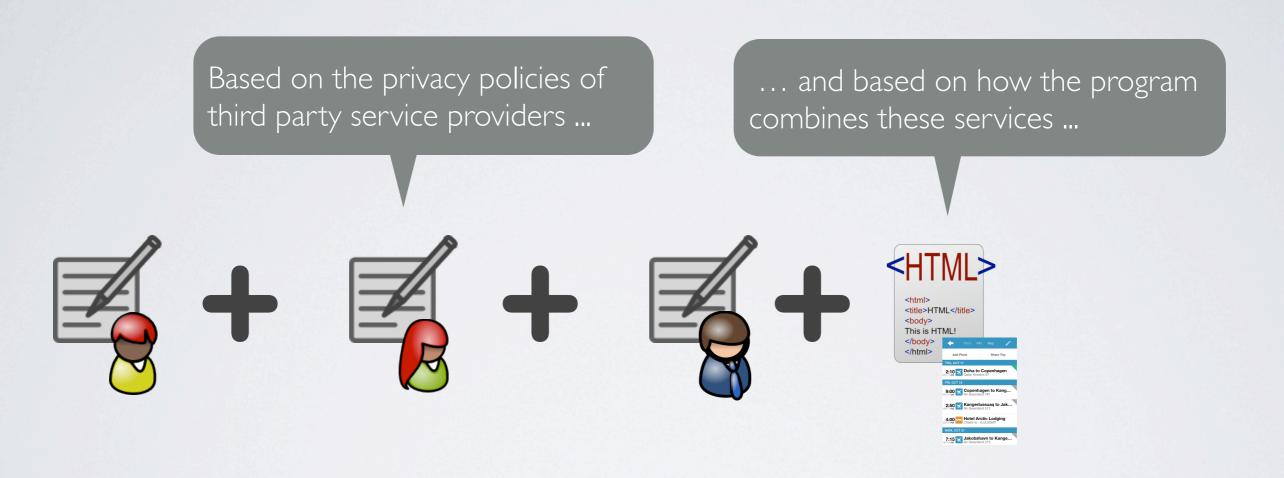
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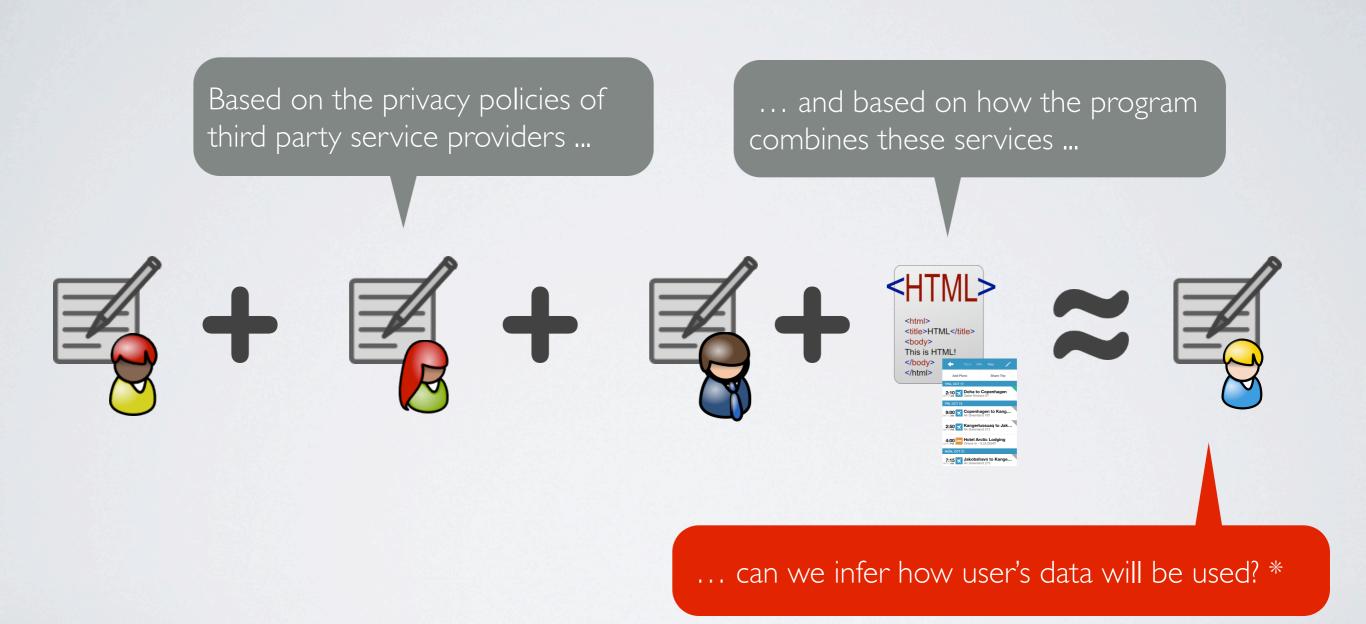


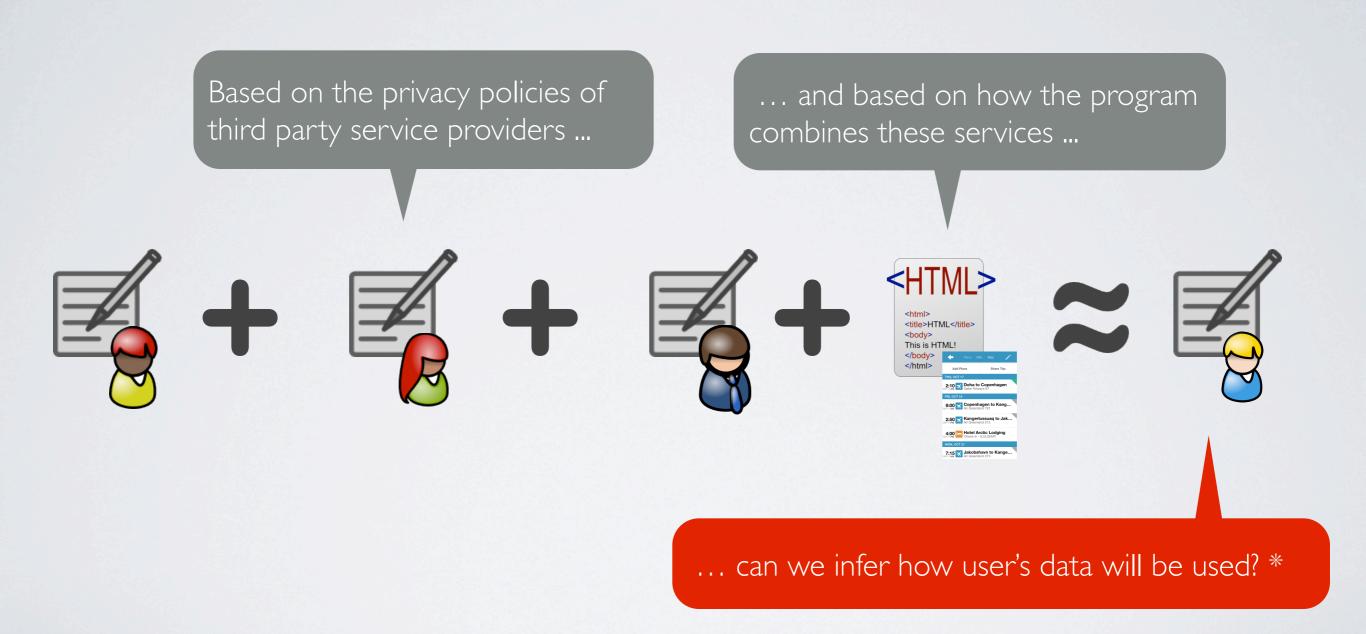
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\* no adversary model, third parties are trustworthy

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→ Qwel (Qatar Web Programming Language) with data flow

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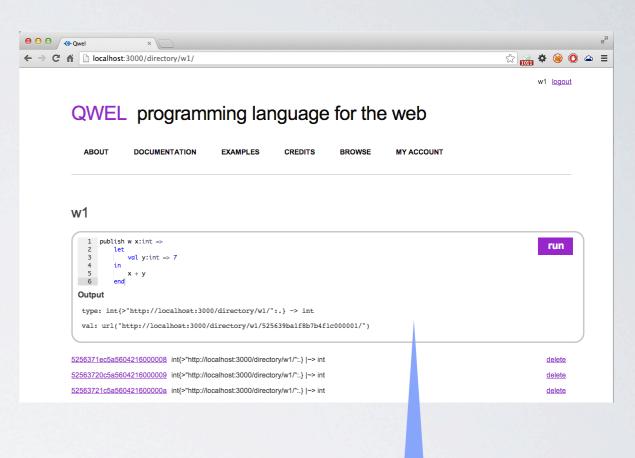
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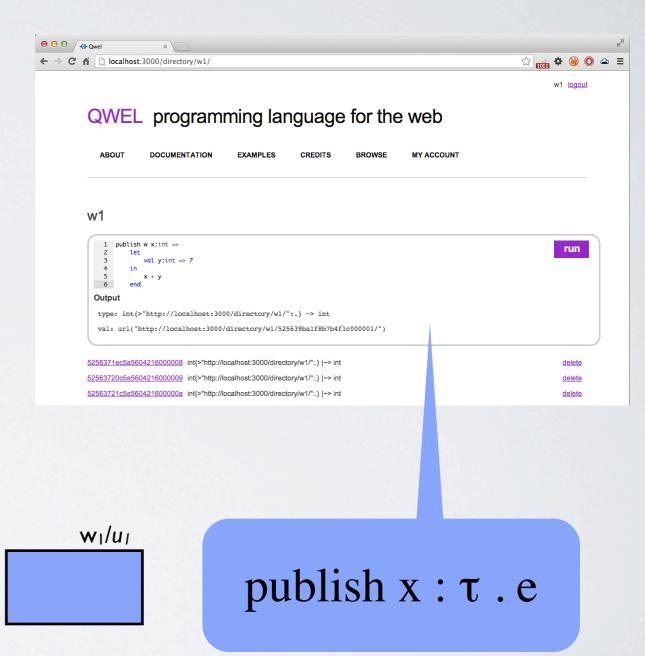
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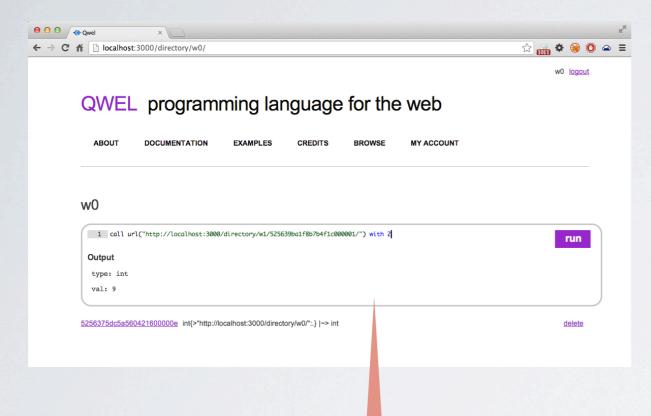


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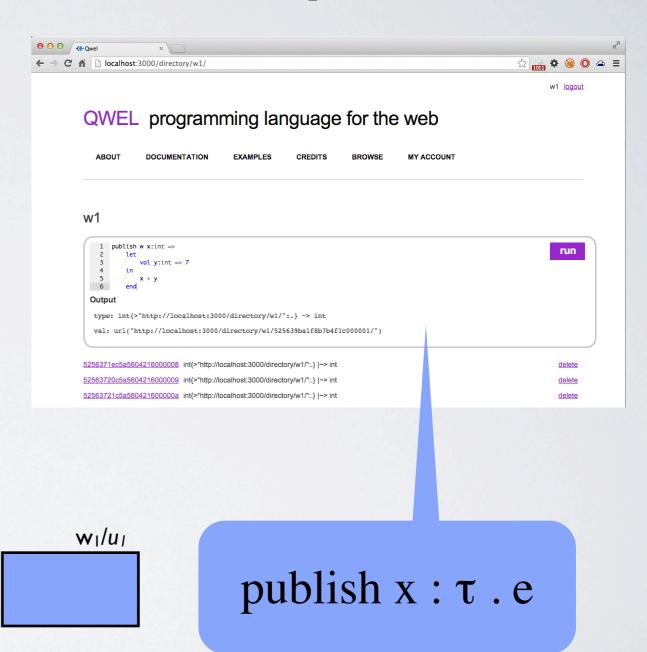


