Shared Channels *etc.*

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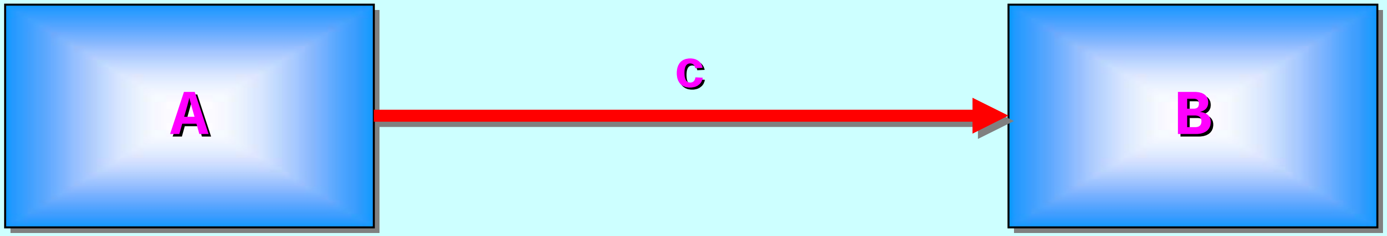
Unshared Channel-Ends

So far, all channels have been strictly *point-to-point* …



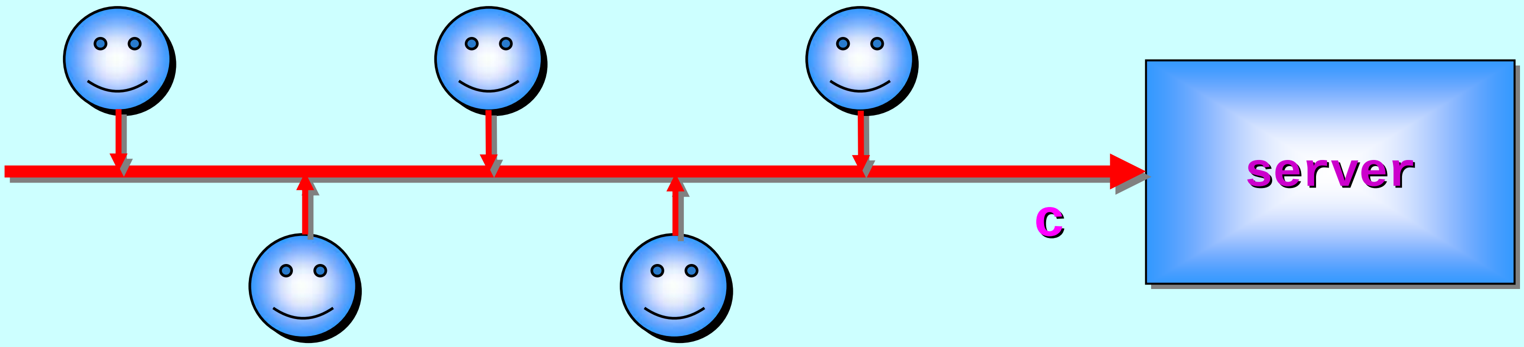
Only *one* process may output to it …

And only *one* process may input from it …

clean and simple

Shared Channel-Ends *(Writers)*

Here is a channel whose *writing-end* is **SHARED** …



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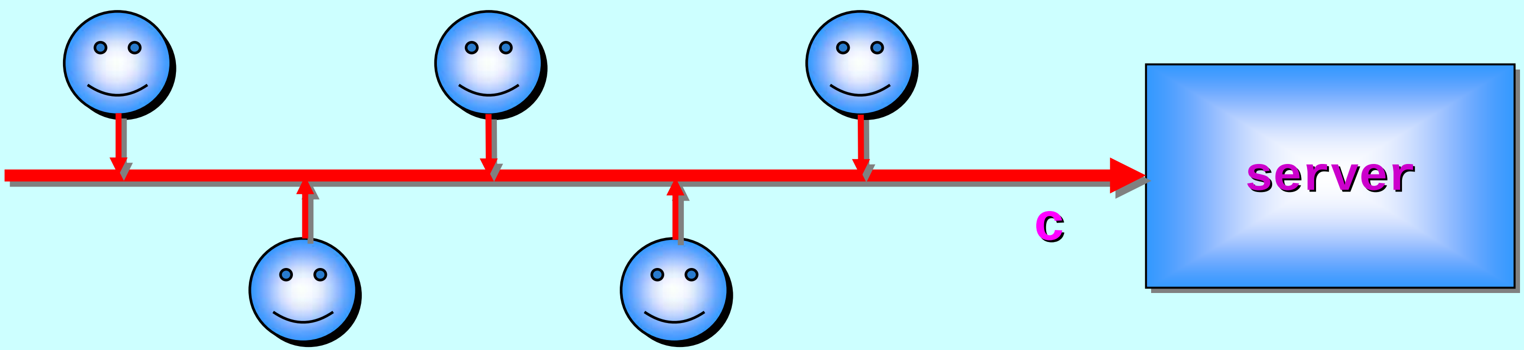
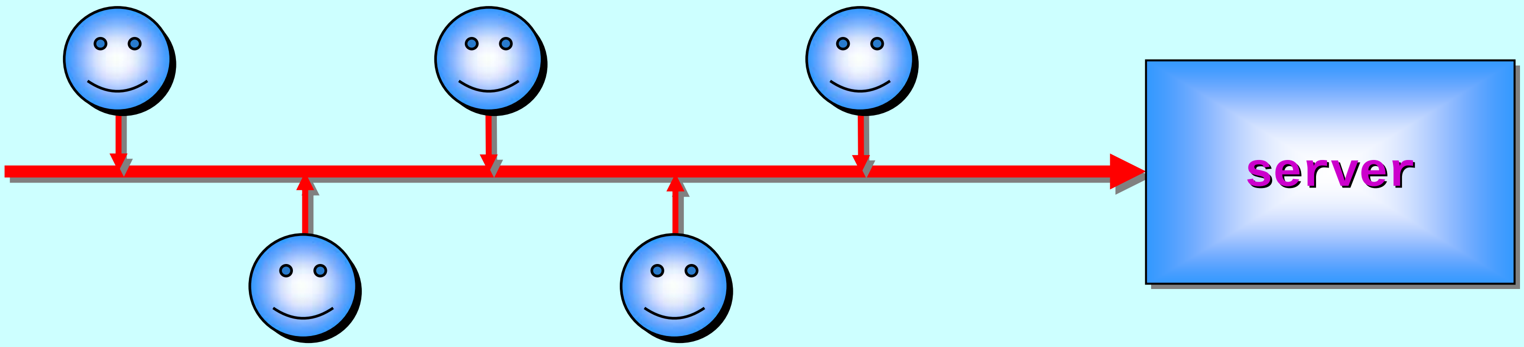



```
SHARED ! CHAN MY.PROTOCOL c:
PAR
  PAR i = 0 FOR n
    smiley (c!)
  server (c?)
```

This allows the writing end to be **SHARED**.

Shared Channel-Ends (*Writers*)

The process at the *reading-end* sees a normal channel …




```
PROC server (CHAN MY.PROTOCOL in?)
  ...  normal coding
:
```

server is unaware that the other end of its input channel is **SHARED**.

server does not care which process sends it messages.

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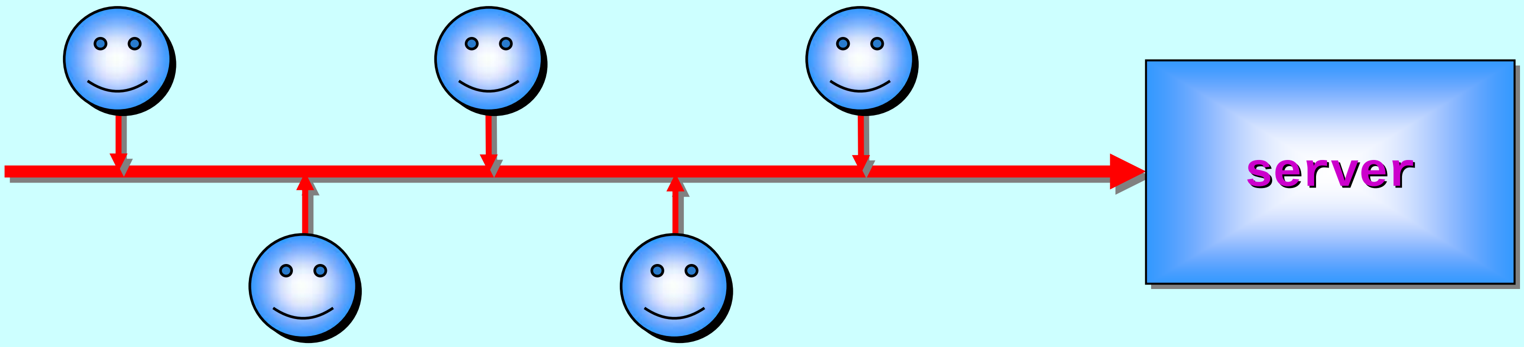
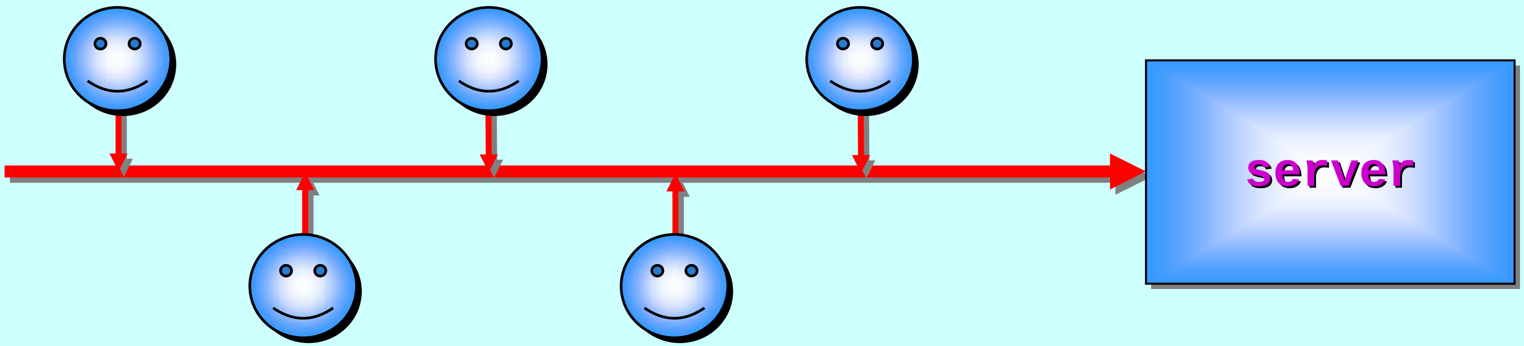



```
PROC smiley (SHARED CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out!)
  ...  smiley code body
:
```

smiley is aware that its end
of the channel is **SHARED**.

Shared Channel-Ends (*Writers*)

A **SHARED** channel must be *claimed* before it can be used …




```
PROC smiley (SHARED CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out!)
  SEQ
    ...  stuff
    CLAIM out!
      ...  write to the 'out!' channel
    ...  more stuff
:
```

Cannot use **'out!'** here
(unless similarly claimed)

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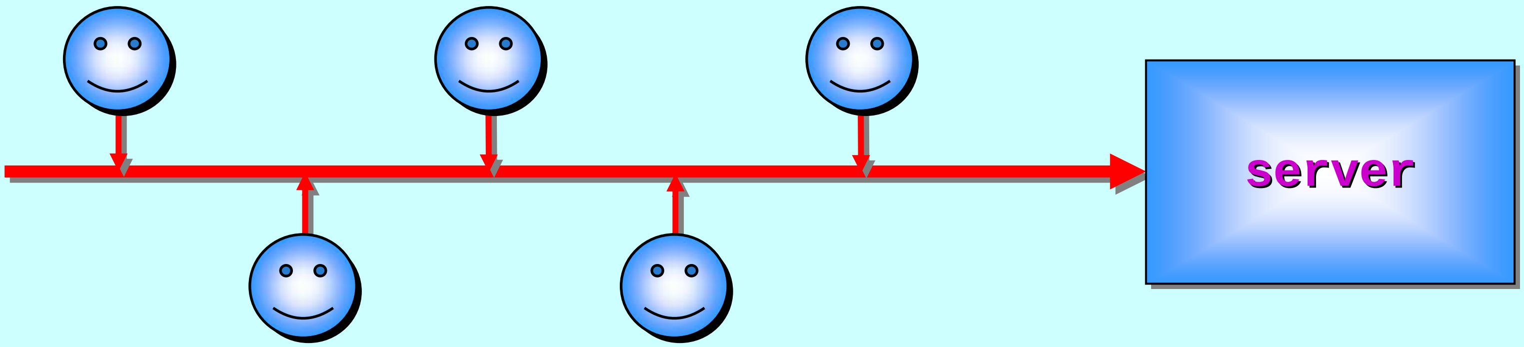


```
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    ...  stuff
    CLAIM out!
      ...  write to the ‘out!’ channel
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:
```

This process waits here
… until it’s its turn …

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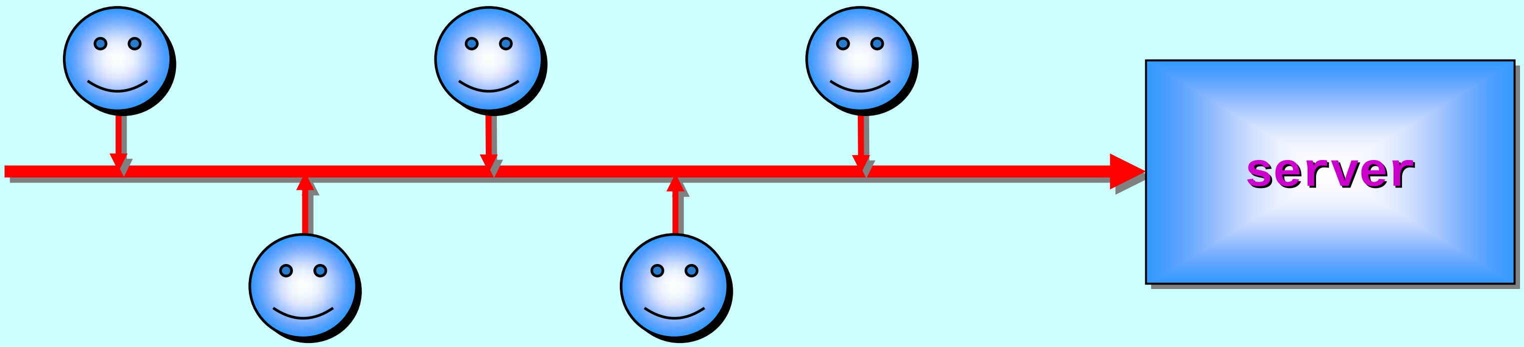