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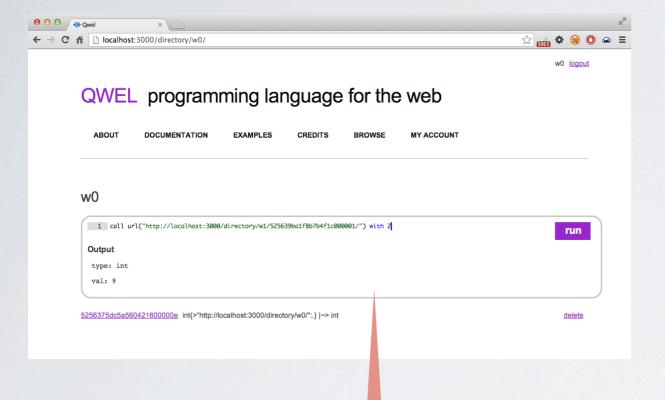


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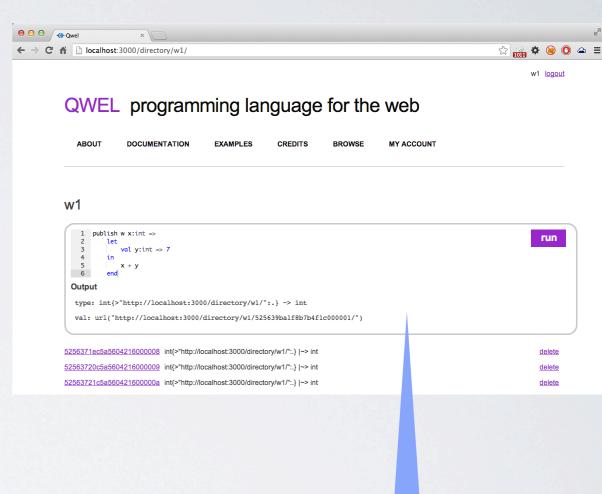


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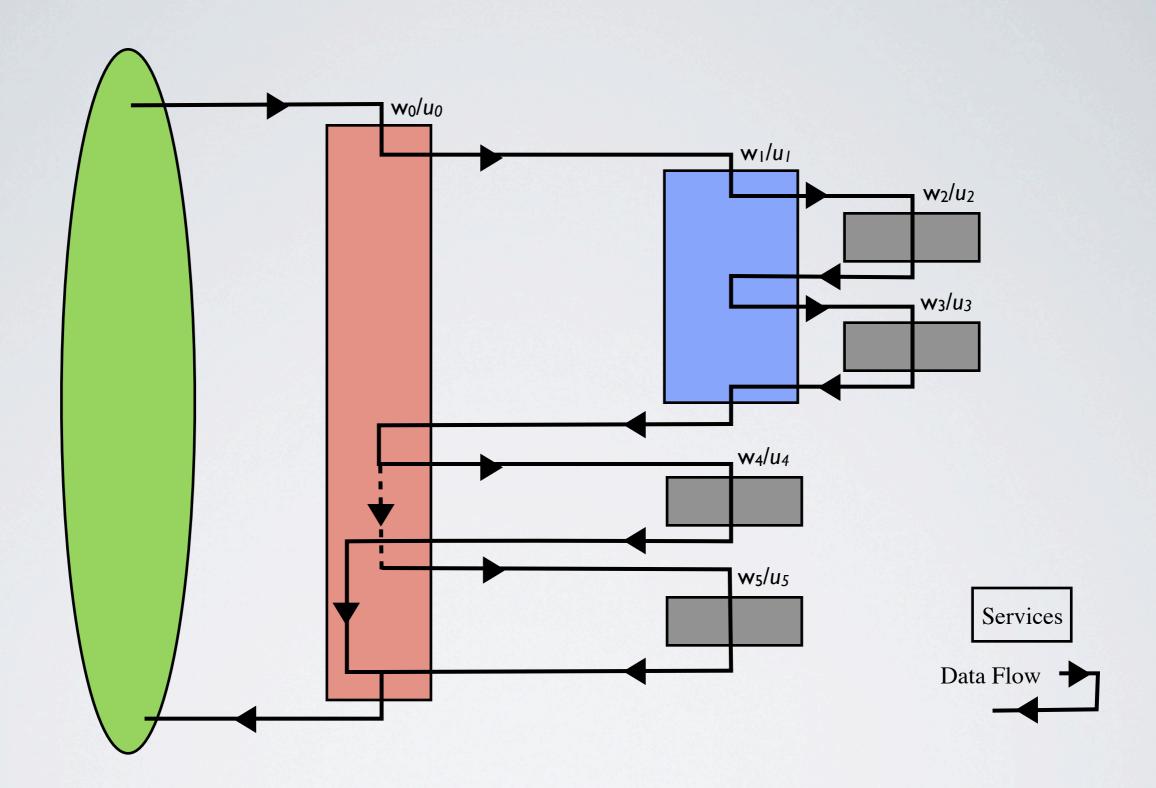
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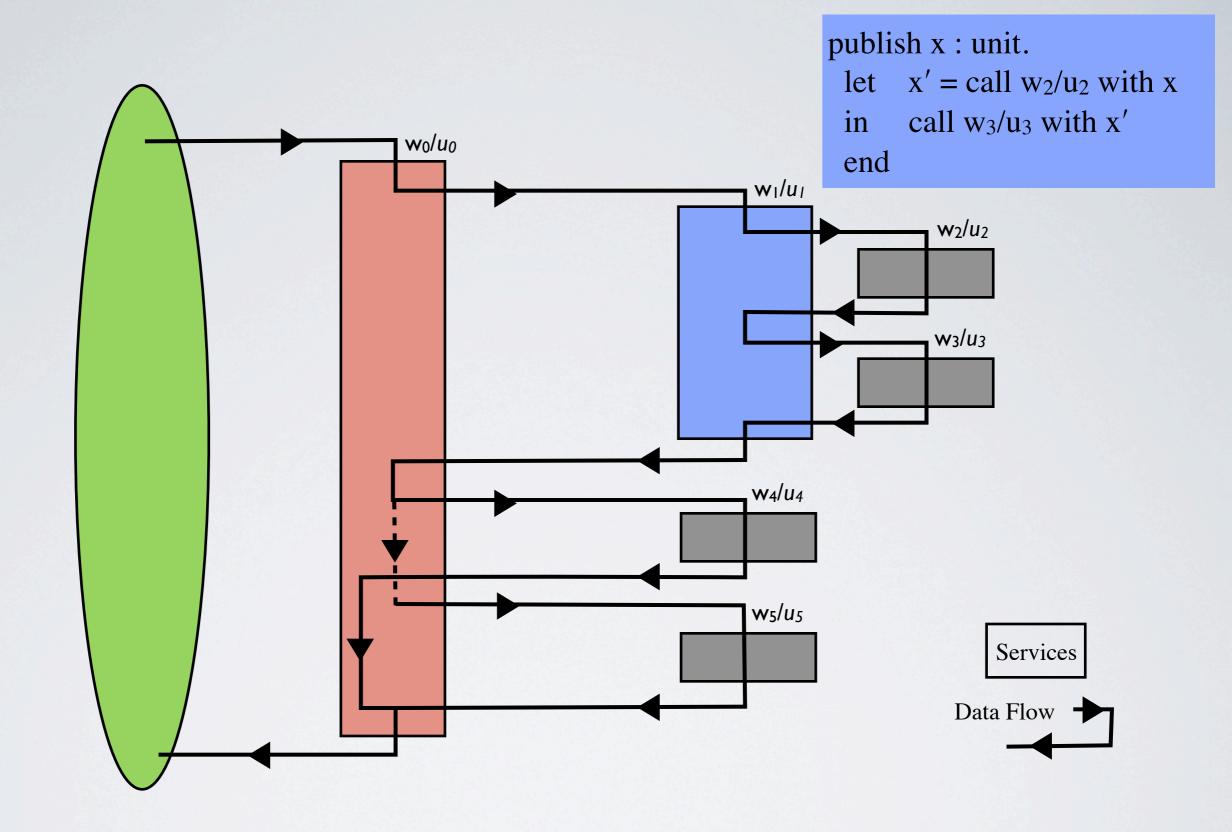
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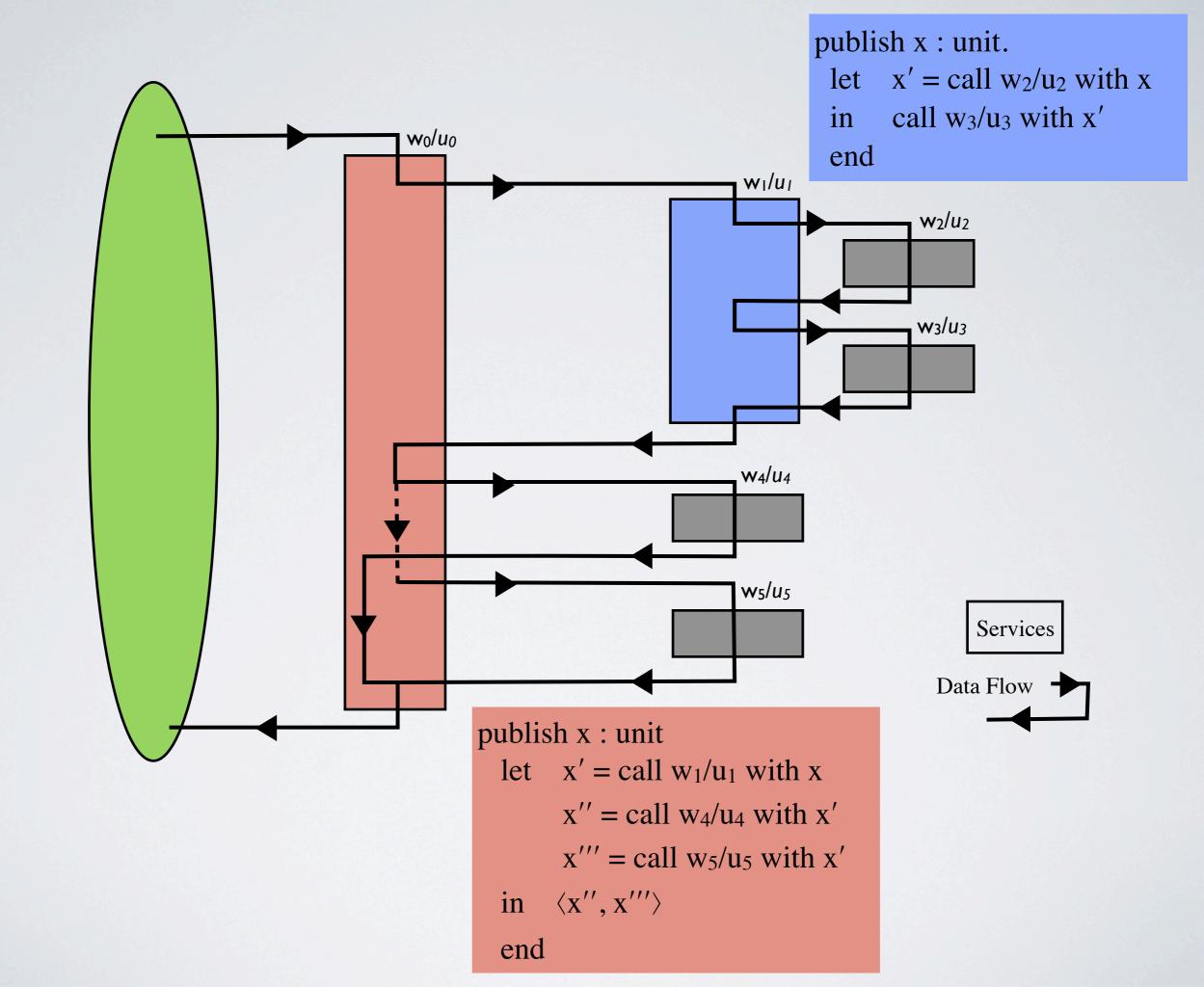


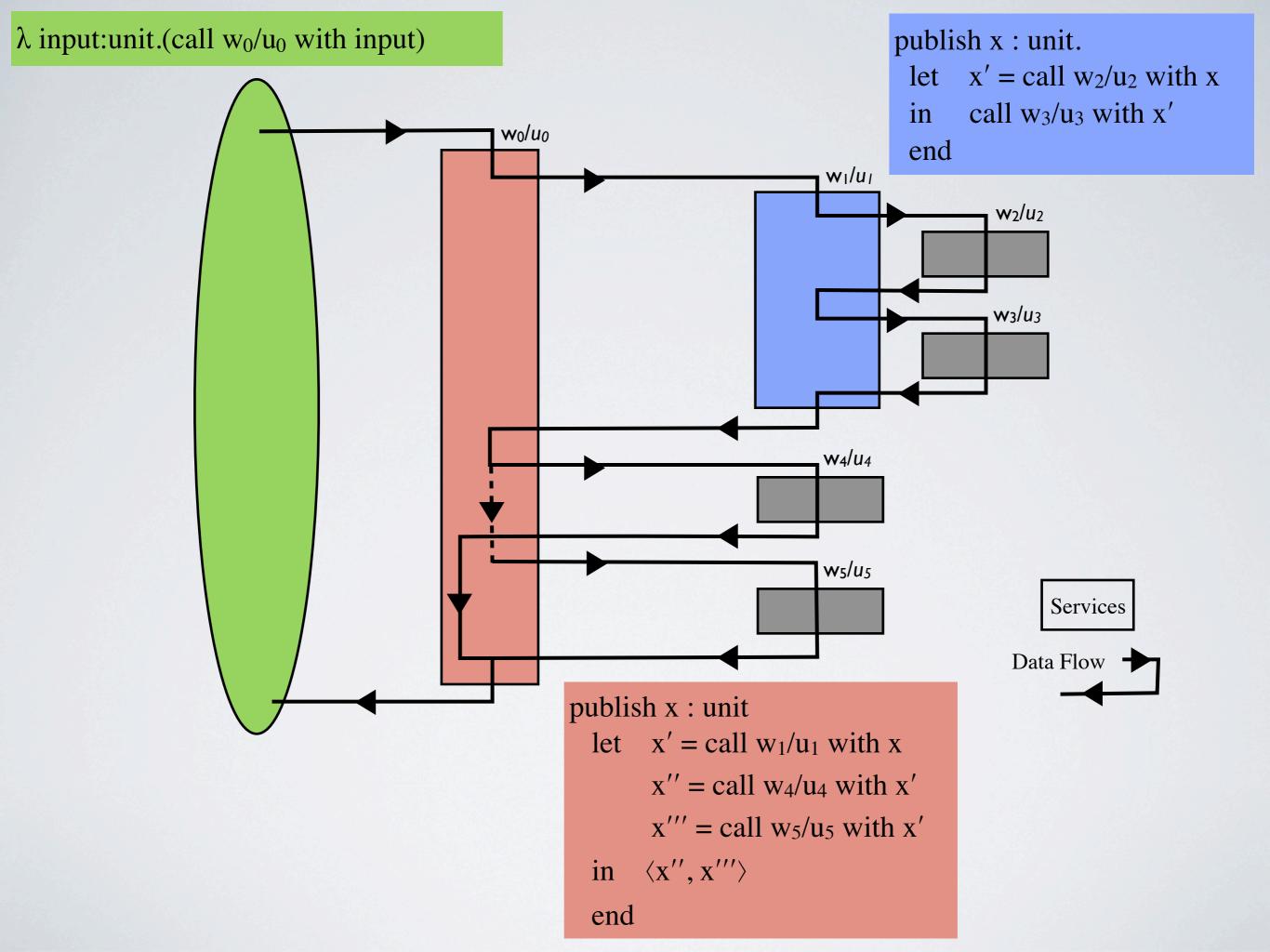


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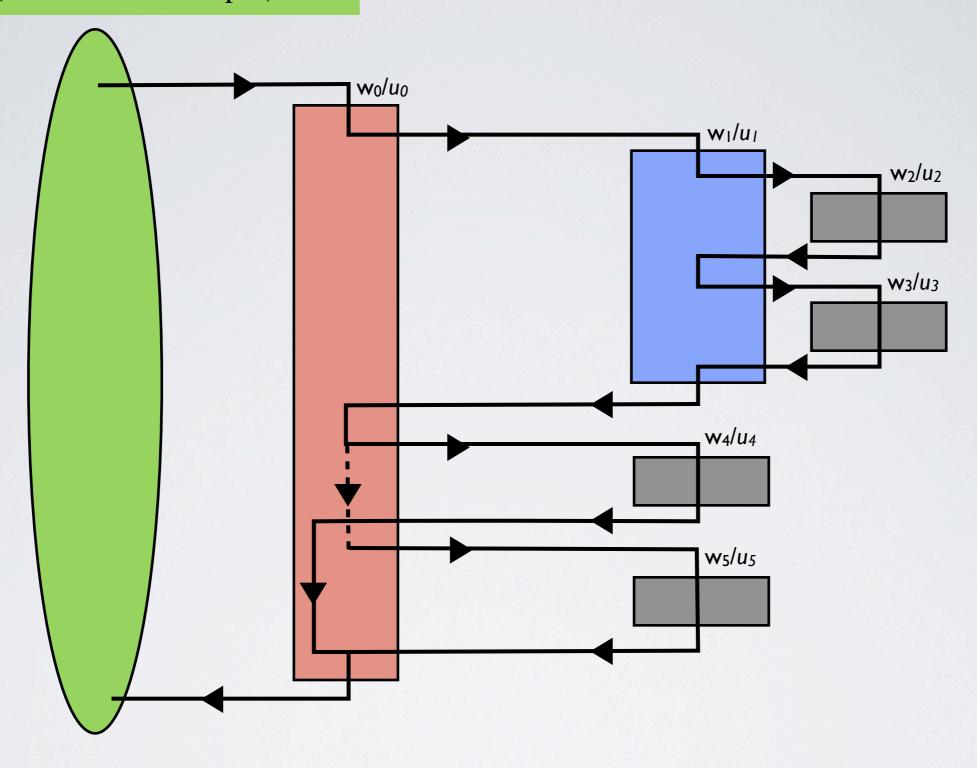