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```

as many times as you like …

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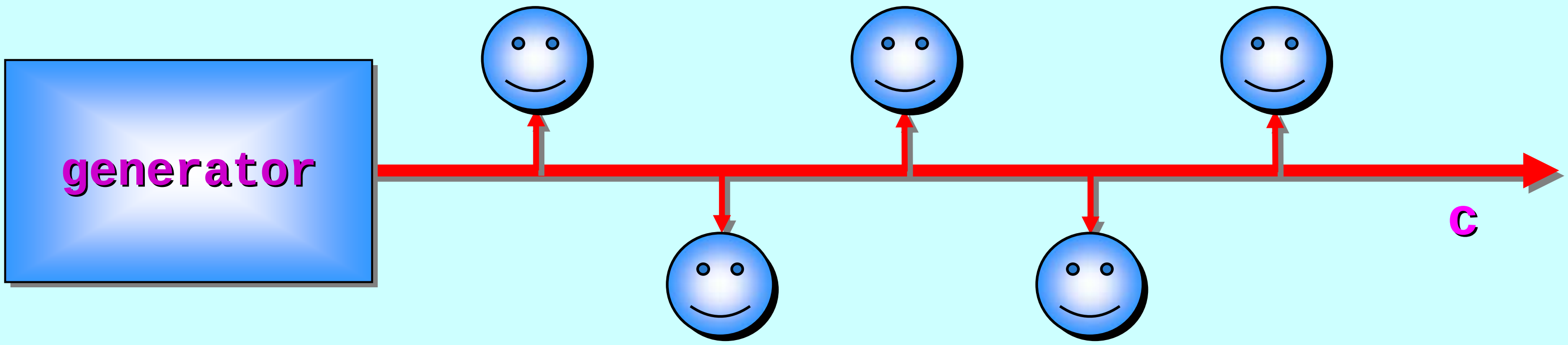

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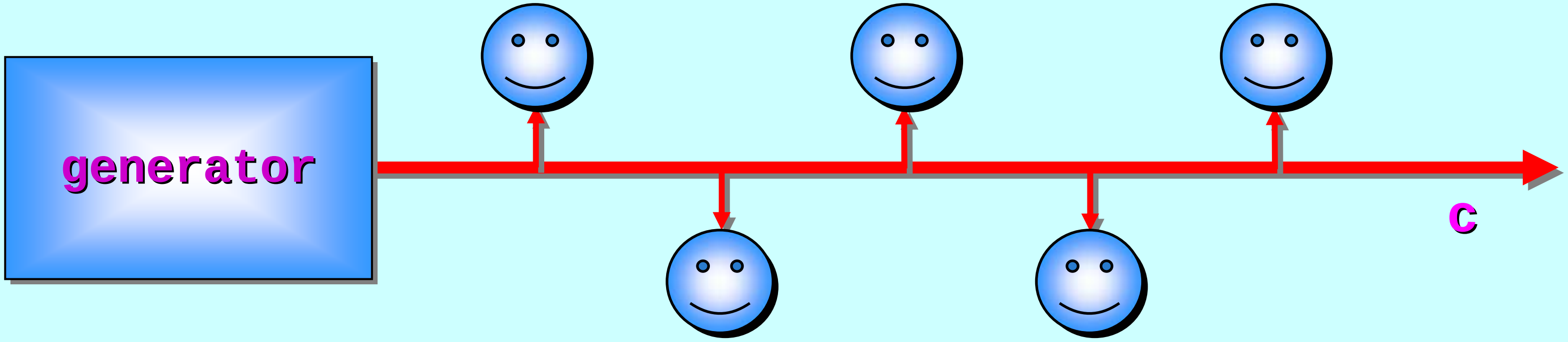


```
SHARED ? CHAN MY.PROTOCOL c:
PAR
  PAR i = 0 FOR n
    smiley (c?)
  generator (c!)
```

This allows the reading end to be **SHARED**.

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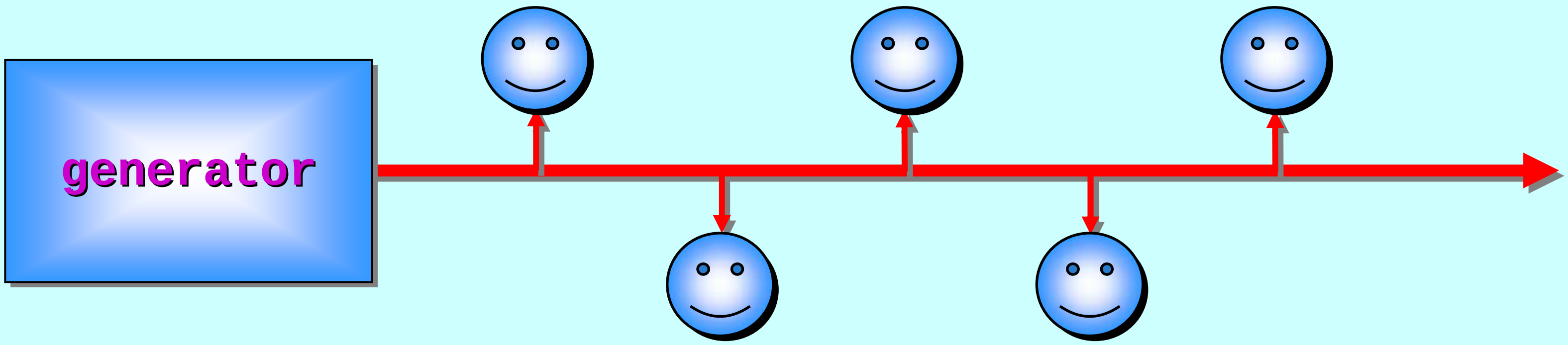
The process at the *writing-end* sees a normal channel …



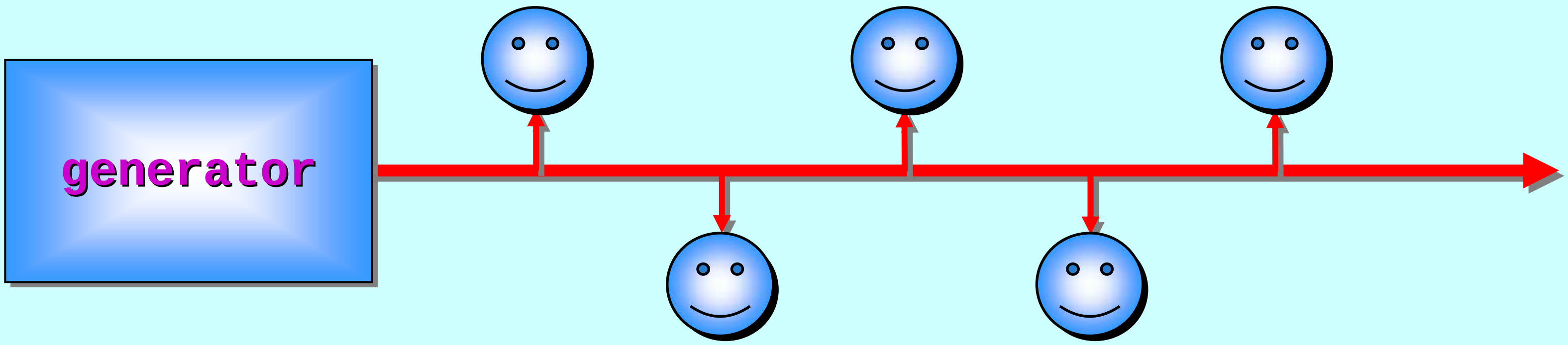

```
PROC generator (CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out!)
  ...  normal coding
:
```

generator is unaware that the other end of its output channel is **SHARED**.

generator does not care which process takes its messages.

Shared Channel-Ends (*Readers*)

The process at the *reading-end* sees a **SHARED** channel …




```
PROC smiley (SHARED CHAN MY.PROTOCOL in?)
  ...  smiley code body
:
```

smiley is aware that its end of the channel is **SHARED**.

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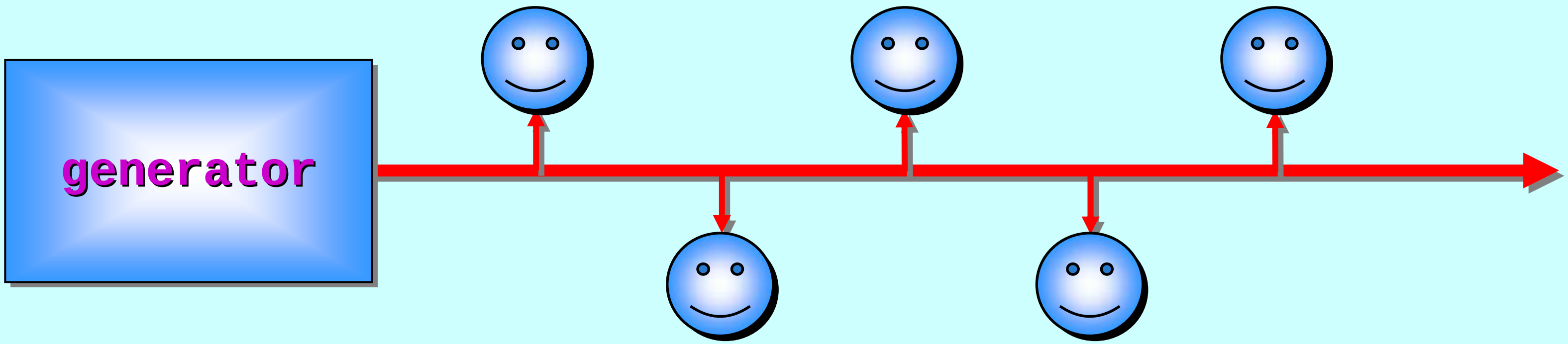


```
PROC smiley (SHARED CHAN MY.PROTOCOL in?)
  SEQ
    ...  stuff
    CLAIM in?
      ...  read from the 'in?' channel
    ...  more stuff
:
```

Cannot use **'in?'** here
(unless similarly claimed)

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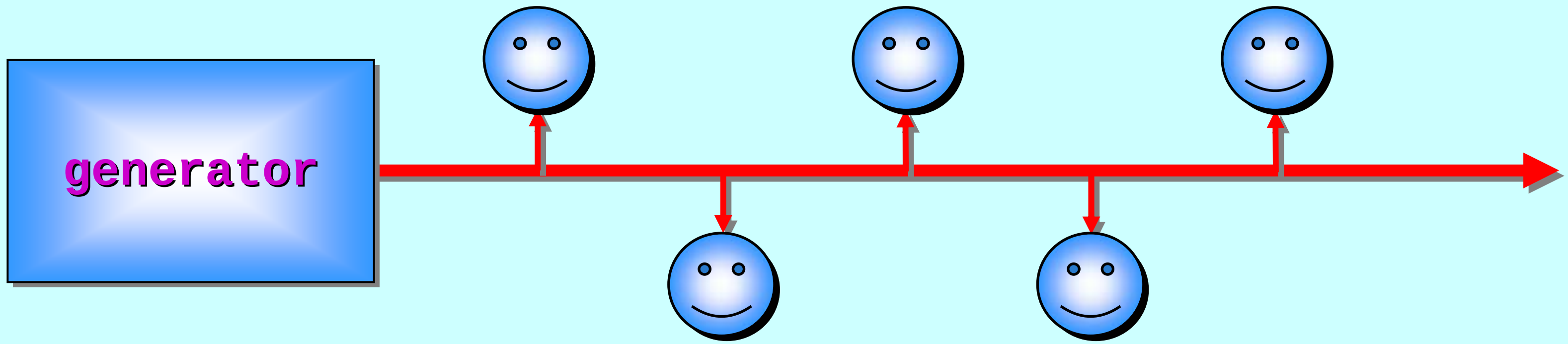


```
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  SEQ
    ...  stuff
    CLAIM in?
      ...  read from the 'in?' channel
    ...  more stuff
:
```

This process waits here
… until it's its turn …

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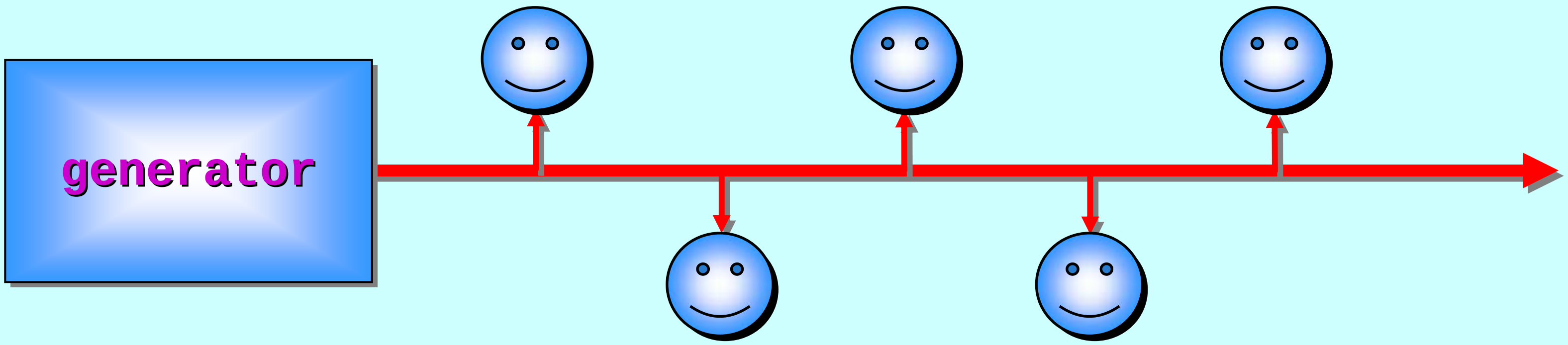
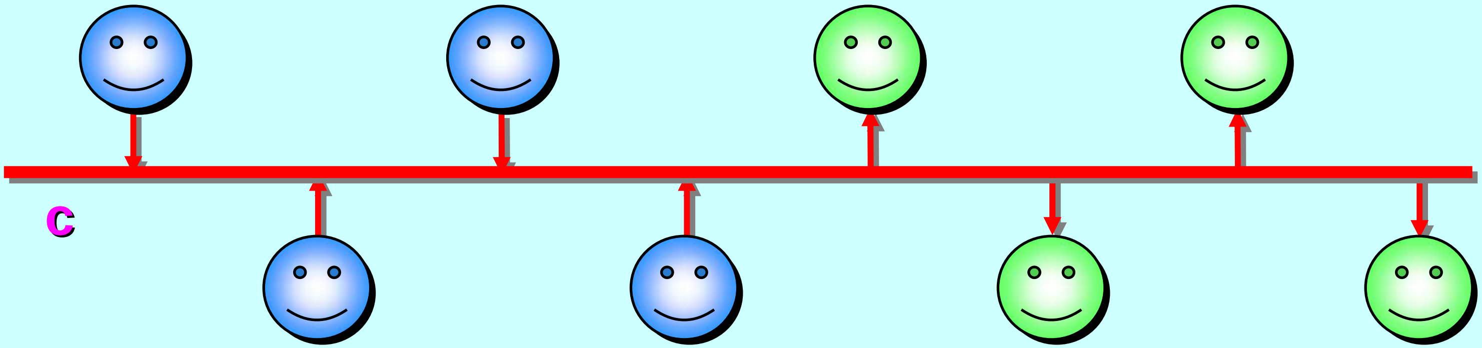



```
PROC smiley (SHARED CHAN MY.PROTOCOL in?)
  SEQ
    ...  stuff
    CLAIM in?
      ...  read from the 'in?' channel
    ...  more stuff
:
```

as many times as you like …

Shared Channel-Ends (*Both*)