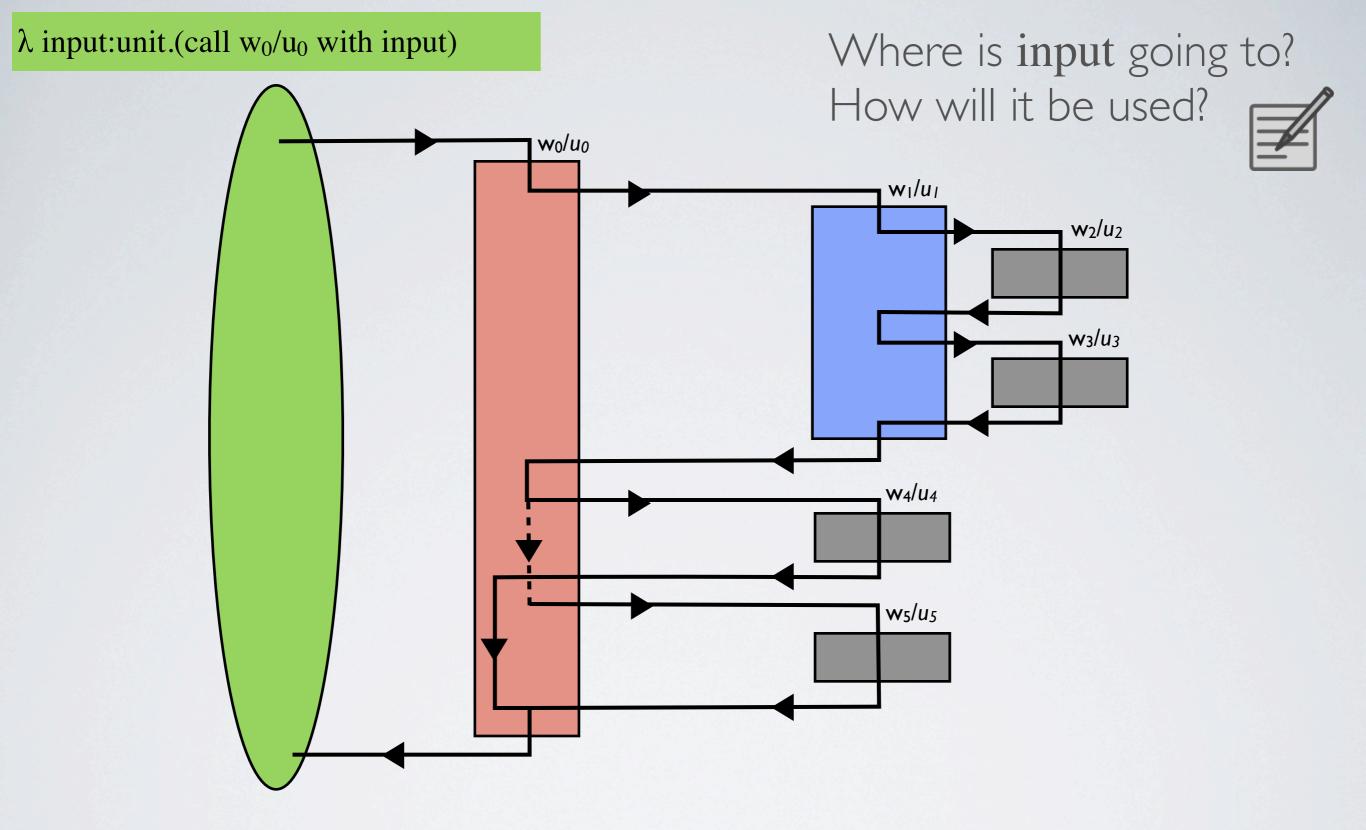


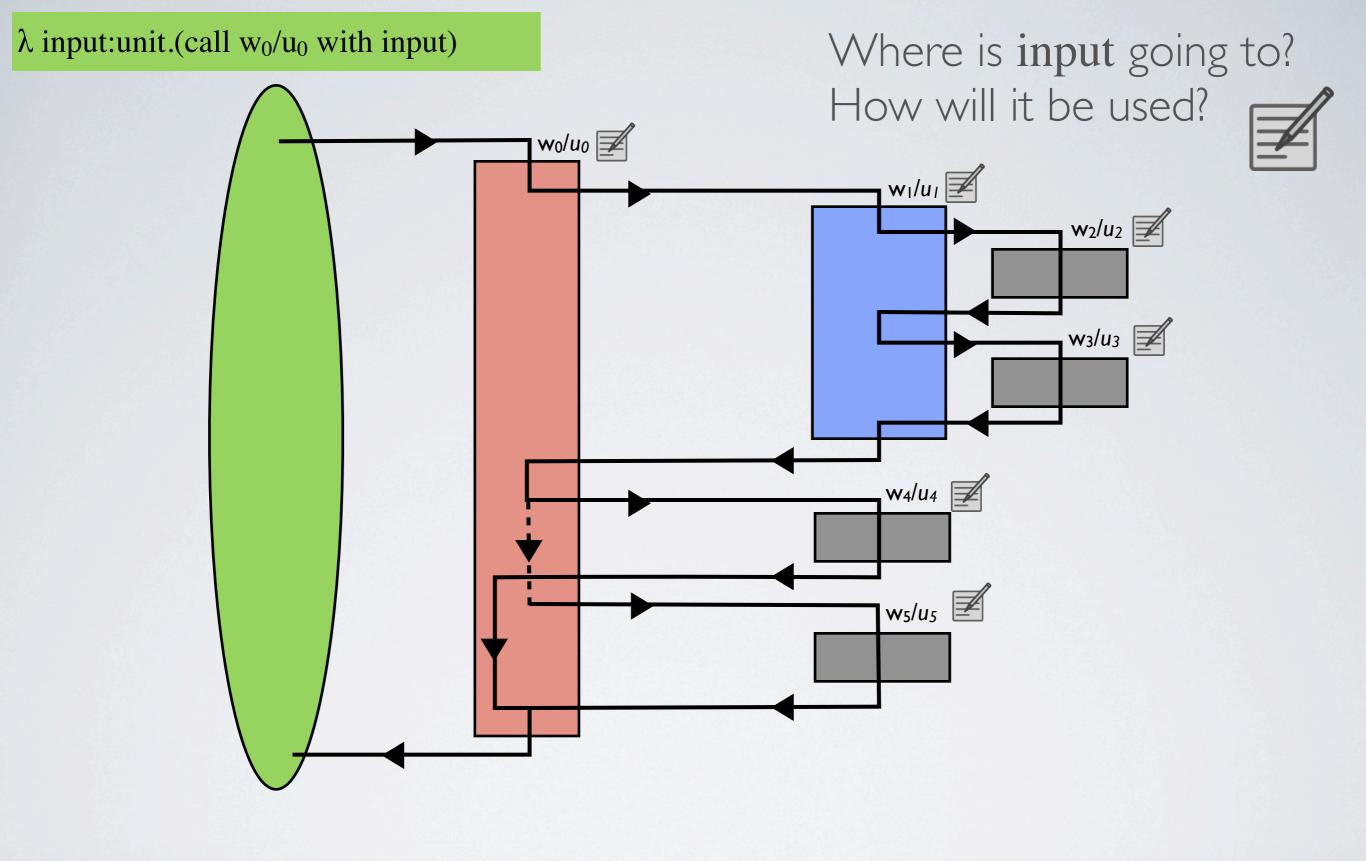


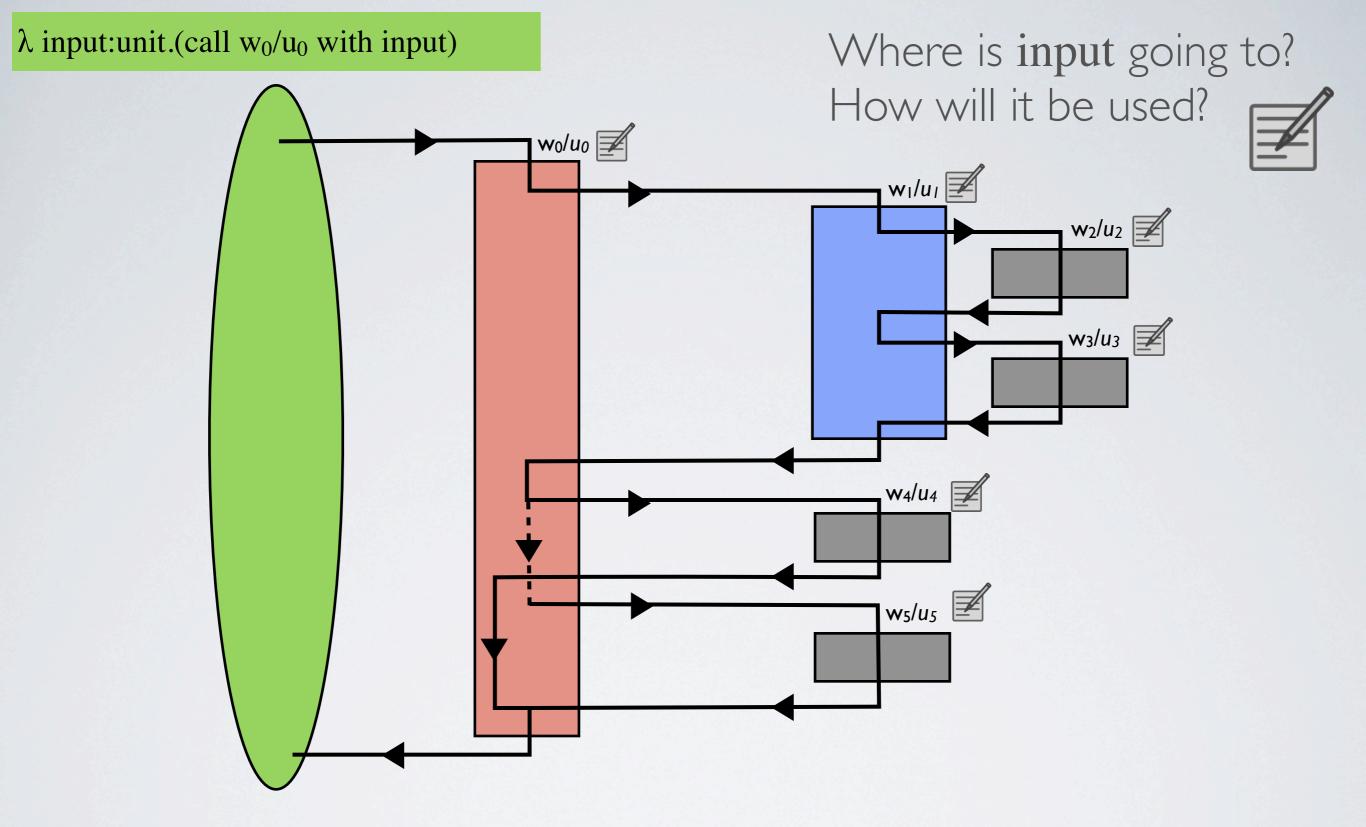


#### $\lambda$ input:unit.(call $w_0/u_0$ with input)



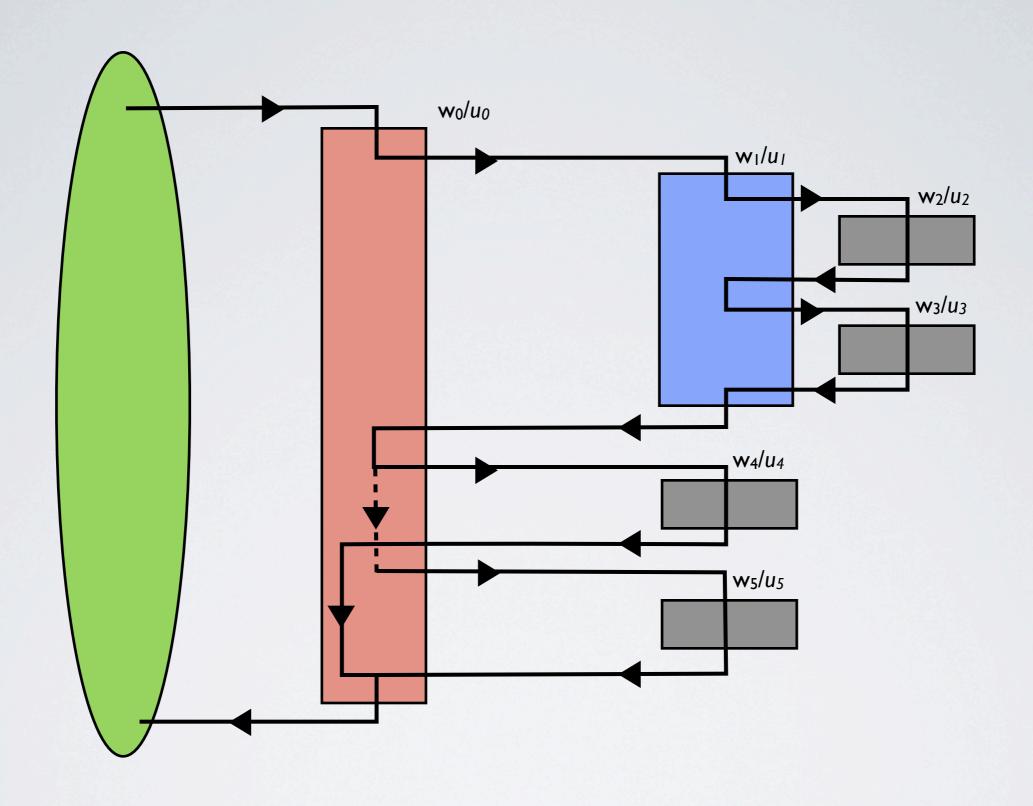


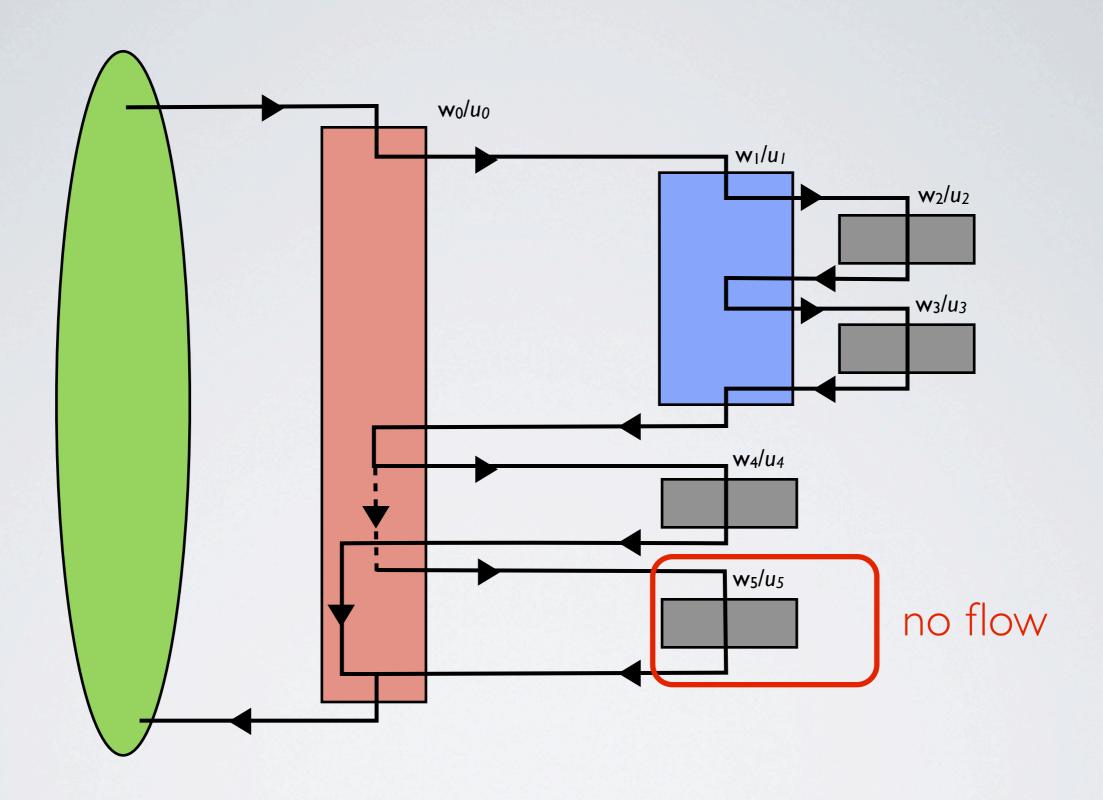


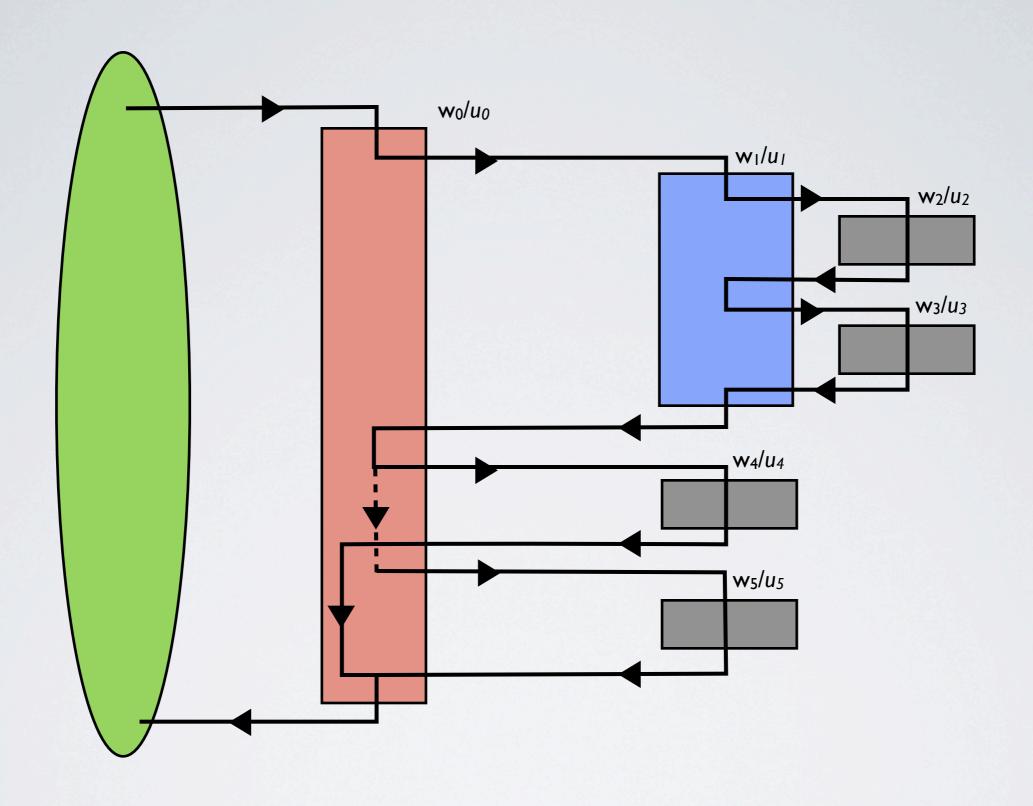


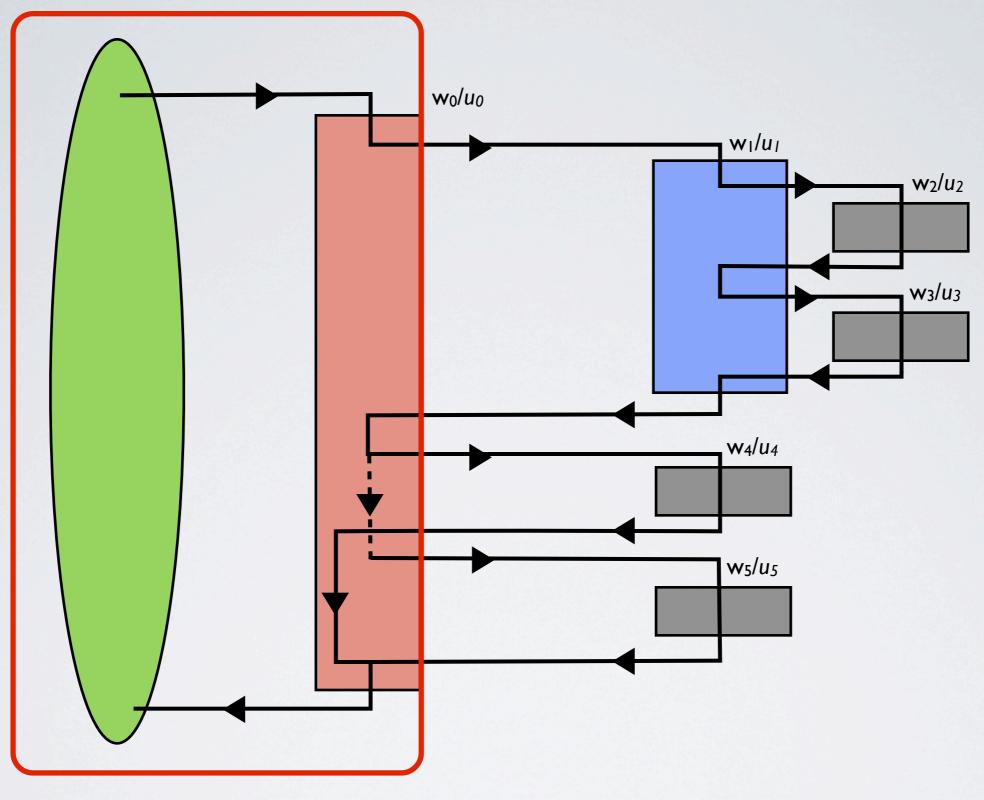
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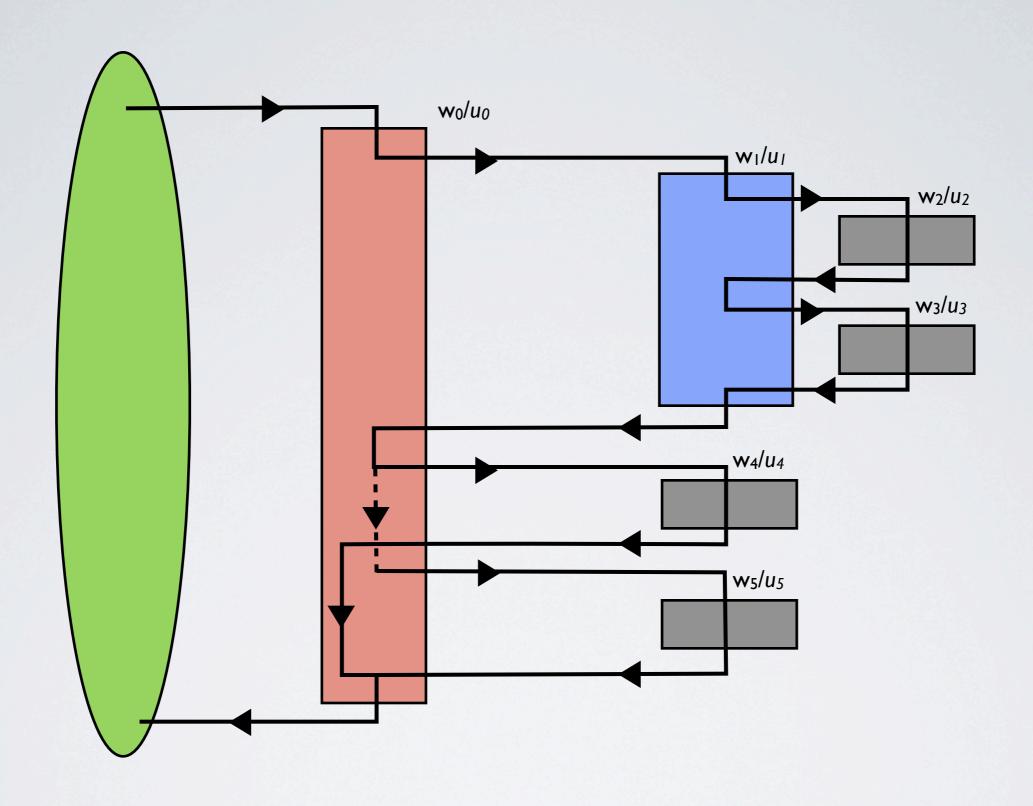