Here is a channel both of whose ends are **SHARED** …



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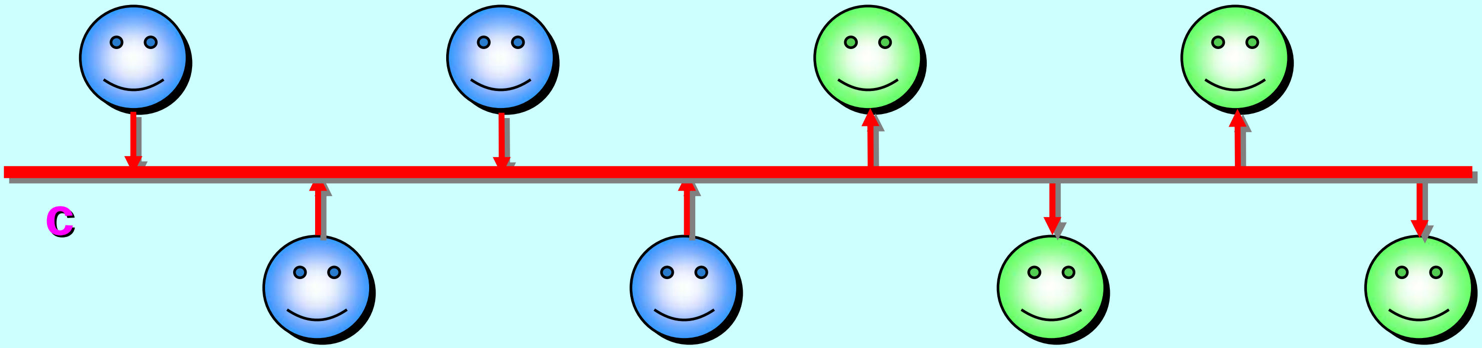


```
SHARED CHAN MY.PROTOCOL c:
PAR
  PAR i = 0 FOR n
    blue.smiley (c!)
  PAR i = 0 FOR m
    green.smiley (c?)
```

This allows both ends to be **SHARED**.

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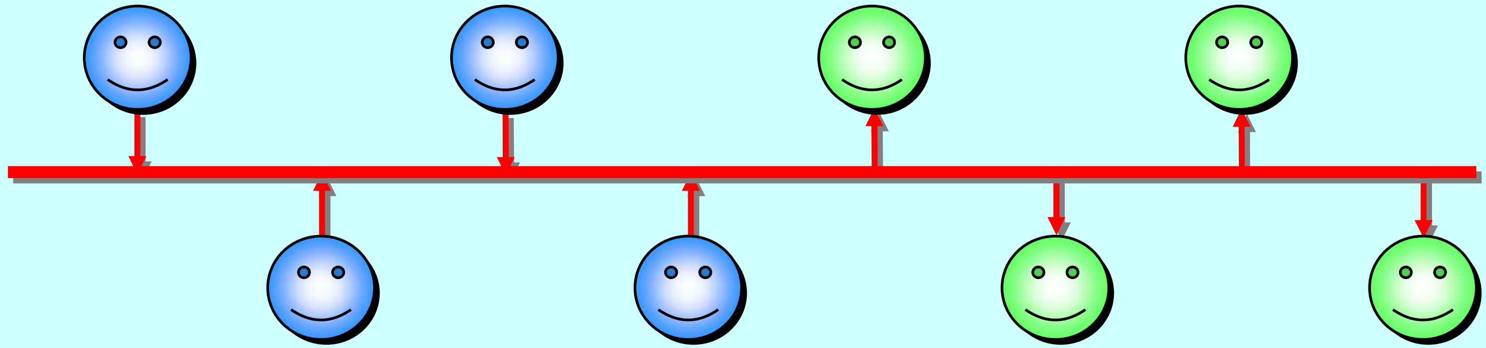
Shared Channel-Ends (*Both*)

The processes at the *writing-end* see a **SHARED** channel …



```
PROC blue.smiley (SHARED CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out!)
  ...  blue.smiley code body
:
```

blue.smiley is aware that its end of the channel is **SHARED**.

blue.smiley will have to **CLAIM** its '**out!**' channel to be able to use it.

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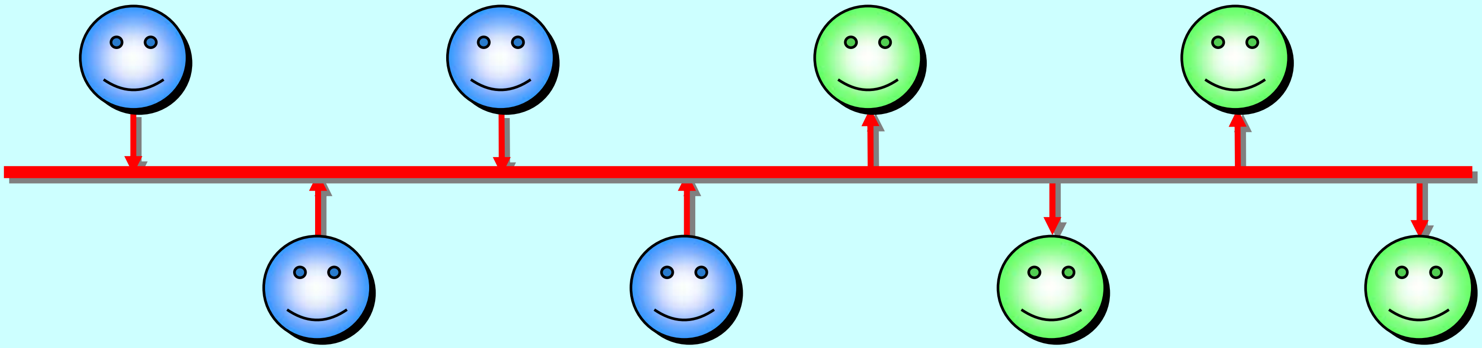

```
PROC blue.smiley (SHARED CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out!)
  ...  blue.smiley code body
:
```

blue.smiley is unaware of the *sharing* status at the other end.

blue.smiley must not care which process takes its messages.

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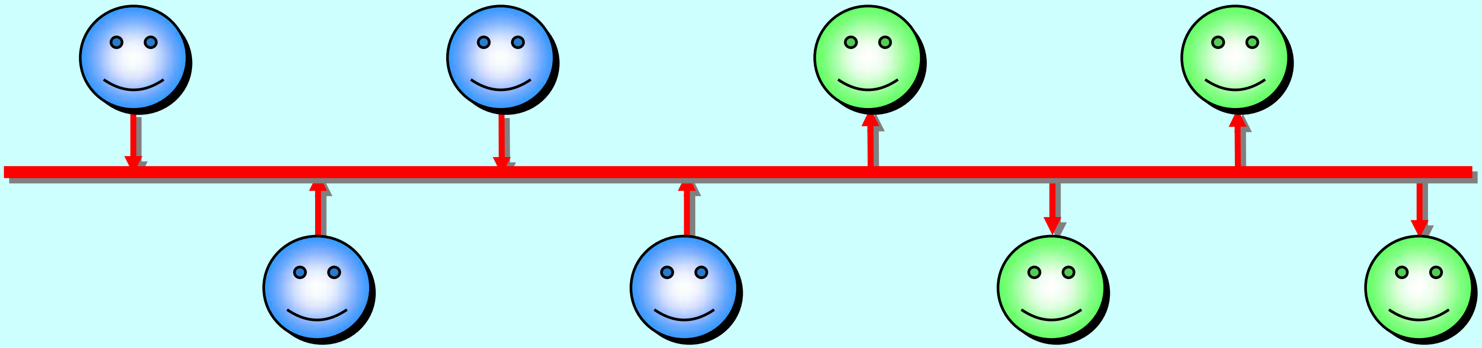
The processes at the *reading-end* see a **SHARED** channel …



```
PROC green.smiley (SHARED CHAN MY.PROTOCOL in?)
  ...  green.smiley code body
:
```

green.smiley is aware that its end of the channel is **SHARED**.

green.smiley will have to **CLAIM** its '**in?**' channel to be able to use it.

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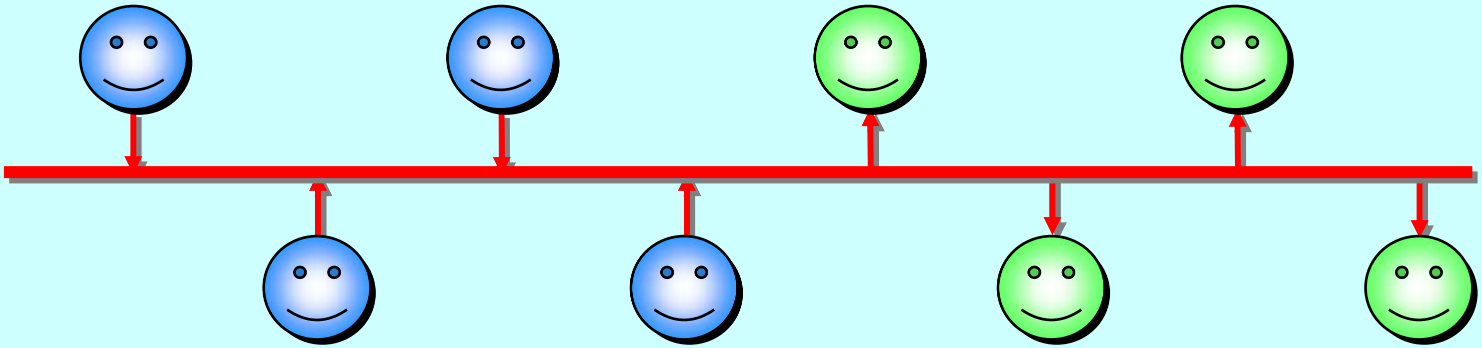

```
PROC green.smiley (SHARED CHAN MY.PROTOCOL in?)
  ...  green.smiley code body
:
```

green.smiley is unaware of the *sharing* status at the other end.

green.smiley must not care which process sends it messages.

Shared Channel-Ends (*Both*)

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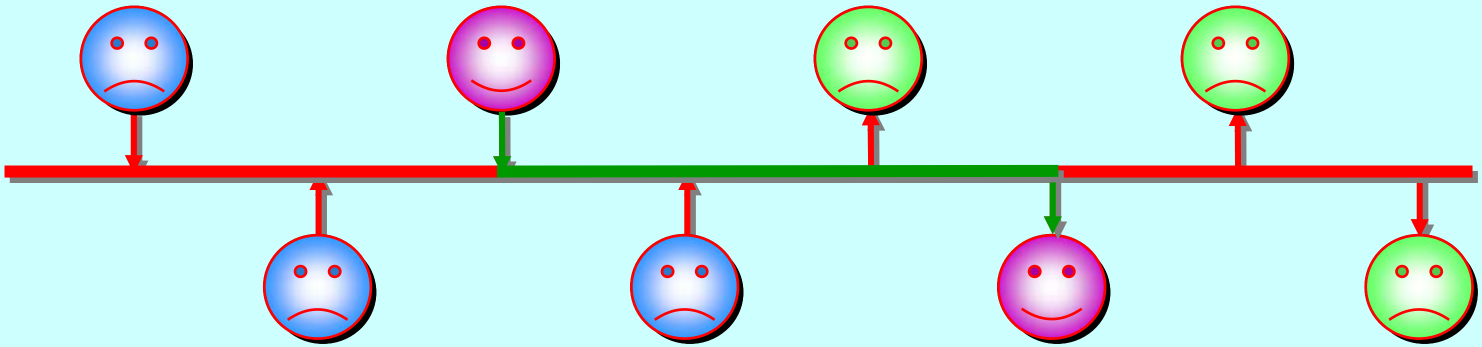

PROBLEM: once a *sender* and *receiver* process have made their claims, they can do business across the shared channel bundle. Whilst this is happening, all other *sender* and *receiver* processes are locked out from the communication resource.

SOLUTION: use the shared channel structure just to enable *senders* and *receivers* to find each other and pass between them a ***mobile*** private channel. Then, let go of the shared channel and transact business over the private connection.

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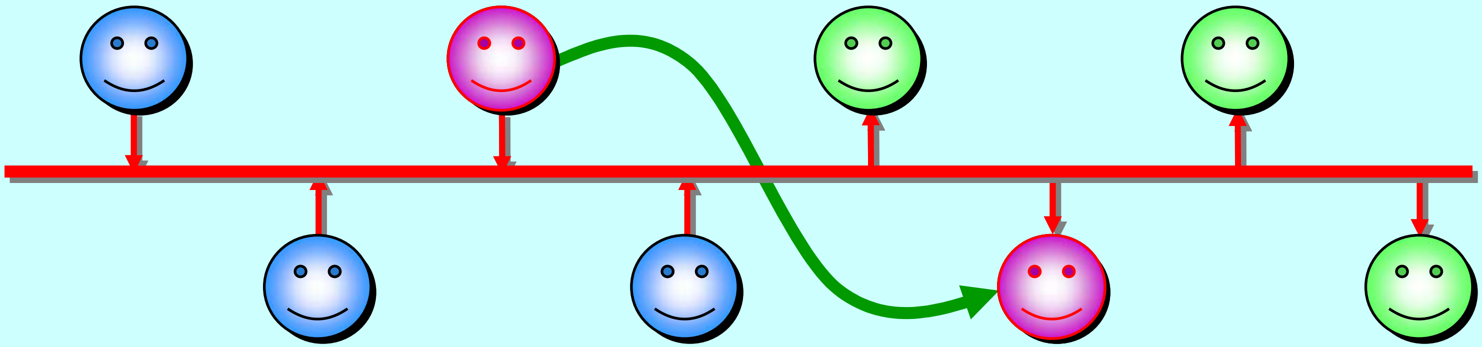

A *sending* process constructs both ends of an *unshared mobile* channel and *claims* the *writing-end* of the shared channel. When successful, it sends the *reading-end* of its *mobile* channel down the shared channel. This blocks until a *reading* process *claims* its end of the shared channel and inputs that *reading-end* of the *mobile*.