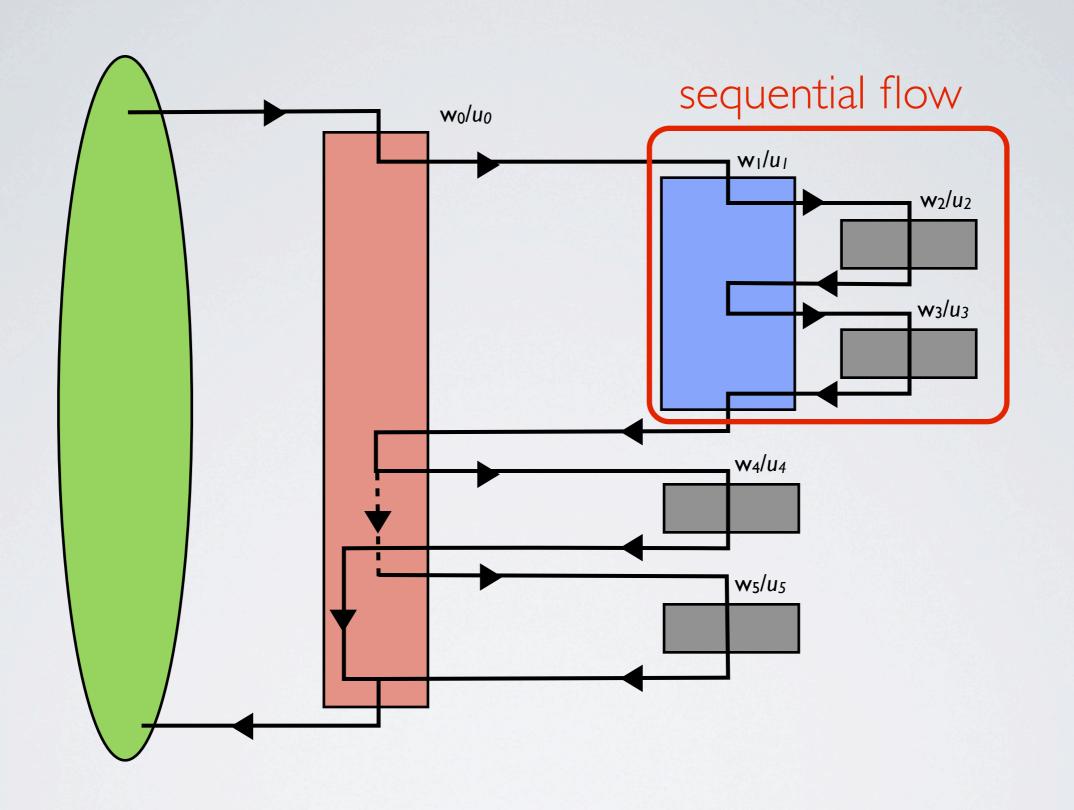


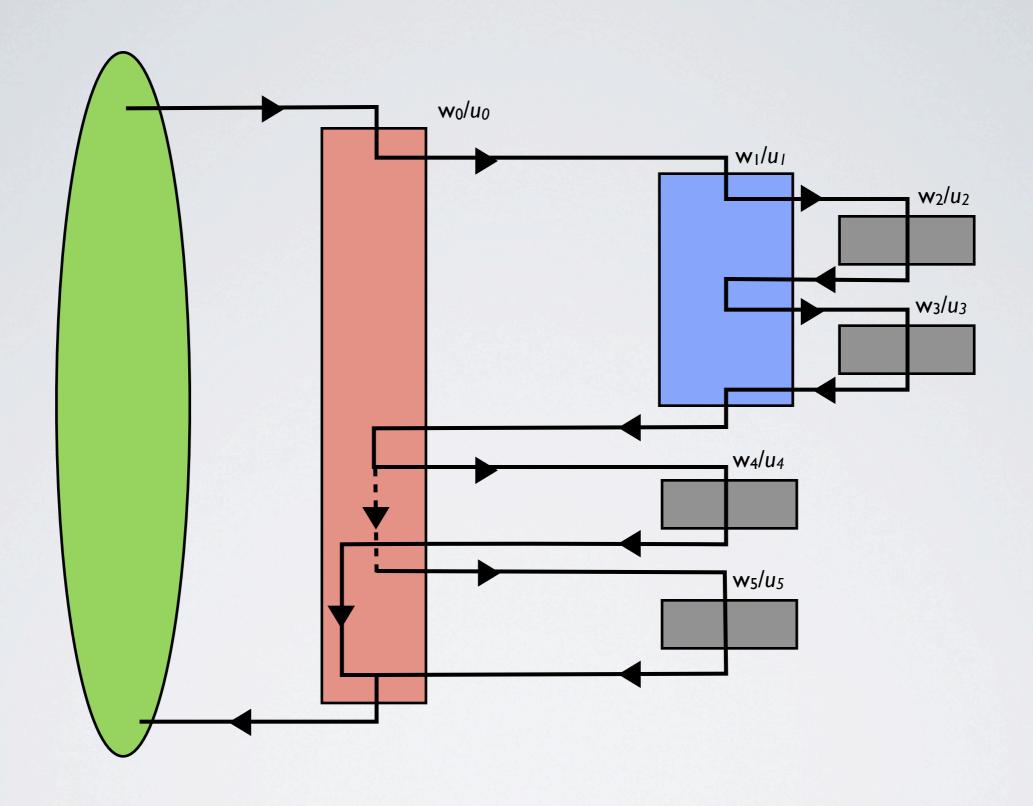


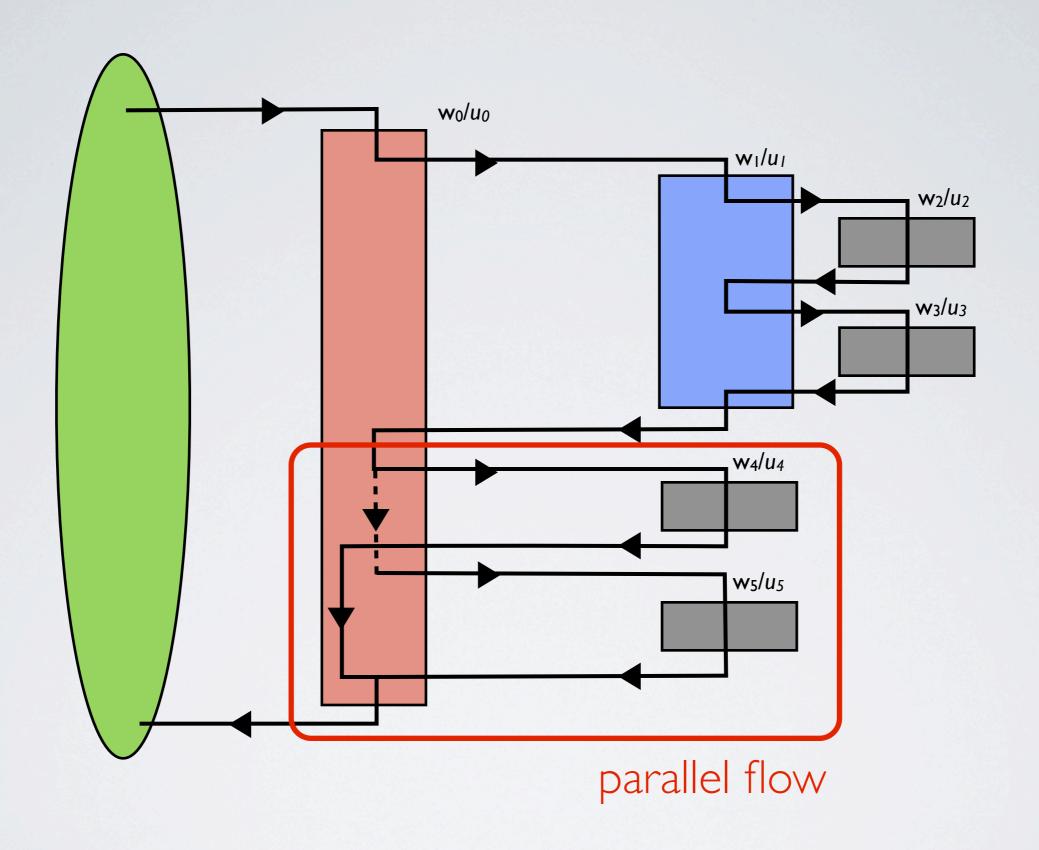


service flow









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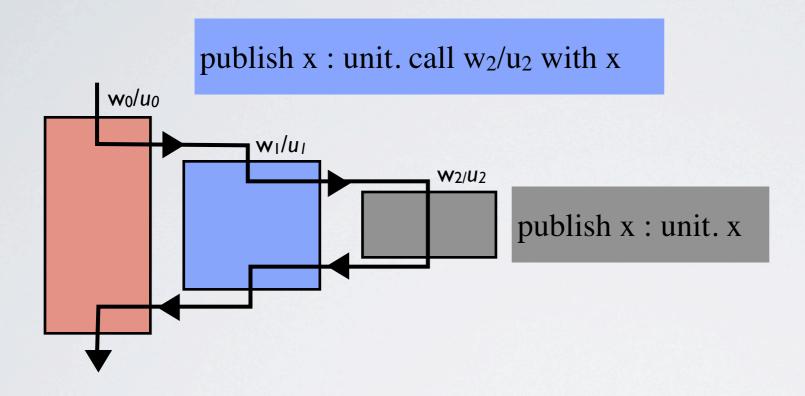
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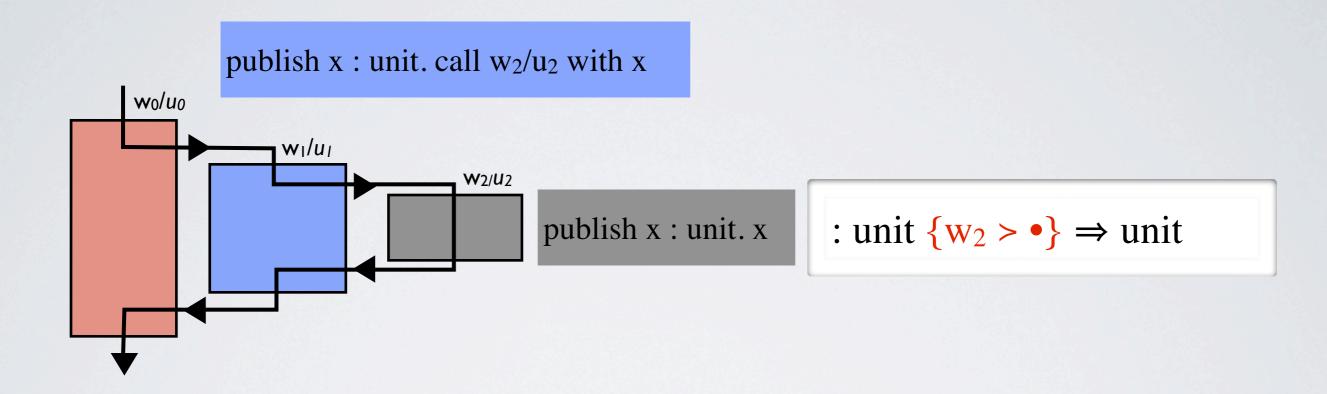
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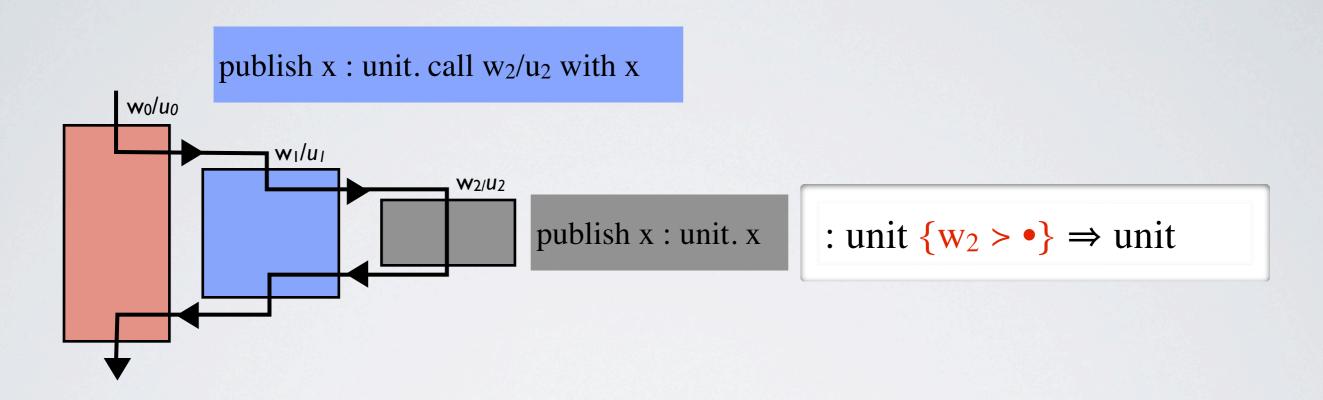
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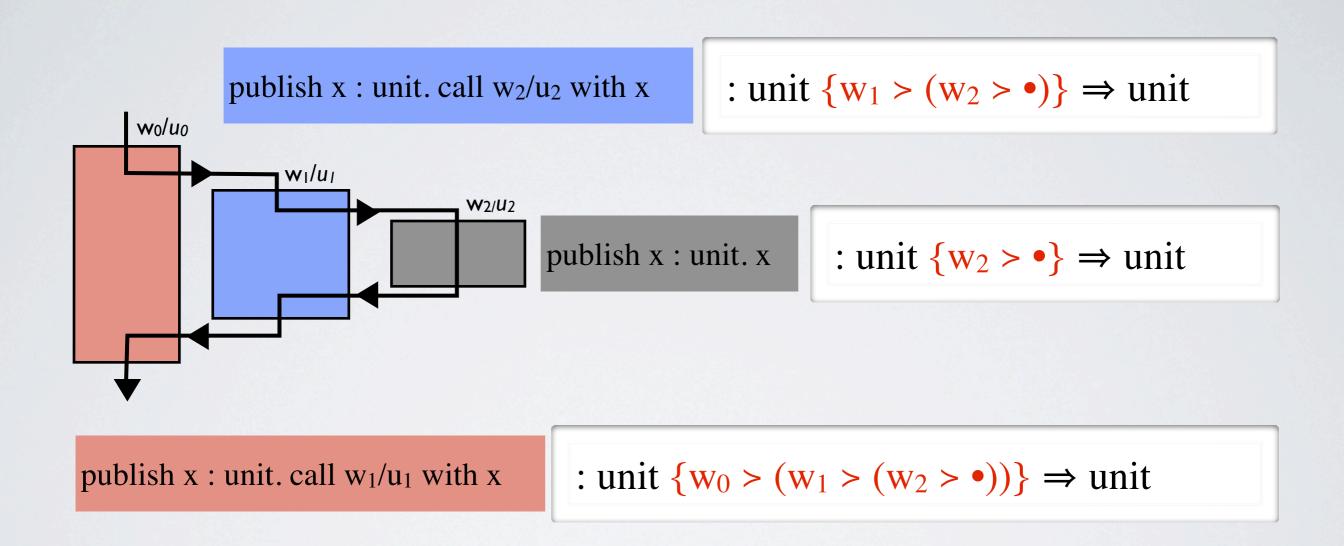


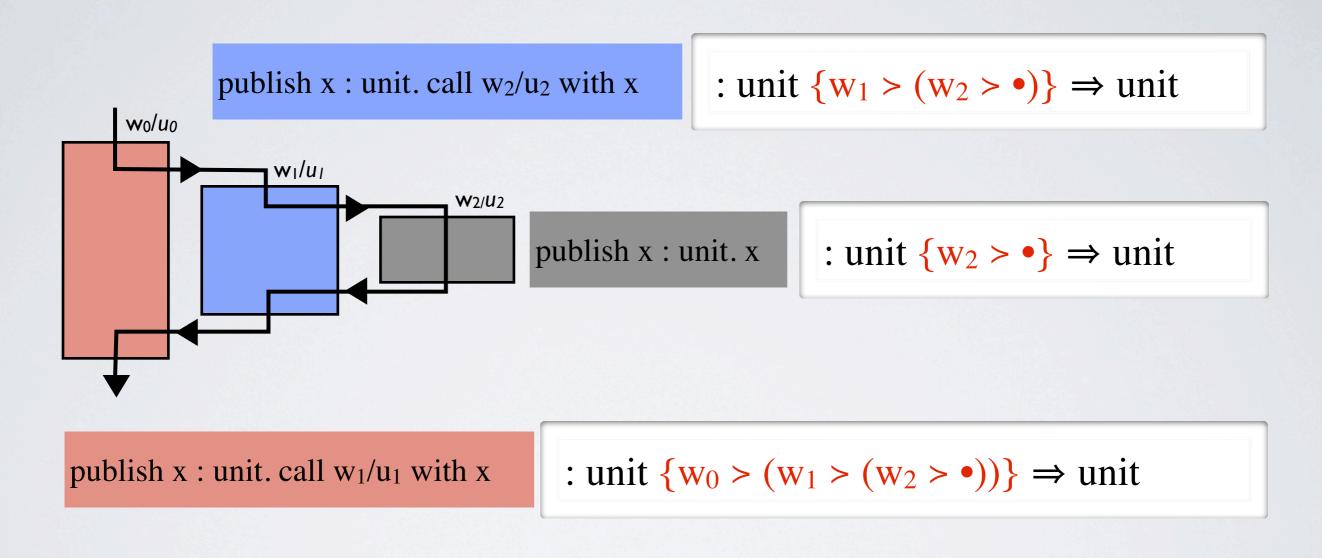
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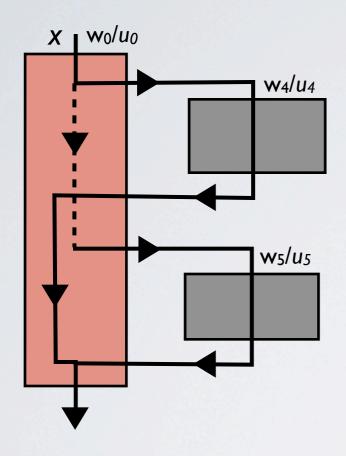
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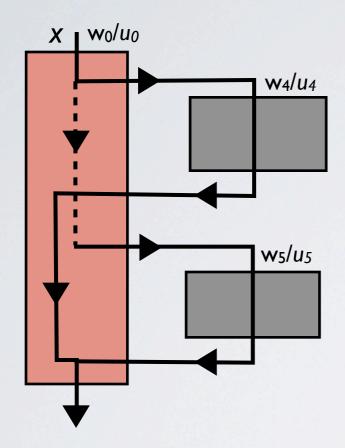
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### Parallel flow



```
publish x : unit
let x' = \text{call } w_4/u_4 \text{ with } x
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in \langle x', x'' \rangle
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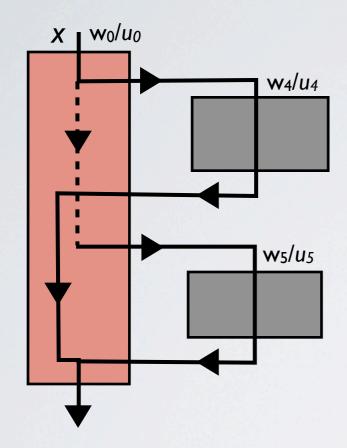
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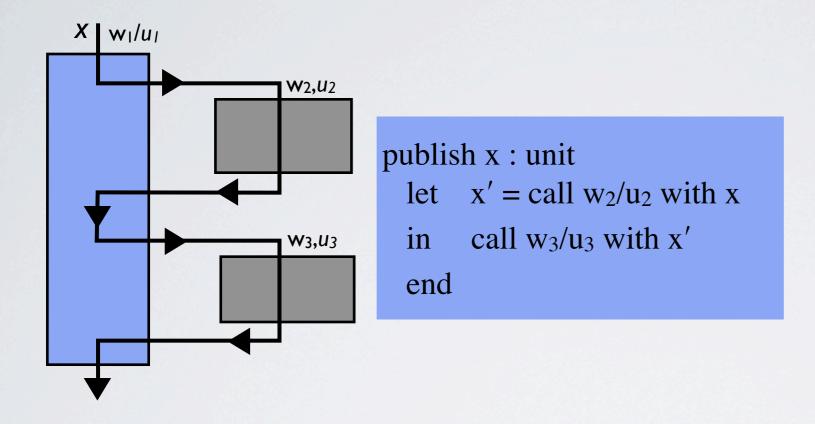
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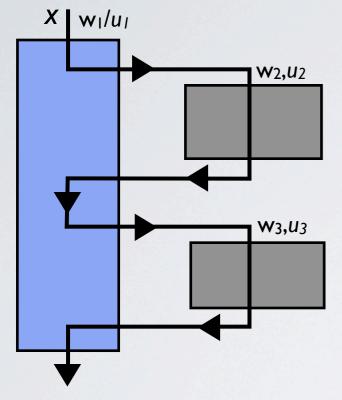
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# Sequential flow



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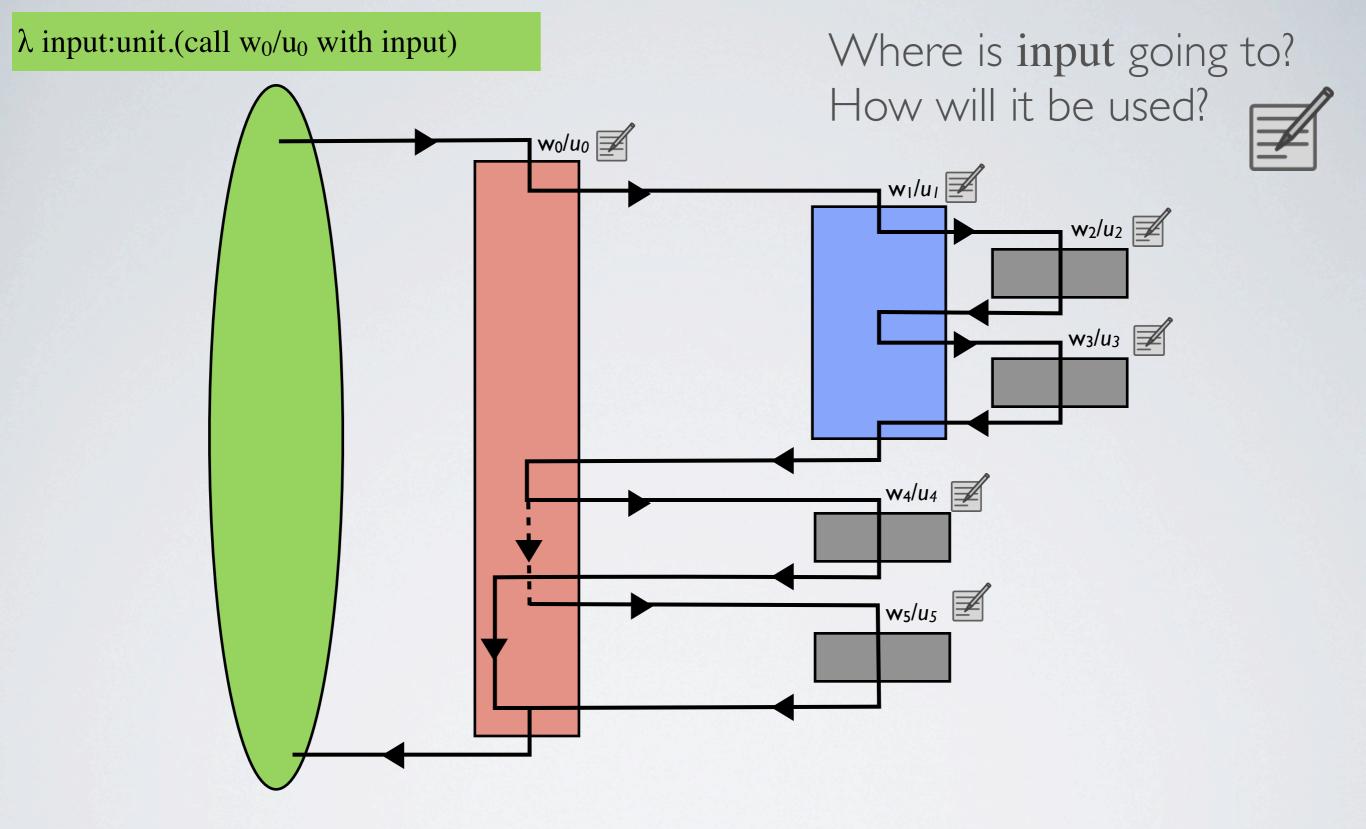
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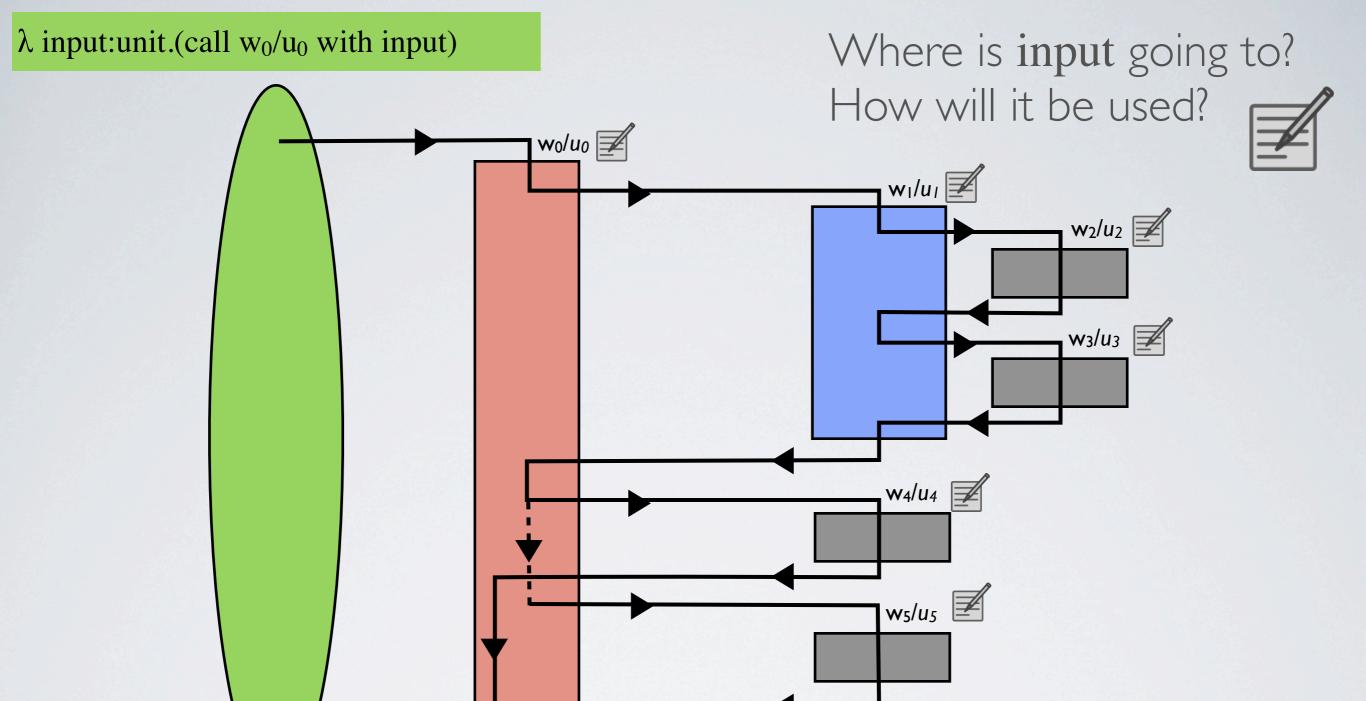
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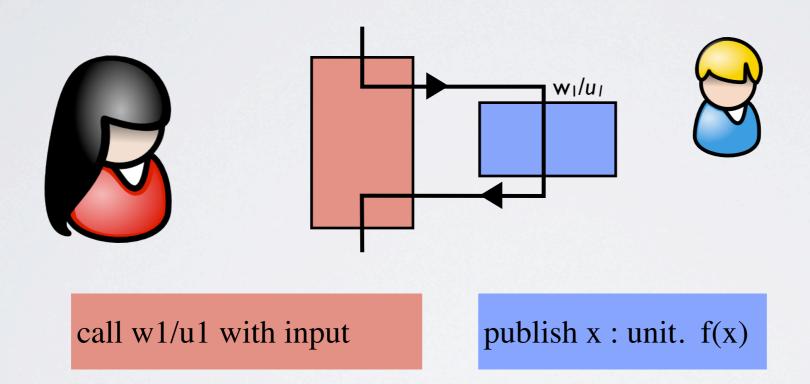
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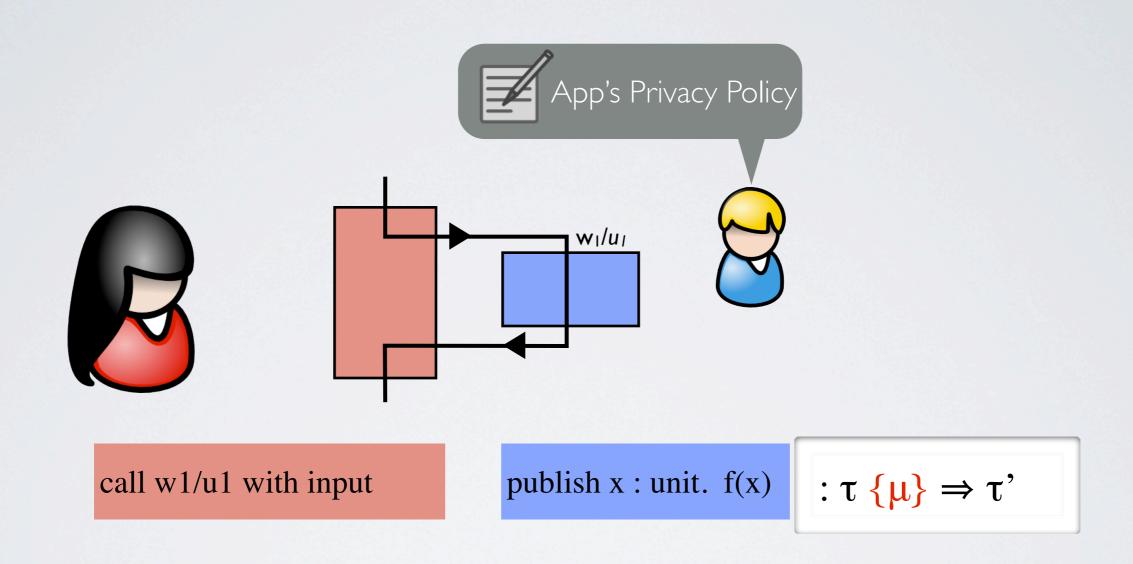


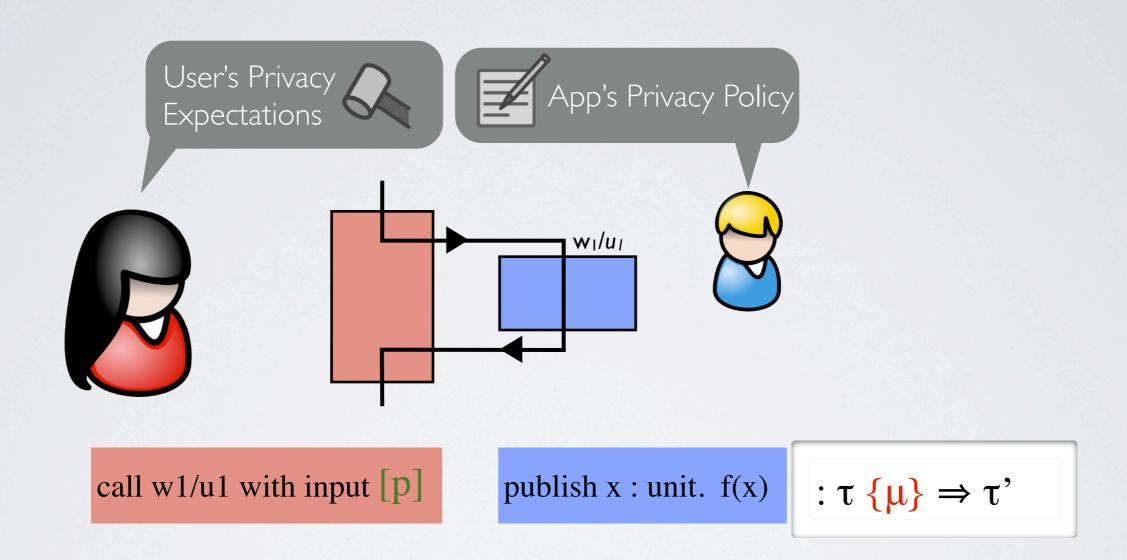
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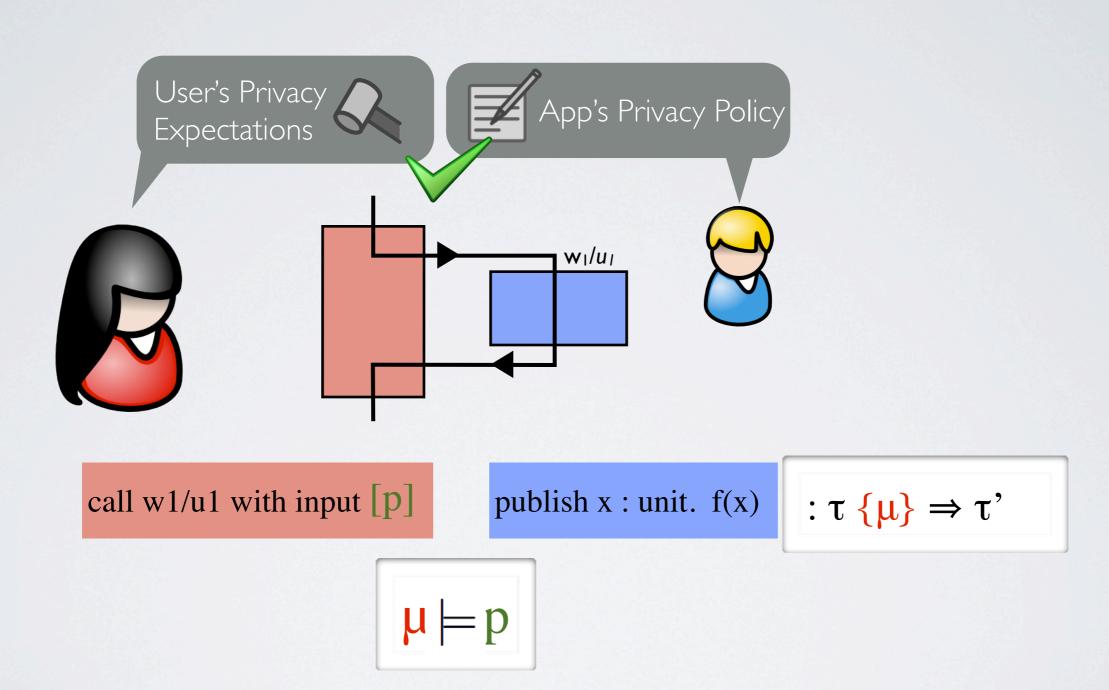
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 $w_0 > ((w_1 > (w_2; w_3)); (w_4 | w_5))$ 









## The policy language

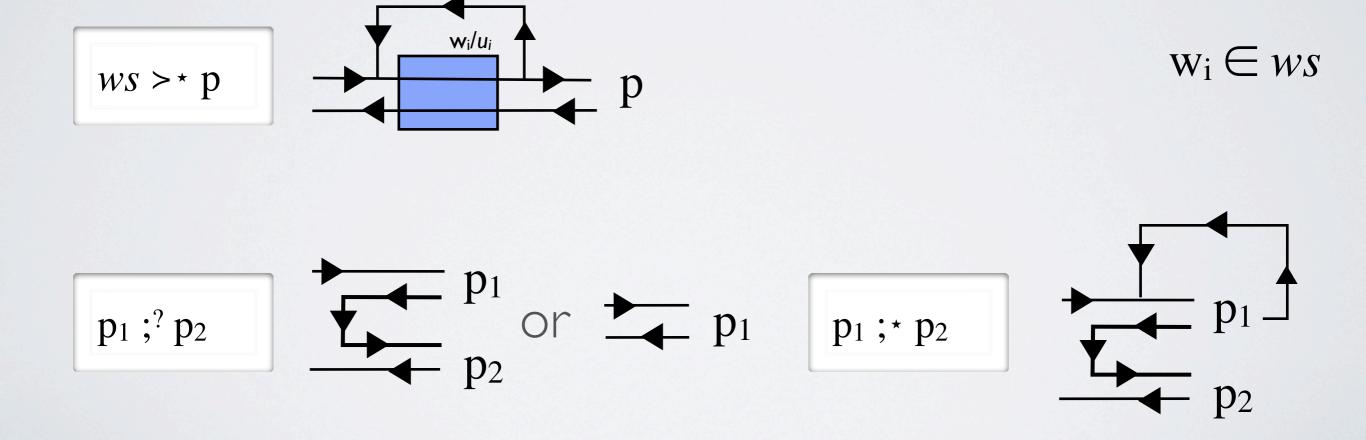
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Policies p = \top \mid \bot \mid \neg p \mid p_1 \land p_2 \mid p_1 \lor p_2 \mid \bullet \mid w > p \mid p_1 ; p_2
```