'Advanced' module …

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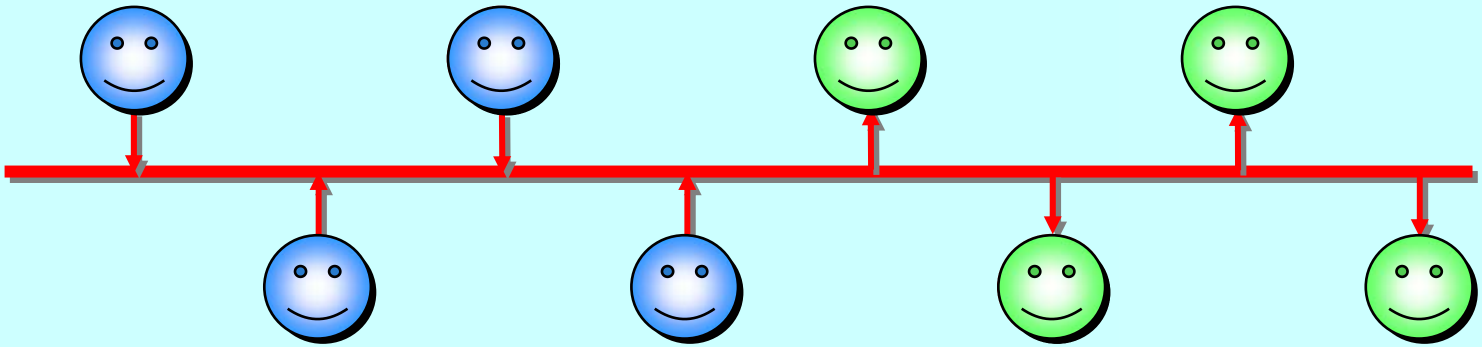

The *sending* and *reading* processes now exit their *claims* on the shared channel and conduct business over their private connection. Meanwhile, other *senders* and *readers* can use the shared channel similarly and find each other.

Once each *sending* and *reading* pair finish their business, there is a mechanism for the *reader* to return its *reading-end* of the *mobile* channel back to the *sender*, who may then reuse it to send to someone else.

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Protocol Inheritance *(Variant)*

A *variant* (or **CASE**) **PROTOCOL** can *extend* previously defined ones:

```
PROTOCOL A
  CASE
    red; INT; BYTE::[]BYTE
    green; BYTE; BYTE; INT
    poison
:
```

```
PROTOCOL B
  CASE
    blue; INT::[]REAL64
    poison
:
```

```
PROTOCOL C EXTENDS A, B:
```

Protocol Inheritance *(Variant)*

The extended protocol is a *merge* of the variants in the protocols it is inheriting.

```
PROTOCOL A
  CASE
    red; INT; BYTE::[]BYTE
    green; BYTE; BYTE; INT
    poison
:
```

```
PROTOCOL B
  CASE
    blue; INT::[]REAL64
    poison
:
```

```
PROTOCOL C EXTENDS A, B:
```

Protocol Inheritance *(Variant)*

Processes *sending* to parameter channels carrying the **A** or **B** protocols may be plugged into channels carrying **C**:

```
PROTOCOL A
  CASE
    red; INT; BYTE::[]BYTE
    green; BYTE; BYTE; INT
    poison
:
```

```
PROTOCOL B
  CASE
    blue; INT::[]REAL64
    poison
:
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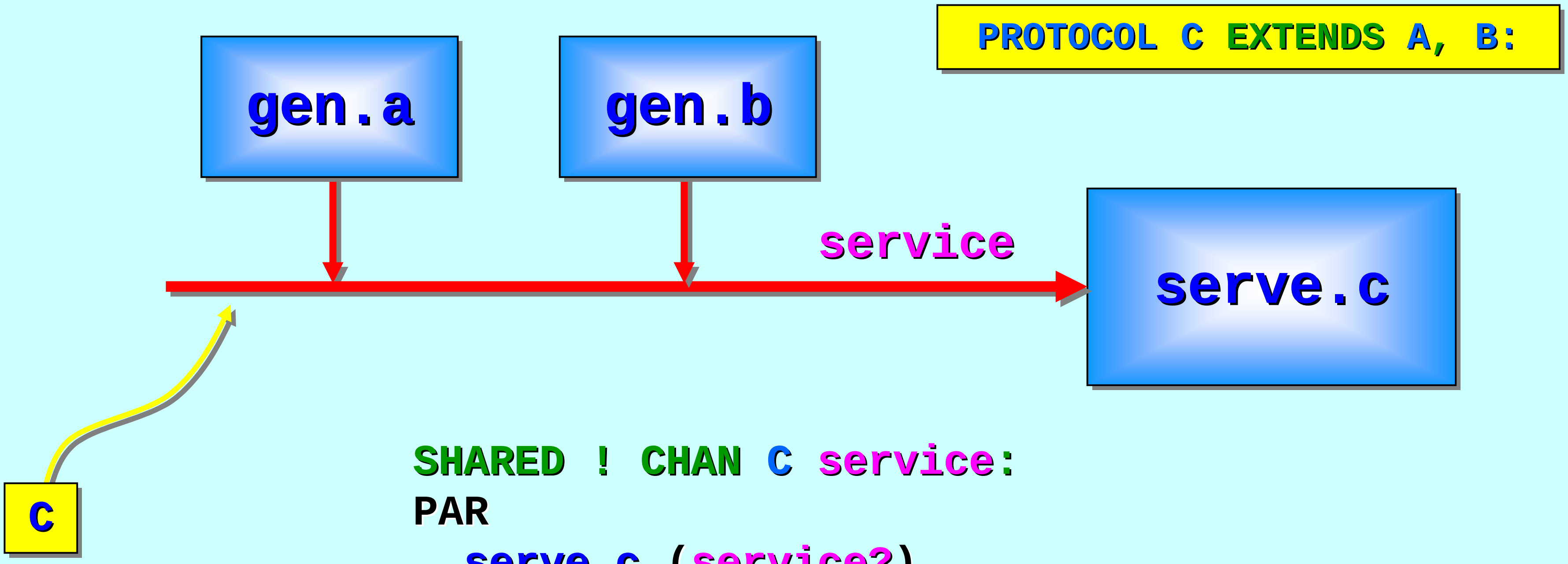


```
SHARED ! CHAN C service:
PAR
  serve.c (service?)
  gen.a (service!)
  gen.b (service!)
```

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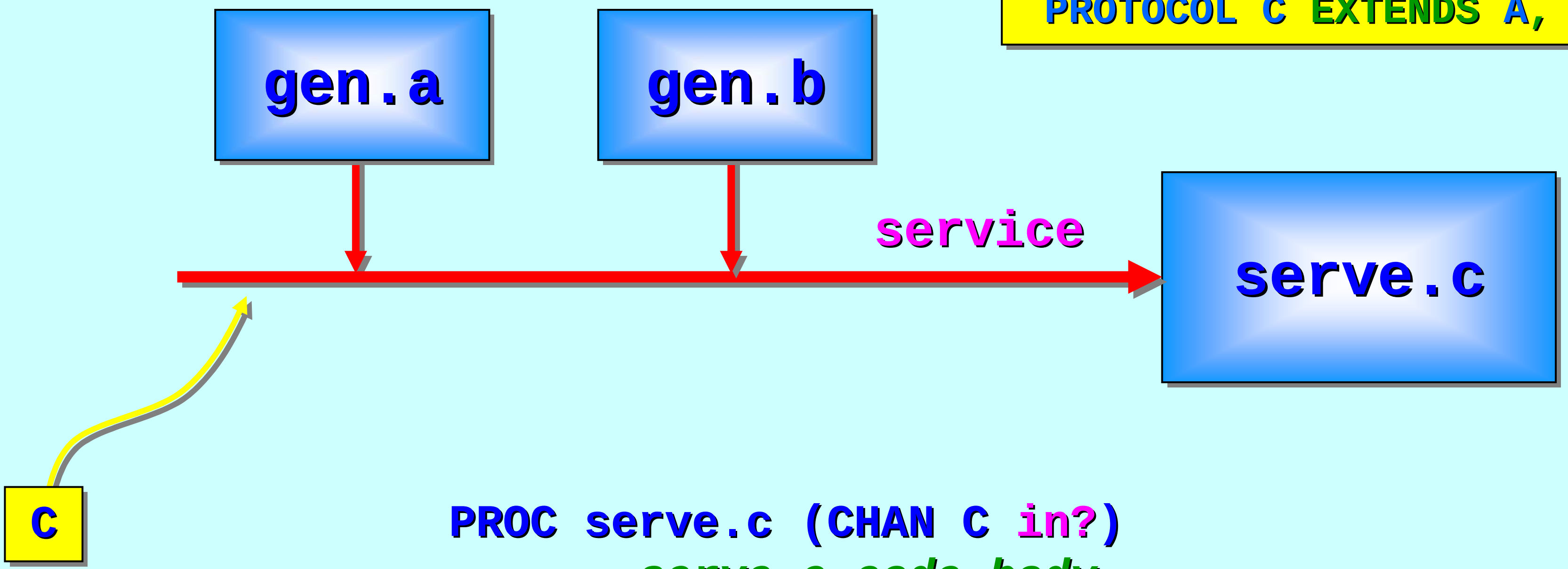


```
PROC serve.c (CHAN C in?)
  ...  serve.c code body
:
```


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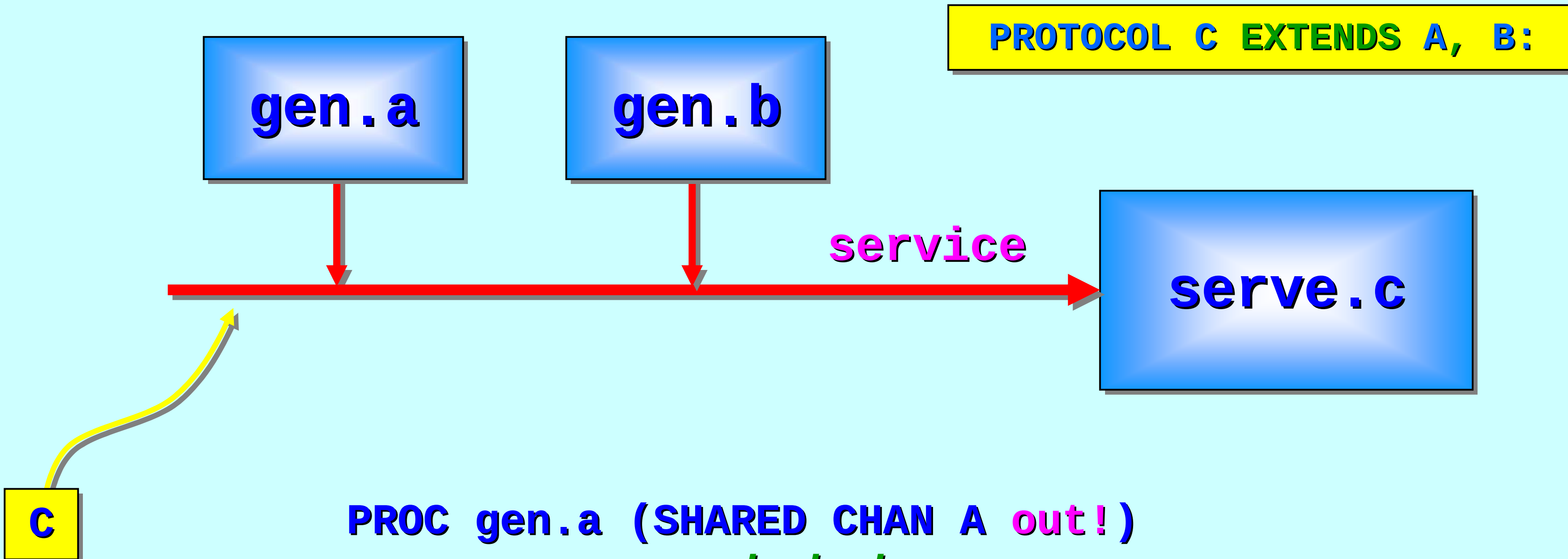


```
PROC gen.a (SHARED CHAN A out!)
  ...  gen.a code body
:
```

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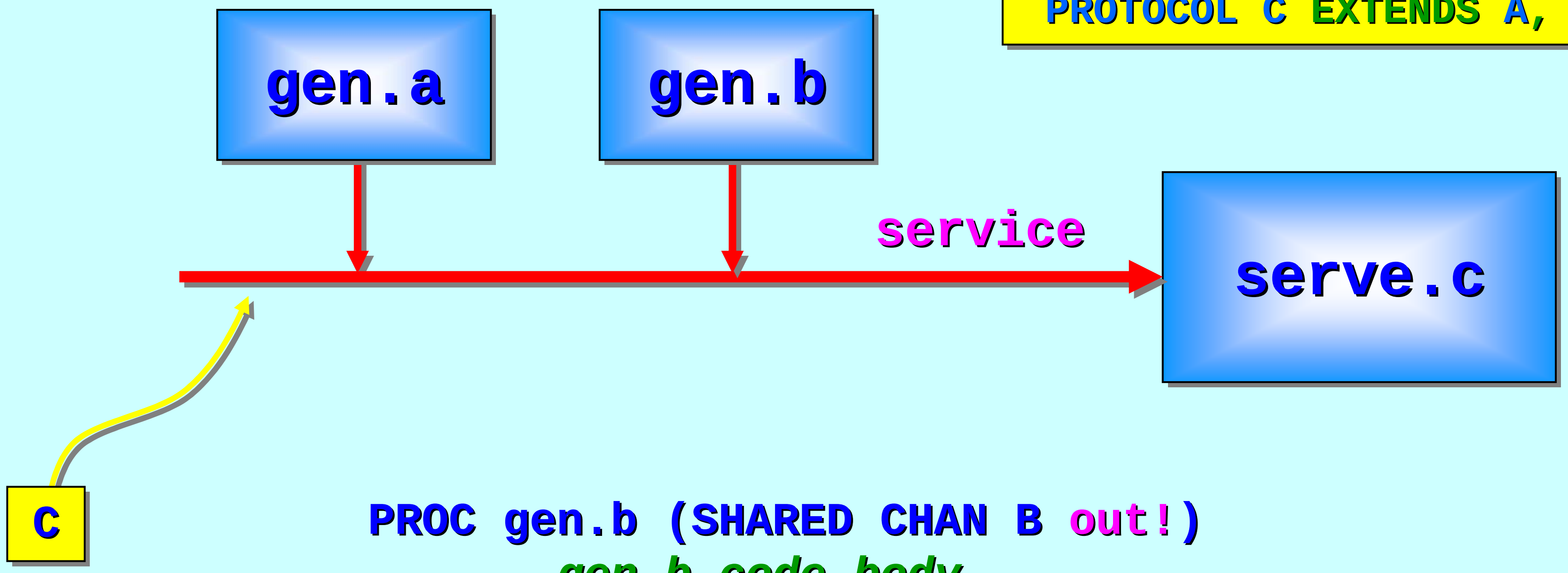