#### Policy Evaluation

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(1) \mu \models \top \qquad (5) \bullet \models \bullet
(2) \mu \models \neg \rho \quad \text{if } \mu \not\models \rho \qquad (6) \mathsf{w} \succ \mu \models \mathsf{w} \succ \rho \quad \text{if } \mu \models \rho
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(4) \mu \models \rho \lor \rho' \quad \text{if } \mu \models \rho \text{ or } \mu \models \rho' \qquad (8) \mu \parallel \mu' \models \rho \qquad \text{if } \mu \models \rho \text{ and } \mu' \models \rho
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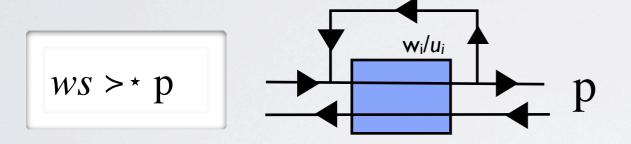
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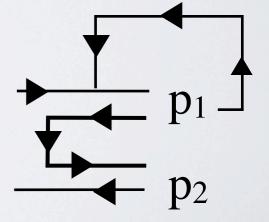


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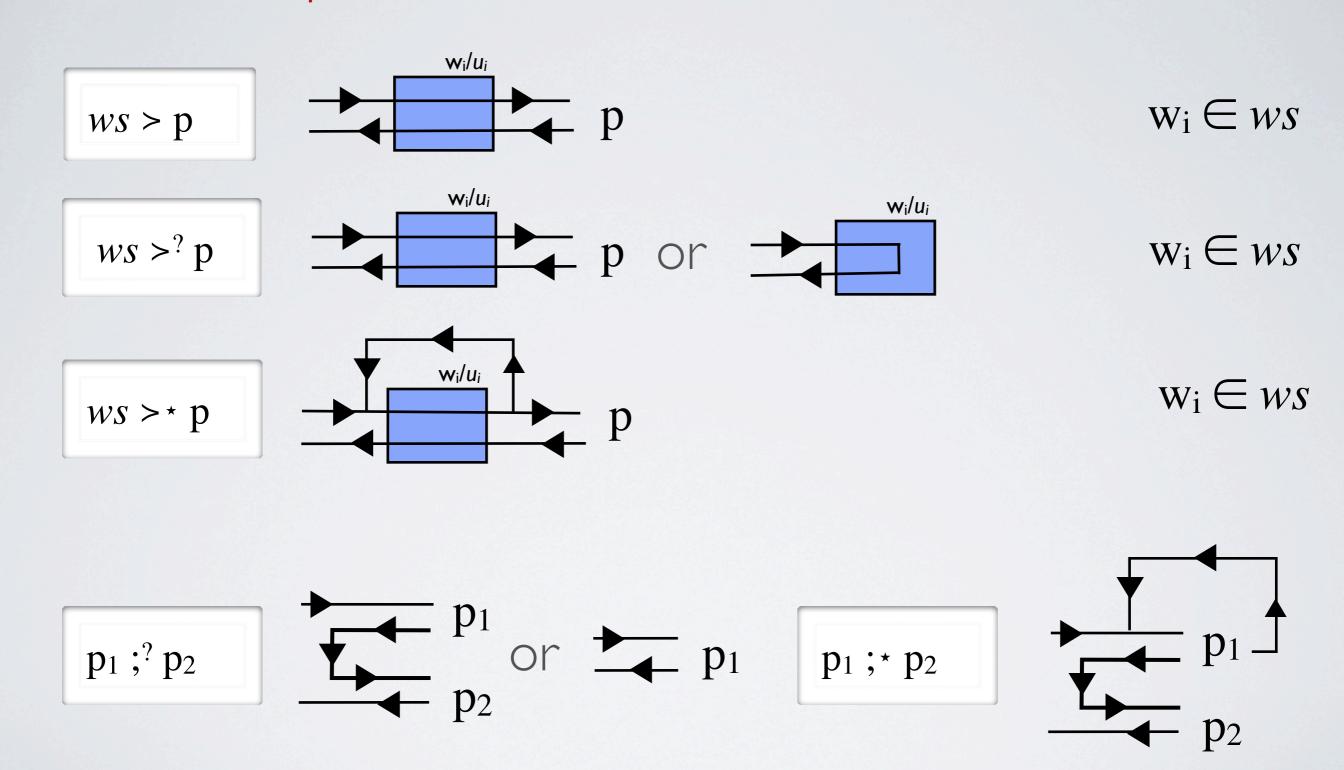


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### Policy examples

Alice trusts  $w_1$  calling any services as needed, and  $w_0$  may send the result coming from  $w_1$  to  $w_4$  and/or  $w_5$  if needed

$$w_0 > ((w_1 > ((w_2 > T); T)); \{w_4, w_5\})$$

Alice trusts w<sub>0</sub>, w<sub>1</sub>, w<sub>2</sub>, w<sub>3</sub>, w<sub>4</sub> and w<sub>5</sub> only

$$(\{w_0, w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5\} > \star \bot); \star \bot$$

Alice trusts trusts any node except w6

$$\overline{\overline{\mathbf{w}_6}} = (\overline{\mathbf{w}_6}) > \star \bot) ; \star \bot$$

## Chinese Wall security policy

As the value is sent to w<sub>4</sub> any nested service call or further composition should not involve w<sub>5</sub> and vice versa

$$p_{4} = (w_{4} > \{\overline{w_{5}}\}); ? \{\overline{w_{5}}\}$$

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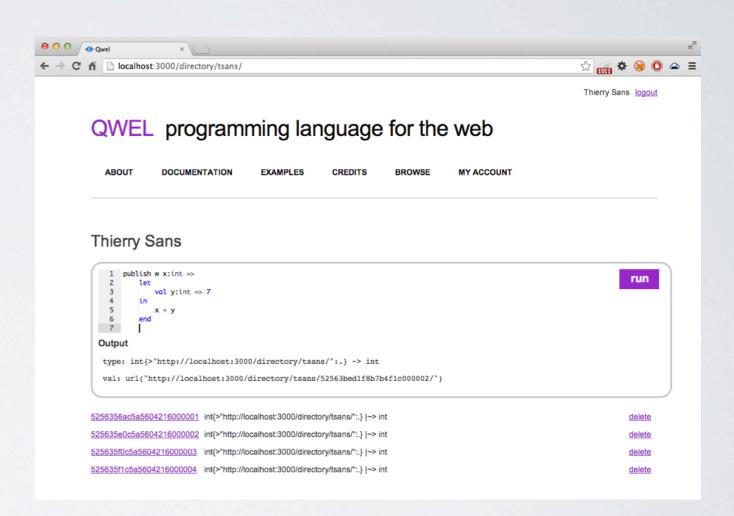
$$p = \{\overline{w_{4}, w_{5}}\} \lor ((\{\overline{w_{4}, w_{5}}\} > \star p_{4}); \star \{\overline{w_{5}}\})$$

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### The Qwel prototype

#### A web application

- Qwel interpreter written in Javascript (browser/server)
- Remote procedure calls are HTTP requests
- Services are stored locally in a MongoDB database



### Conclusion

- · Qwel a type-safe language for web programming
- Types annotated with flow inferred statically
- Policy language to constraint flows

#### Future work

- Extend the data flow model to discriminate between services from the same domain
- Support higher-order functions by dealing with hypothetical flow (polymorphic flow types)
- Extend the data flow model with support for mobile code (javascript code)
- Prove that executing the code generate a trace that matches the data flow predicted statically

## Thank You



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We need account for hypothetical flow with higher-order functions

→ Polymorphic flow types

#### Related Work

### Dependencies between program building blocks

- History-based type systems Abadi and al [1]
- Data Flow Graph Ferrante and al [12]
- → In Qwel, services can be created dynamically as opposed to having static libraries

### Acceptable composition of shared resources

- Algebra and logic for access control Pym and al [4, 5]
- → Qwel outlines the specific context of web programming

#### Related Work

Verifying policy constraints statically

- Fable Swamy and al [16]
- Jif Myers and al [17]
- → Similar idea explored with Qwel but not based on labeling

#### Data flow vs non-interference

#### In non-interference models

- · flow is controlled by the mean of type labels and a lattice
- but no explicit data flow representation

We want to understand better how they are related

- Are these two approaches orthogonal?
- Can we used them in conjunction to provide a robust security model?