```
PROC gen.b (SHARED CHAN B out!)
  ...  gen.b code body
:
```

Protocol Inheritance *(Variant)*

Processes *receiving* from parameter channels carrying **C** may be plugged into channels delivering **A** or **B** :

```
PROTOCOL A
  CASE
    red; INT; BYTE::[]BYTE
    green; BYTE; BYTE; INT
    poison
:
```

```
PROTOCOL B
  CASE
    blue; INT::[]REAL64
    poison
:
```

```
PROTOCOL C EXTENDS A, B:
```

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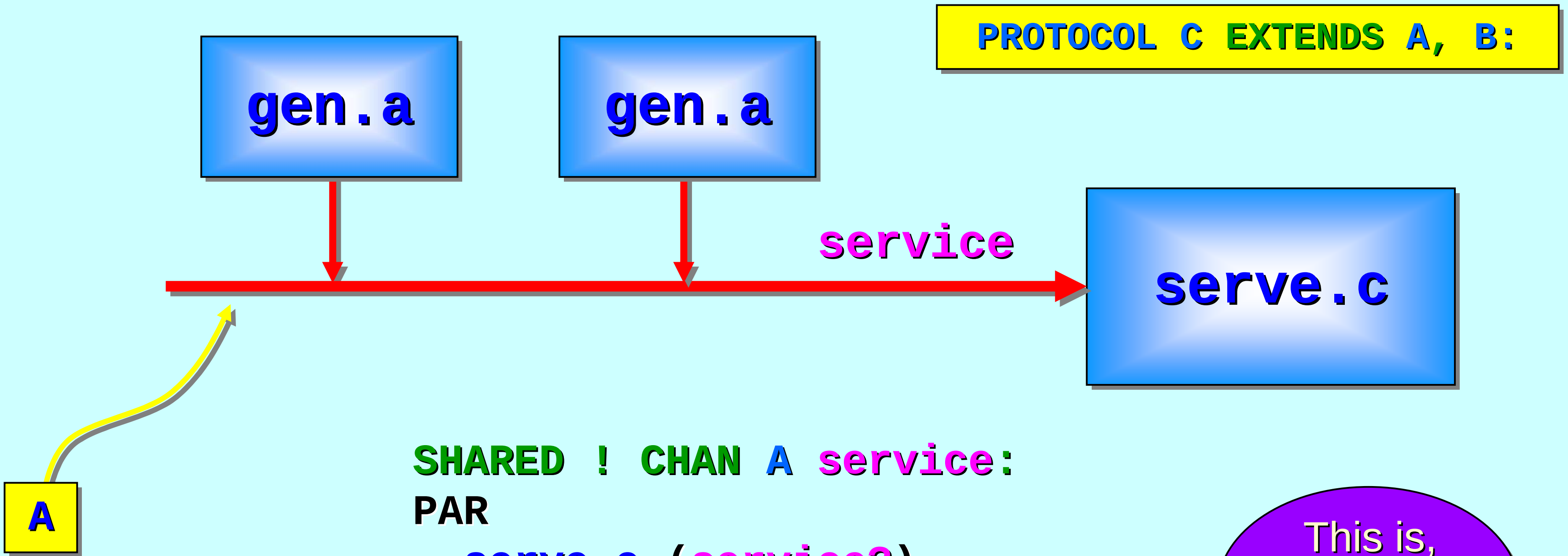


```
SHARED ! CHAN A service:
PAR
  serve.c (service?)
  gen.a (service!)
  gen.a (service!)
```

This is, perhaps, not so useful.

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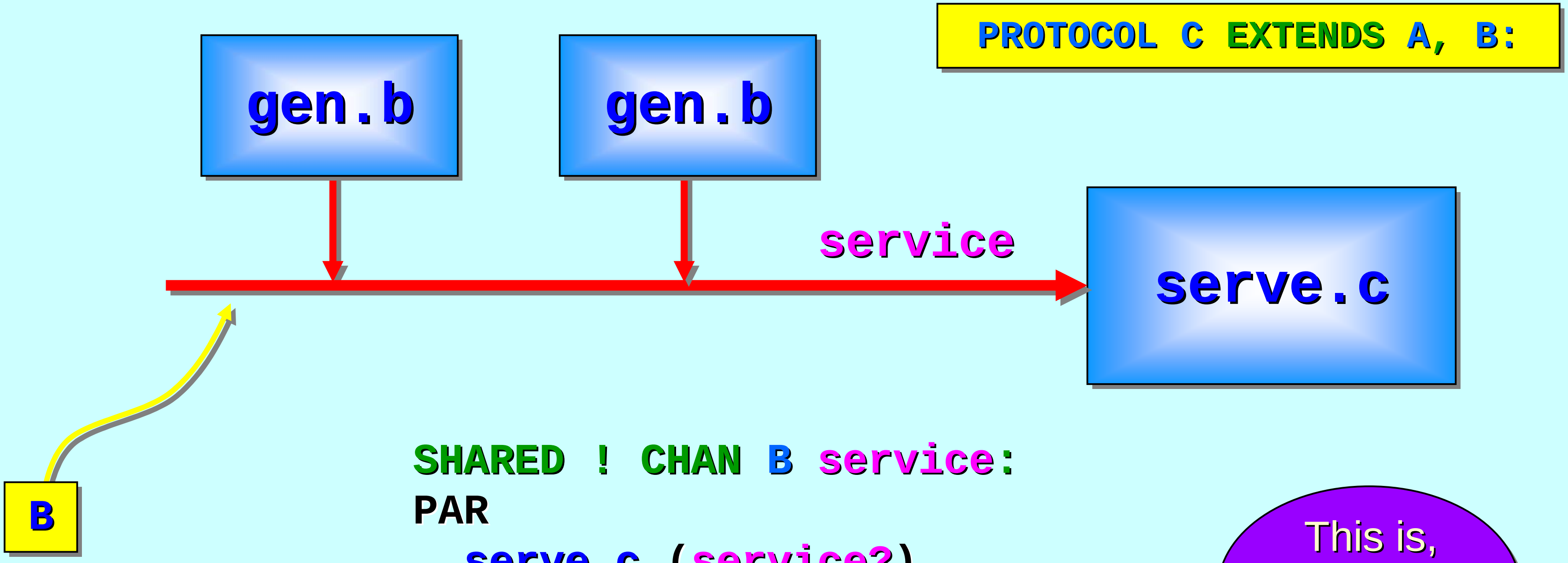


```
SHARED ! CHAN B service:
PAR
  serve.c (service?)
  gen.b (service!)
  gen.b (service!)
```

This is, perhaps, not so useful.

Protocol Inheritance *(Variant)*

The extended protocol carries a *merge* of the variants in the protocols it is inheriting.

```
PROTOCOL A
  CASE
    red; INT; BYTE::[]BYTE
    green; BYTE; BYTE; INT
    poison
:
```

```
PROTOCOL B
  CASE
    blue; INT::[]REAL64
    poison
:
```

```
PROTOCOL C EXTENDS A, B:
```


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Protocol Inheritance *(Variant)*

The extended protocol carries a *merge* of the variants in the protocols it is inheriting. **C** is *similar* to:

```
PROTOCOL C2
  CASE
    red; INT; BYTE::[]BYTE
    green; BYTE; BYTE; INT
    blue; INT::[]REAL64
    poison
:
```

But **C2** is *not* the same as **C** … its messages have the same structure as those in **A** or **B**, but **C2** is *not* a *formal extension* of them. A channel carrying the **C2** protocol could *not* be used by processes sending to **A** or **B** channels.

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Protocol Inheritance *(Variant)*

Rule: protocols being extended together *either* have no *tag* names in common *or* the structures associated with common *tags* must be identical:

```
PROTOCOL A
  CASE
    red; INT; BYTE::[]BYTE
    green; BYTE; BYTE; INT
    poison
:
```

```
PROTOCOL B
  CASE
    blue; INT::[]REAL64
    poison
:
```

```
PROTOCOL C EXTENDS A, B:
```

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C will compile: compatible variants (***poison***) from **A** and **B**

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Protocol Inheritance *(Variant)*

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```
PROTOCOL AX
  CASE
    red; INT; BYTE::[]BYTE
    green; BYTE; BYTE; INT
    poison; INT
:
```

```
PROTOCOL BX
  CASE
    blue; INT::[]REAL64
    poison; BYTE
:
```

```
PROTOCOL CX EXTENDS AX, BX:
```

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CX will *not* compile: incompatible variants (*poison*) from **AX** and **BX**

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Protocol Inheritance *(Variant)*

Protocols extending other protocols may also add in their own variants:

```
PROTOCOL D EXTENDS A, B
  CASE
    mustard; INT; BYTE::[]BYTE
    aubergine; REAL64; BYTE
:
```

Rule: extra variants so added must have *either* different *tag* names to any variants being inherited *or* identical structures.

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Protocol Inheritance *(Variant)*

Current implementation restriction: all protocols in an inheritance hierarchy must be declared in the same *compilation unit*.

```
PROTOCOL A
  CASE
    red; INT; BYTE::[]BYTE
    green; BYTE; BYTE; INT
    poison
:
```

```
PROTOCOL B
  CASE
    blue; INT::[]REAL64
    poison
:
```

```
PROTOCOL D EXTENDS A, B
  CASE
    mustard; INT; BYTE::[]BYTE
    aubergine; REAL64; BYTE
:
```


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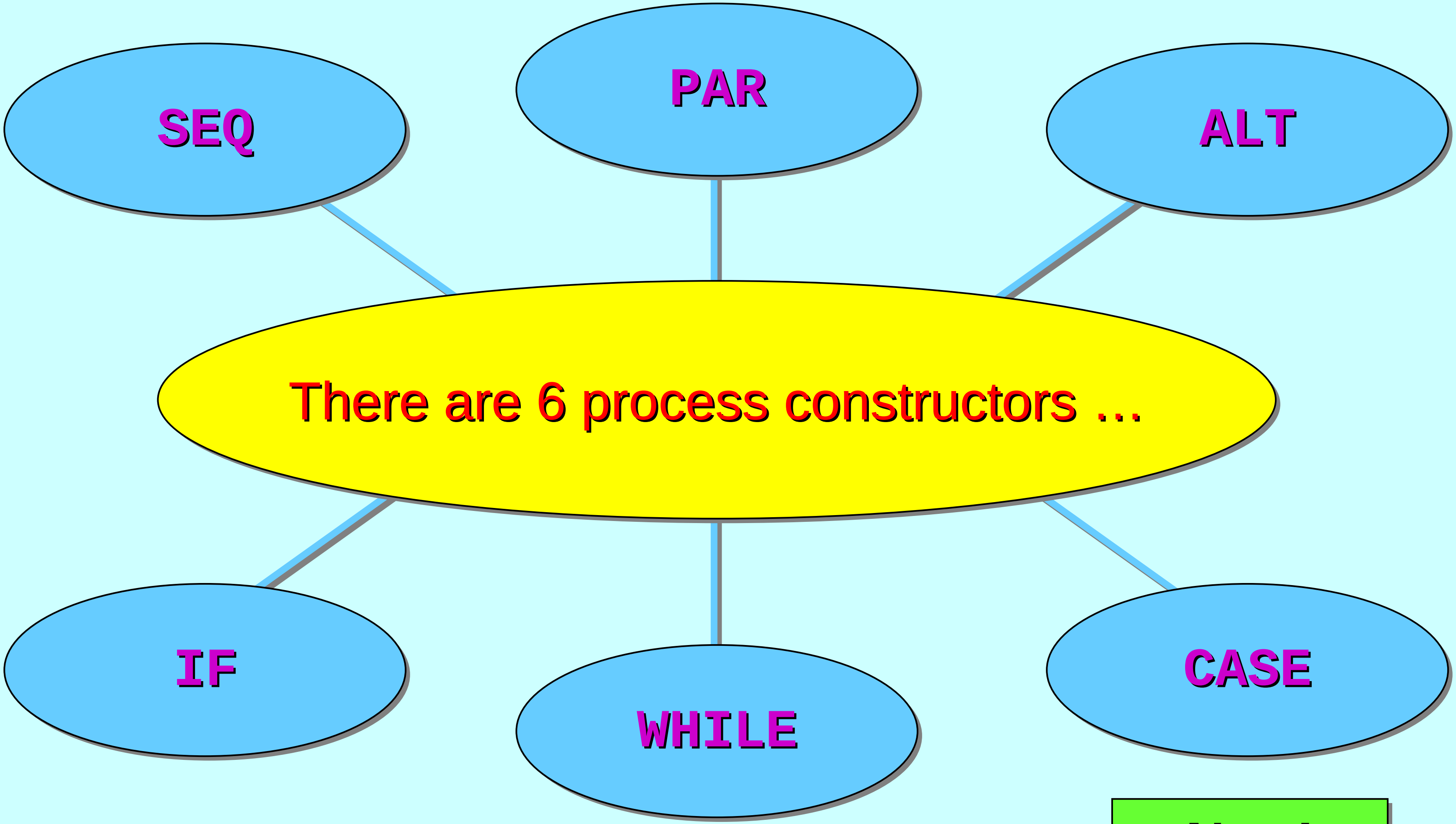
Process Structures



New!

CASE Process

```
CASE <expression>
  <case-list>
    <process>
  <case-list>
    <process>
  <case-list>
    <process>
  <case-list>
    <process>
```

must be of a discrete type …

BOOL, BYTE, INT, INT16, INT32, INT64

a comma-separated list of compiler-known (different) values from that type …

CASE Process

```
CASE <expression>
  <case-list>
    <process>
  <case-list>
    <process>
  <case-list>
    <process>
  <case-list>
    <process>
```

The ***<expression>*** is evaluated.

The ***<process>*** whose ***<case-list>*** contains the value of that ***<expression>*** is executed.

If no ***<case-list>*** contains the value of that ***<expression>***, a *run-time error* is raised.

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CASE Process

CASE ***<expression>***

<case-list>

<process>

<case-list>

<process>

<case-list>

<process>

<case-list>

<process>

ELSE

<process>

An optional **ELSE** ***<process>*** may be appended …

If no ***<case-list>*** contains the value of that ***<expression>***, the **ELSE** ***<process>*** is executed.

CASE Process

```
CASE ch
  'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u'
    ...  deal with lower-case vowels
  'A', 'E', 'I', 'O', 'U'
    ...  deal with upper-case vowels
  '0', '1', '2', '3', '4'
    ...  deal with these digits
  '?', '!', 'h', 'H', '*'
    ...  deal with these symbols
  ELSE
    ...  none of the above
```

Java / C has a similar mechanism – the **switch** statement …

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Java switch Statement

```
switch (ch) {
  case 'a': case 'e': case 'i': case 'o': case 'u':
    ...  deal with lower-case vowels
    break;
  case 'A': case 'E': case 'I': case 'O': case 'U':
    ...  deal with upper-case vowels
    break;
  case '0': case '1': case '2': case '3': case '4':
    ...  deal with these digits
    break;
  case '?': case '!': case 'h': case 'H': case '*':
    ...  deal with these symbols
    break;
  default:
    ...  none of the above
}
```

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CASE Process

```
CASE ch
  'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u'
    ...  deal with lower-case vowels
  'A', 'E', 'I', 'O', 'U'
    ...  deal with upper-case vowels
  '0', '1', '2', '3', '4'
    ...  deal with these digits
  '?', '!', 'h', 'H', '**'
    ...  deal with these symbols
  ELSE
    ...  none of the above
```

This could, of course, be done with an **IF** …

… but it would be *more complicated* and *slower* in execution.

CASE Process

```
IF
  (ch = 'a') OR (ch = 'e') OR (ch = 'i') OR
  (ch = 'o') OR (ch = 'u')
    ...  deal with lower-case vowels
  (ch = 'A') OR (ch = 'E') OR (ch = 'I') OR
  (ch = 'O') OR (ch = 'U')
    ...  deal with upper-case vowels
  (ch = '0') OR (ch = '1') OR (ch = '2') OR
  (ch = '3') OR (ch = '4')
    ...  deal with these digits
  (ch = '?') OR (ch = '!') OR (ch = 'h') OR
  (ch = 'H') OR (ch = '*')
    ...  deal with these symbols
  TRUE
    ...  none of the above
```

… but it would be *more complicated* and *slower* in execution.

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Parallel Assignment

Multiple expressions can be assigned to multiple variables (of compatible types) *in parallel*:

```
a, b, c := x, y+1, z-2
```

≡

```
REAL32 a.tmp:
INT b.tmp, c.tmp:
SEQ
  PAR
    a.tmp := x
    b.tmp := y+1
    c.tmp := z-2
  PAR
    a := a.tmp
    b := b.tmp
    c := c.tmp
```

First: the RHS expressions are evaluated *in parallel*. *Second:* the values are assigned to the target variables *in parallel*.

Parallel Assignment

Multiple expressions can be assigned to multiple variables (of compatible types) *in parallel*:

```
a, b, c := x, y+1, z-2
```

≡

```
REAL32 a.tmp:
INT b.tmp, c.tmp:
SEQ
  PAR
    a.tmp := x
    b.tmp := y+1
    c.tmp := z-2
  PAR
    a := a.tmp
    b := b.tmp
    c := c.tmp
```

Note: parallel usage rules implied by the expanded definition apply to the *parallel* assignment.

Parallel Assignment

Swapping variables breaks no *parallel usage rules* and is, therefore, allowed:

```
b, c := c, b
```

≡

```
INT b.tmp, c.tmp:
SEQ
  PAR
    b.tmp := c
    c.tmp := b
  PAR
    b := b.tmp
    c := c.tmp
```

Note: parallel assignment is not necessarily *implemented* in this way. This transformation just defines semantics.

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Parallel Assignment

Here's an example that breaks the *parallel usage rules* and, therefore, does not compile:

```
a[i], i := 4.2, 8
```

≡

```
REAL32 a.i.tmp:
INT i.tmp:
SEQ
  PAR
    a.i.tmp := 4.2
    i.tmp := 8
  PAR
    a[i] := a.i.tmp
    i := i.tmp
```

Illegal: variable '**i**' is being changed and observed *in parallel*.

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Extended Rendezvous

This is a *convenience* – and it's free (no impact on run-time).

```
SEQ
  ...
  ...
  in ?? x
    ...  rendezvous block
  ...
  ...
```

wait for input; when it arrives, *do not reschedule* the outputting process!

reschedule outputting process *only after* the rendezvous block has terminated.

The outputting process is unaware of the *extended* nature of the rendezvous.

Extended Rendezvous

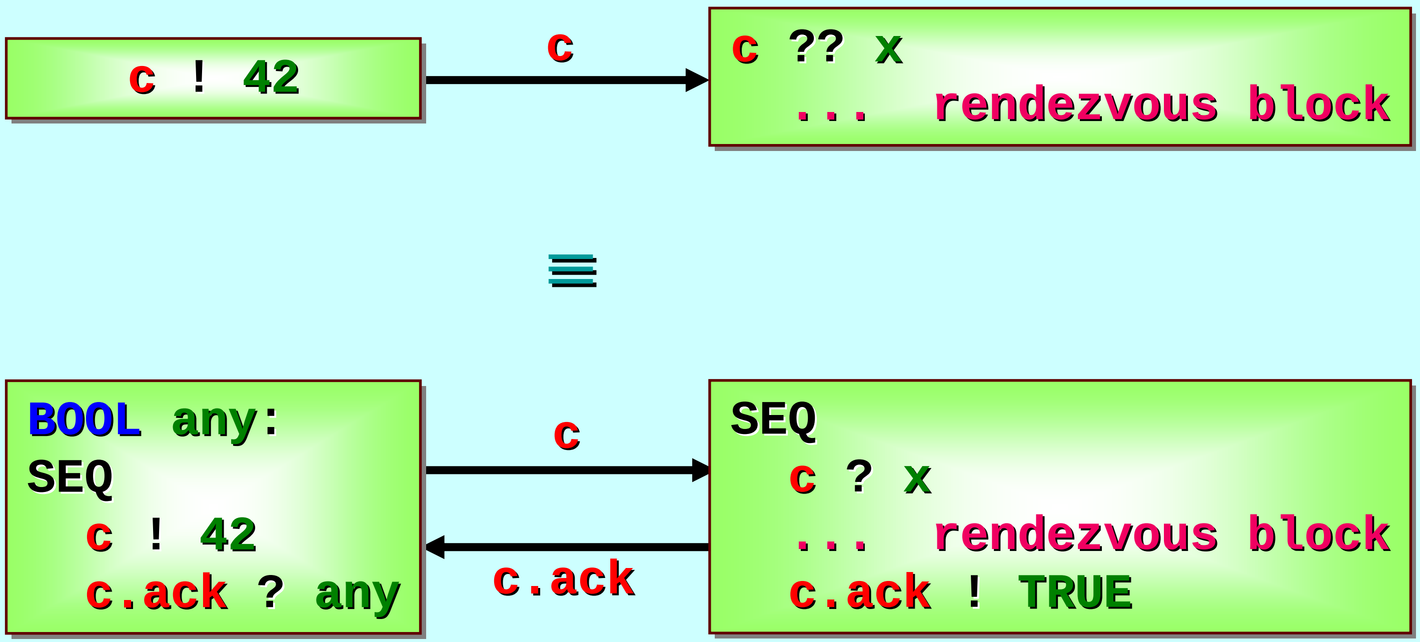
They can be used as **ALT** guards:

```
ALT
  a ? x
    ...  react
  in ?? x
    ...  rendezvous block
    ...  react (optional and outside the rendezvous)
  tim ? AFTER timeout
    ...  react
```

guards

Extended Rendezvous

Here is an informal *operational* semantics:



The second version requires an extra channel and for both the sender and receiver processes to be modified.

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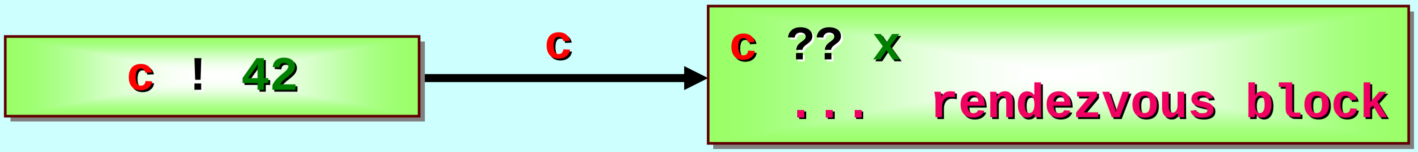
Extended Rendezvous

Of course, it's not implemented that way!



- *No new run-time overheads* for normal channel communication.
- Implementation is very lightweight *(approx. 30 cycles)*:
  - *no change* in outputting process code;
  - new *occam Virtual Machine* instructions for "**??**".

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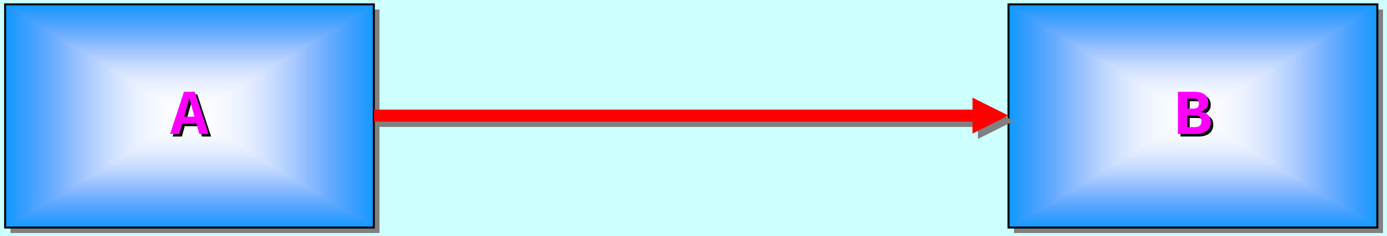
Extended Rendezvous *Tap*

Take *any* communication channel …



Question: can we *tap* the information flowing through the channel in a way that is not detectable by the existing network*?*

We may need to do this for data logging *(auditing/de-bugging)* *or* for inserting *network drivers* to implement the channel over a distributed system *or …*

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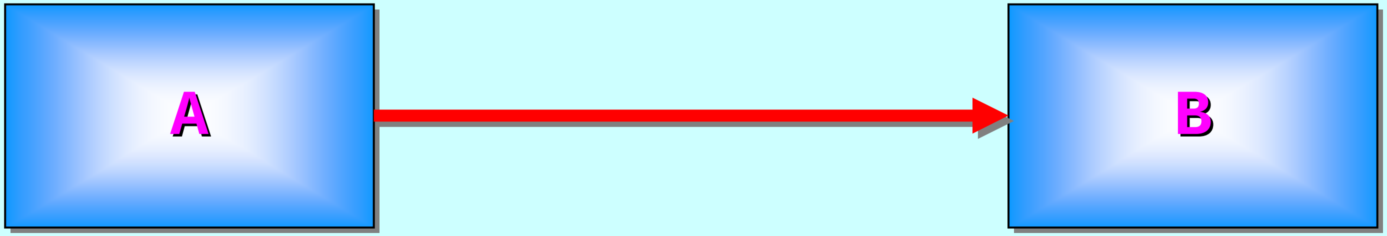
Extended Rendezvous *Tap*

Take *any* communication channel …

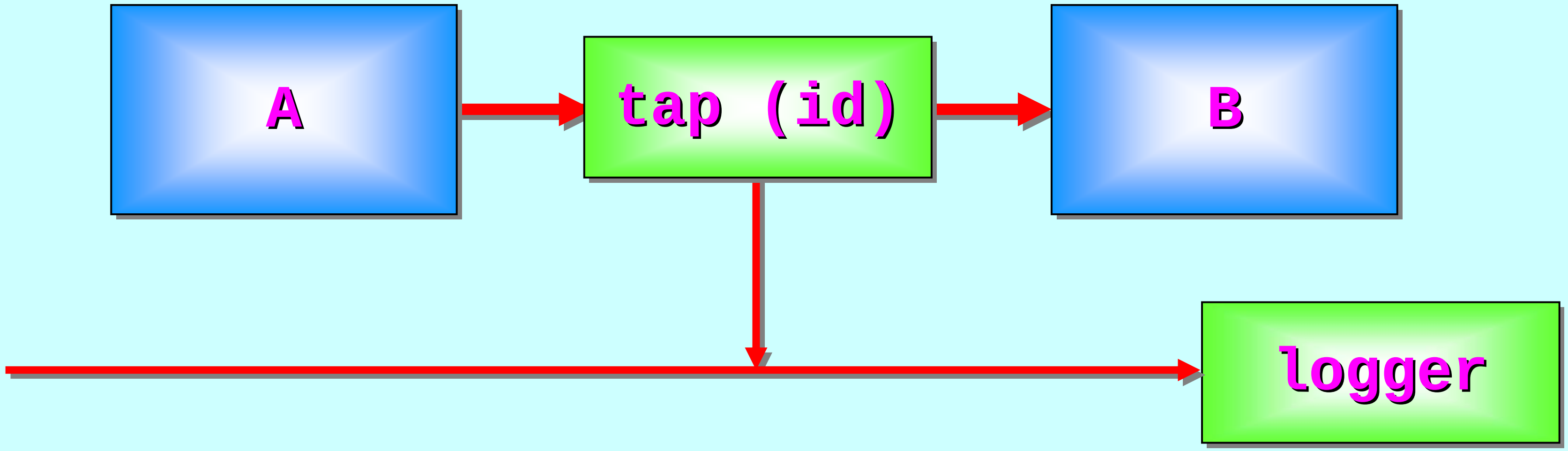


Question: can we *tap* the information flowing through the channel in a way that is not detectable by the existing network*?*

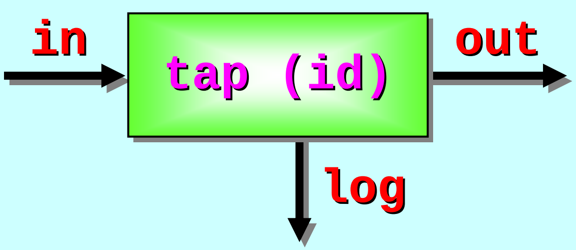
Answer: insert a process that behaves similarly to an **`id`** process, but uses an *extended rendezvous* to forward the messages … *and anything else it fancies (so long as it doesn't get blocked indefinitely) …*

Extended Rendezvous *Tap*

Take *any* communication channel …

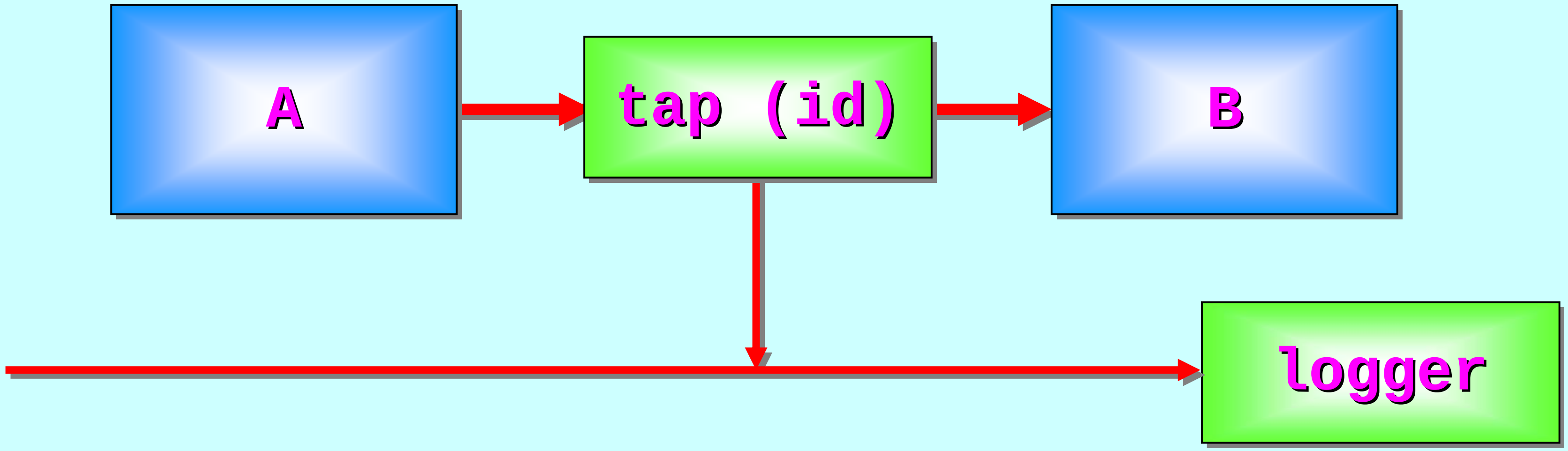



```
PROC tap (VAL INT id,
          CHAN INT in?, out!,
          SHARED CHAN LOG log!)
  ...  tap body
:
```

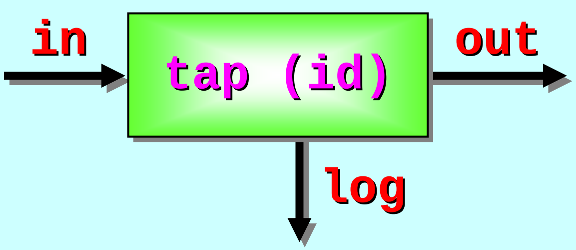


Extended Rendezvous *Tap*

Take *any* communication channel …




```
{{{  tap body
WHILE TRUE
  INT x:
  in ?? x
    PAR
      CLAIM log!
        log ! id; x
      out ! x
}}}
```



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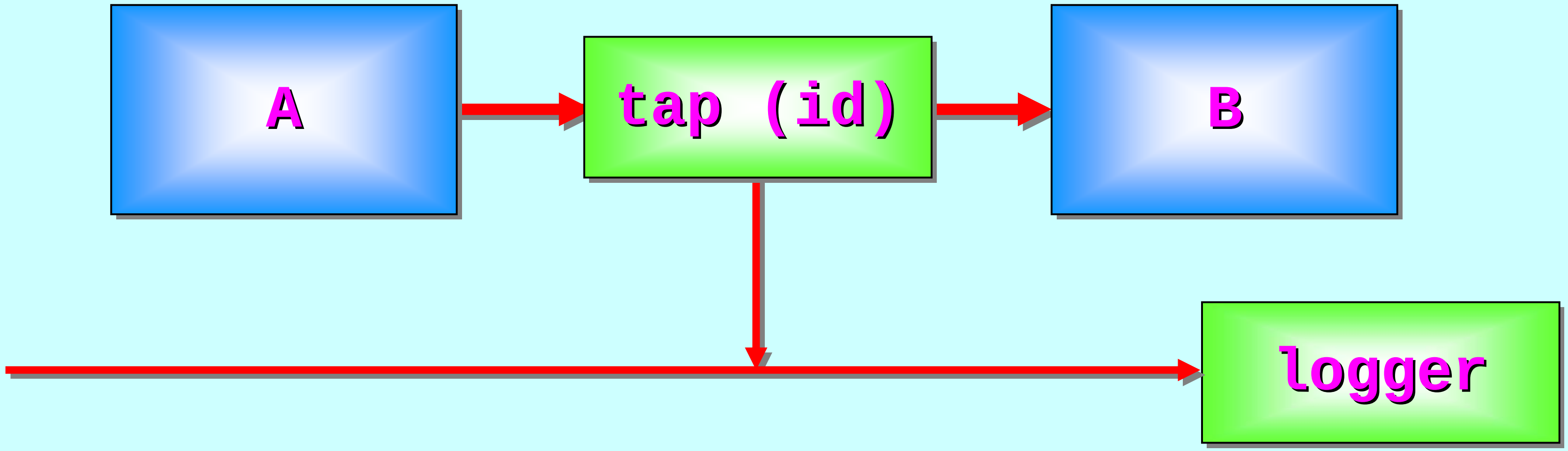
Take *any* communication channel …



Note: the channel has been *tapped* with no change to the sending and receiving processes.

The semantics of communication between the original processes are unaltered. The sender cannot complete its communication until the receiver takes it … and *vice-versa*.

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Abbreviations and *Anti*-Aliasing

Aliasing means having *different names* for the *same thing*.

Aliasing is uncontrolled in most existing languages *(such as Java, C++, Pascal, …)* and gives rise to *semantic complexities* that are underestimated. These complexities are subtle, easy to overlook and cause errors that are hard to find and remove.

Aliasing is strictly controlled in **occam-π**. Only **VAL** *constants* may have different names. Anything else *(variable data, channels, timers, …)* is only allowed *one name in any one context*. If a *new name* is introduced *(e.g. through parameter passing)*, the *old name* cannot be used within the scope of that new name.

As a result, **occam-π** variables behave in the way we expect variables to behave: *they vary if and only if we vary them*. ☺

Abbreviations and *Anti*-Aliasing

Reference Abbreviation:

<data-type>
CHAN *<protocol>*
TIMER
...

```
<specifier> <new-name> IS <old-name>:
```

<process>

scope of
<new-name>

<old-name>
is not allowed in here

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Abbreviations and *Anti*-Aliasing

Reference Abbreviation:

Any variables *(e.g. array indices)* used in determining **<old-name>** …

<specifier> <new-name> IS <old-name>:

<process>

are frozen in the scope of **<new-name>**

<old-name> is not allowed in here

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Abbreviations and *Anti*-Aliasing

Reference Abbreviation:

Example

`INT n`

`INT i`

`[200][100]REAL64 x`

`CHAN MY.PROTOCOL c!`

```
INT result IS n:
REAL64[] row.i IS x[i]:
CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out! IS c!:
```

<process>

Cannot refer to **n**, **x[i]** or **c!** in here.

Can refer to **i** in here, *but can't change it*.

Abbreviations and *Anti*-Aliasing

Reference Abbreviation:

Example

INT n

INT i

[200][100]REAL64 x

CHAN MY.PROTOCOL c!

```
INT result IS n:
REAL64[] row.i IS x[i]:
CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out! IS c!:
```

<process>

INT j

Can refer to **x[j]** here … but only if (**i <> j**). If the compiler doesn't know, a run-time check will be made.

Abbreviations and *Anti*-Aliasing

Value Abbreviation:

<expression>* must match the *<data-type>

```
VAL <data-type> <name> IS <expression>:
```

<process>

scope of ***<name>***

<name> cannot be changed in here

Abbreviations and *Anti*-Aliasing

Value Abbreviation:

Any variables used in
<*expression*> ***…***

VAL <*data-type*> <*name*> IS <*expression*>:

<*process*>

are frozen in
the scope of
<*name*>

<*name*> cannot be
changed in here

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Abbreviations and *Anti*-Aliasing

Value Abbreviation:

Example

REAL64 a

REAL64 b

INT i

[200][100]REAL64 x

```
VAL REAL64 hypotenuse IS SQRT ((a*a) + (b*b)):
VAL REAL64[] row.i IS x[i]:
VAL INT n IS SIZE row.i:
```

<process>

Cannot change **hypotenuse**, **row.i** or **n** in here.

Also, cannot change **a**, **b**, **i** or **x[i]** in here.

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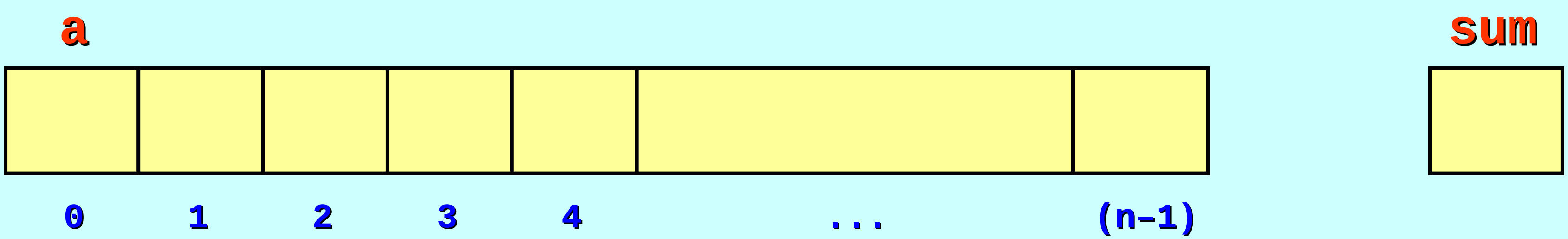
Abbreviations and *Anti*-Aliasing

Careful use of abbreviations can clarify code and increase efficiency.

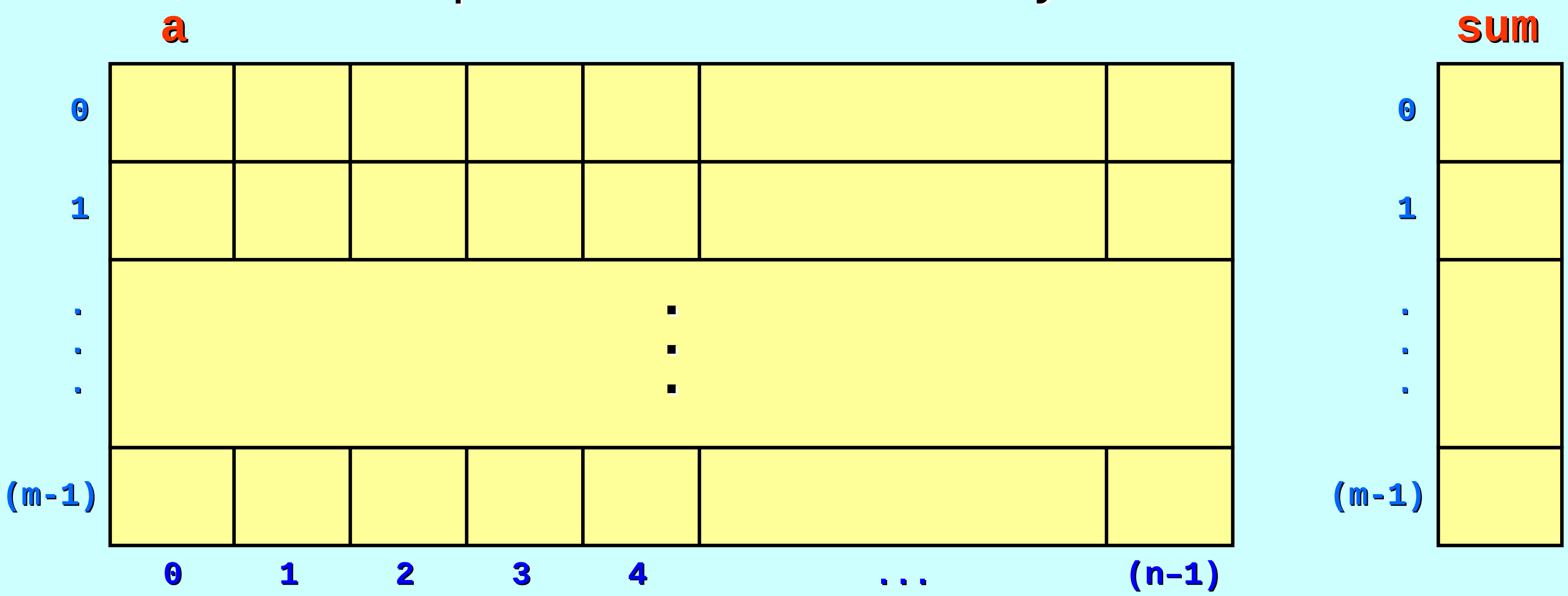
Here's simple code for adding up the elements of a 1-D array:




```
SEQ
  sum := 0
  SEQ i = 0 FOR SIZE a
    sum := sum + a[i]
```

Abbreviations and *Anti*-Aliasing

Now, let's add up the rows of a 2-D array:




```
SEQ row = 0 FOR SIZE a
  SEQ
    sum[row] := 0
    SEQ col = 0 FOR SIZE a[row]
      sum[row] := sum[row] + a[row][col]
```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Abbreviations and *Anti*-Aliasing

This code contains some wasteful re-computations:

```
SEQ row = 0 FOR SIZE a
  SEQ
    sum[row] := 0
    SEQ col = 0 FOR SIZE a[row]
      sum[row] := sum[row] + a[row][col]
```

For each '**row**', the address of '**sum[row]**' is calculated **(2n+1)** times – where '**n**' is the size of the '**row**'.

For each '**row**', the address of '**a[row]**' is calculated **(n+1)** times – where '**n**' is the size of the '**row**'.

With abbreviations, the addresses of '**sum[row]**' and '**a[row]**' need only be calculated *once* for each '**row**' … a saving of (**3*n*m**) *array index computations*, over '**m**' rows. ☺ ☺ ☺

Abbreviations and *Anti*-Aliasing

We just abbreviate '**sum[row]**' and '**a[row]**':

```
SEQ row = 0 FOR SIZE a
  INT sum.row IS sum[row]:
  VAL []INT a.row IS a[row]:
  SEQ
    sum.row := 0
    SEQ col = 0 FOR SIZE a.row
      sum.row := sum.row + a.row[col]
```

calculated *once* per row …

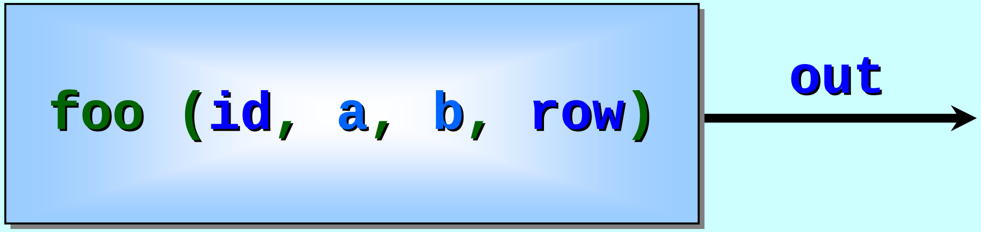
The neat thing is that, following the abbreviations, the inner loop code is *exactly the same* (bar variable names) as the original summation code for the 1-D loop:

```
SEQ
  sum := 0
  SEQ i = 0 FOR SIZE a
    sum := sum + a[i]
```

Parameters and Abbreviations

An **occam-π** **PROC** call is formally defined as the *in-line replacement* of the invocation with the body of the **PROC**, proceeded by a sequence of abbreviations associating the formal parameters (***<new-names>***) with the actual arguments (***<old-names>*** or ***<expressions>***) from the call.

Consider:




```
PROC foo (VAL INT id, INT a, b, REAL64[] row,
          CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out!)
  ...  body of foo (using id, a, b, row, out!)
:
```

Parameters and Abbreviations

```
PROC foo (VAL INT id, INT a, b, REAL64[] row,
          CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out!)
  ...  body of foo (using id, a, b, row, out!)
:
```

Now consider an invocation of **foo**:

```
foo (i+1, n, m, x[i], c!)
```

Its context (*inside a SEQ, PAR, ALT, IF, CASE, ...*) is not relevant.

This is formally defined to be:

```
VAL INT id IS i+1:
INT a IS n:
INT b IS m:
REAL64[] row IS x[i]:
CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out! IS c!:
...  body of foo (using id, a, b, row, out!)
```

Parameters and Abbreviations

```
PROC foo (VAL INT id, INT a, b, REAL64[] row,
          CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out!)
  ...  body of foo (using id, a, b, row, out!)
:
```

The point is that the *anti-aliasing rules* carry over (from abbreviations) to parameter passing …

Parameters and Abbreviations

```
PROC foo (VAL INT id, INT a, b, REAL64[] row,
          CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out!)
  ...  body of foo (using id, a, b, row, out!)
:
```

The following invocation is illegal:

```
foo (i+1, n, n, x[i], c!)
```

This attempts to set up **a** and **b** as *aliases* of **n**.

This is formally defined to be:

```
VAL INT id IS i+1:
INT a IS n:
INT b IS n:
REAL64[] row IS x[i]:
CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out! IS c!:
...  body of foo (using id, a, b, row, out!)
```

We are not allowed to mention **n** here.

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Parameters and Abbreviations

```
PROC foo (VAL INT id, INT a, b, REAL64[] row,
          CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out!)
  ...  body of foo (using id, a, b, row, out!)
:
```

The following invocation is illegal:

```
foo (i+1, n, n, x[i], c!)
```

☺ ☺ ☺ Therefore, this does not compile.

This is formally defined to be:

```
VAL INT id IS i+1:
INT a IS n:
INT b IS n:
REAL64[] row IS x[i]:
CHAN MY.PROTOCOL out! IS c!:
...  body of foo (using id, a, b, row, out!)
```

We are not allowed to mention **n** here.

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Anti-Aliasing

Recall, **occam-π** variables behave in the way we expect variables to behave: *they vary if and only if we vary them*.

Consider the fragment of code:

```
SEQ
  a := a + b
  a := a - b
```

Assume the arithmetic does not overflow.

Everything we feel about algebra, variables, assignment and sequencing tells us: *the above code changes nothing.*

For all languages providing algebra, variables, assignment and sequencing – apart (currently) from **occam-π** – that intuition *is not safe*.

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Anti-Aliasing

There is a potential semantic singularity below:

```
SEQ
  a := a + b
  a := a - b
```

Assume the arithmetic does not overflow.

The above code changes nothing … *only if* ***a*** *and* ***b*** *reference different numbers.*

If **a** and **b** reference the same number, *they would both end up with zero!* The value of **b** *would vary without it being explicitly varied*.

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Anti-Aliasing

There is a potential semantic singularity below:

```
SEQ
  a := a + b
  a := a - b
```

Assume the arithmetic does not overflow.

A complex and horrid semantics …

The above cod… …es nothing … *only if* **a** *and* **b** *reference different numbers.*

If **a** and **b** reference the same nu… … *they would both end up with zero!* The value of **b** *would var… …ut it being explicitly varied*.

Anti-Aliasing

What You See Is What You Get *(WYSIWYG)*

That kind of nonsense does not happen in **occam-π***:*

```
SEQ
  a := a + b
  a := a - b
```

Assume the arithmetic does not overflow.

The above code changes nothing … *we know that **a** and **b** reference different numbers.*

The *anti-aliasing* rules mean that *different variables* in the same context *must* refer to *different items*.

Aliasing and Java *etc.*

What You See Is *Not* What You Get *(WYSINWYG)*

Java has no aliasing problems with its primitive types … but aliasing is part of the culture of *'Object Orientation'* … *we must work to control it*.

Consider:

```
a.plus (b);
a.minus (b);
```

Assume the arithmetic does not overflow.

where **`a`** and **`b`** are object variables of the same class … with some private field holding an integer whose value is updated by the **`plus`** and **`minus`** methods in the obvious way …

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Aliasing and Java *etc.*

What You See Is *Not* What You Get *(WYSINWYG)*

```
class Thing {
  private integer sum = 0;
  public void plus (Thing t) {sum = sum + t.sum;}
  public void minus (Thing t) {sum = sum - t.sum;}
  ...  other methods
}
```

```
a.plus (b);
a.minus (b);
```

If **Thing** variables **a** and **b** reference the same object, *they would end up holding zero in their sum field!* The value of **b** *varies* without it being (explicitly) updated.

Aliasing and Java *etc.*

What You See Is *Not* What You Get *(WYSINWYG)*

```
a.plus (b);
a.minus (b);
```

If **`Thing`** variables **`a`** and **`b`** reference the same object, *they would end up holding zero in their* ***`sum`*** *field!* The value of **`b`** *varies* without it being (explicitly) updated.

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```
a.plus (b);
a.minus (b);
```

If **Thing** variables **a** and **b** reference the same object, *they would end up holding zero in their* **sum** *field!* The value of **b** *varies* without it being (explicitly) updated.

This is not an uncommon piece of coding … we often write:

```
...   set up object a
...   use a for something
...   restore a to its previous state
```

with data from "other" objects

don't change **a** or the "other" objects

with data from the "unchanged" "others"

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VALOF Expressions

```
(
  <local-declarations>
  VALOF
    <process>
    RESULT <list-of-expressions>
)
```

This allows us to declare variables in the middle of expressions and perform calculations *(serial logic only)*. If the result list has more than one item, this can only be the *Right-Hand-Side* of a parallel assignment.

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VALOF Expressions

`REAL64 total`

`[1000]REAL64 x`

```
total := total +
  (REAL64 sum:
   VALOF
     SEQ
       sum := 0
       SEQ i = 0 FOR SIZE x
         sum := sum + x[i]
     RESULT sum
  )
```

VALOF Expressions

BYTE a   REAL32 b   BYTE c

```
a, b, c := (BYTE ch, sh:
            REAL32 z:
            VALOF
              <compute ch, z, sh>
              RESULT ch, z, sh
            )
```


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Functions

```
<type-list> FUNCTION <id> (<params>)
  <local-declarations>
  VALOF
    <process>
    RESULT <list-of-expressions>
:
```

must match the <type-list>

The **<params>** may only be **VAL** data types (no *reference* data, channels, …).

Functions are *deterministic* and *side-effect* free (i.e. its **<process>** body may not assign to global variables, communicate on global channels, use timers or engage in any internal concurrency using **ALT** or **SHARED** channels.)

Short Functions

```
<type.list> FUNCTION <id> (<params>) IS
  <list-of-expressions> :
```

for example ...

```
BOOL FUNCTION capital (VAL BYTE ch) IS
  ('A' <= ch) AND (ch <= 'Z'):
```

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occam-π Data Types

Revision:

occam-π has a set of *primitive* types:

```
BOOL, BYTE, INT, INT16, INT32, INT64, REAL32, REAL64
```

occam-π has *fixed-size anonymous array* types:

```
[n]<type>
```

where `n` is a *compiler-known* `INT` value and `<type>` is a *compiler-known* type (which could itself be an *array* type).

New:

occam-π allows new *named* types to be declared.

occam-π Data Types

Records:

An *array* type groups together elements of the *same* type.
A *record* type groups together elements of *different* types:

```
DATA TYPE FOO
  RECORD
    INT size, weight:
    BYTE colour:
    REAL64 frequency:
    [10]BYTE name:
:
```

This gives a record with 5 *named fields*: two **INT** ones, one **BYTE**, one **REAL64** and one **BYTE** array (e.g. a string).

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occam-π Data Types

Records:

Now, we can declare variables of this new type:

```
FOO x, y, z:
[42]FOO database:
```

To access individual fields of a record, the notation is like array indexing:

```
SEQ
  x[size] := 42
  y[weight] := 77
  z[name] := "Susan     "
  z[size] := x[size]
  y[name] := z[name]
```

```
DATA TYPE FOO
  RECORD
    INT size, weight:
    BYTE colour:
    REAL64 frequency:
    [10]BYTE name:
:
```


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occam-π Data Types

Records:

Now, we can declare variables of this new type:

```
FOO x, y, z:
[42]FOO database:
```

Record literals let us assign all fields at once:

```
x := [42, 77, green,
      99.7158214,
      "Josephson "]
```

where, perhaps:

```
VAL BYTE green IS 6:
```

```
DATA TYPE FOO
  RECORD
    INT size, weight:
    BYTE colour:
    REAL64 frequency:
    [10]BYTE name:
:
```


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occam-π Data Types

Records:

Record data types are *first class* types. We can assign them to each other or send them down appropriately typed channels:

```
FOO x, y:
SEQ
  x := [42, 77, green, 99.7158214, "Josephson "]
  ...  stuff
  y := x
```

All the data in **x** is *copied* into **y**.

Note: **in Java, assignment between object variables just copies the reference. The source and target variables end up referring to the *same* object.**

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Note: in occam-π, assignment between variables copies the data. The source and target variables end up referring to *different* pieces of data.

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SEQ
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```

Note: in **occam-π**, data may be declared `MOBILE`. For such data, assignment (and communication) ***moves*** the data from the source to the target – leaving the source variable referring to ***no*** data. *[This is for information only – not part of this course.]*

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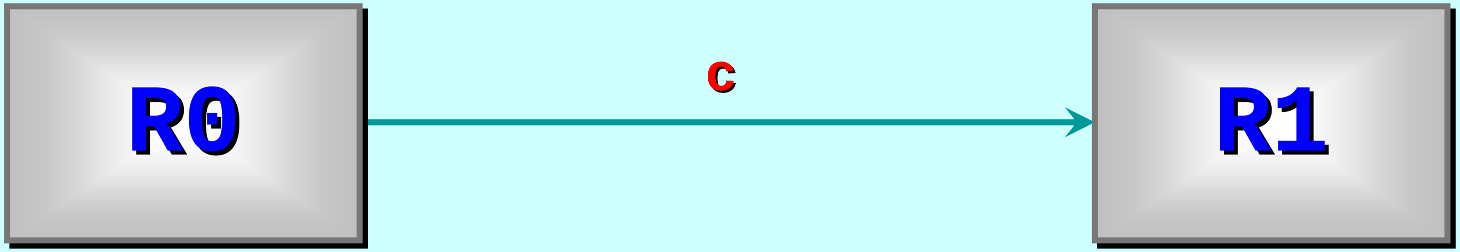


```
CHAN FOO c:
PAR
  R0 (c!)
  R1 (c?)
```

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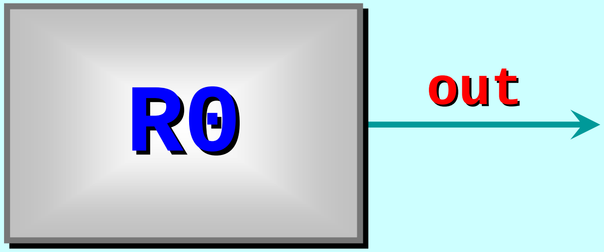
Records:

Record data types are *first class* types. We can assign them to each other or send them down appropriately typed channels:

```
PROC R0 (CHAN FOO out!)
  FOO x:
  SEQ
    ...  set up x
    out ! x
    ...  more stuff
    out ! [21, 72, blue, 3.142, "Junction  "]
:
```

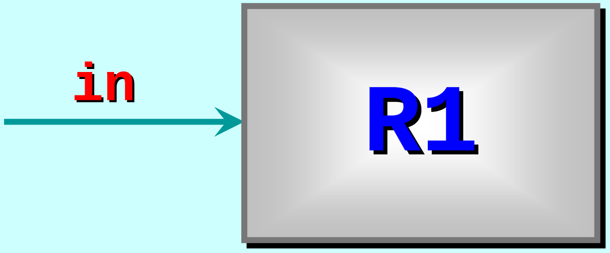


occam-π Data Types

Records:

Record data types are *first class* types. We can assign them to each other or send them down appropriately typed channels:

```
PROC R1 (CHAN FOO in?)
  FOO x, y:
  SEQ
    in ? x
    ...  stuff
    in ? y
    ...  more stuff
:
```



occam-π Data Types

Renamed Types:

We can just define a new type to be implemented by an existing type:

```
DATA TYPE COLOUR IS BYTE:
DATA TYPE MATRIX IS [20][30]REAL64:
DATA TYPE BAR IS FOO:
```

Now, **COLOUR**, **MATRIX** and **BAR** are *new* types, different to their underlying **BYTE**, **[20][30]REAL64** and **FOO** types.

occam-π enforces *strong typing*. So, **COLOUR** and **BYTE** variables are not assignment compatible. Also, a **COLOUR** variable cannot be the target of an input from a **CHAN BYTE** (or *vice-versa*).

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Example:

User re-named data types can give extra security against careless errors.

```
DATA TYPE COLOUR IS BYTE:
BYTE b:
COLOUR c:
SEQ
  ...  stuff
  b := c    -- illegal: will not compile
  ...  more stuff
  c := b    -- illegal: will not compile
```

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Example:

```
PROC foo (CHAN COLOUR colour.in?, colour.out!,
          CHAN BYTE byte.in?, byte.out!)
  BYTE b:
  COLOUR c:
  SEQ
    colour.in ? b    -- illegal: will not compile
    colour.out ! b   -- illegal: will not compile
    byte.in ? c      -- illegal: will not compile
    byte.out ! c     -- illegal: will not compile
:
```

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Example:

```
PROC foo (CHAN COLOUR colour.in?, colour.out!,
          CHAN BYTE byte.in?, byte.out!)
  BYTE b:
  COLOUR c:
  SEQ
    colour.in ? c     -- legal
    colour.out ! c    -- legal
    byte.in ? b       -- legal
    byte.out ! b      -- legal
:
```

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Type Equivalence:

occam-π types are *equivalent* if and only if they have the same name.

```
DATA TYPE BAR IS FOO:
```

```
DATA TYPE FOO
  RECORD
    INT size, weight:
    BYTE colour:
    REAL64 frequency:
    [10]BYTE name:
:
```

```
DATA TYPE WIPPY
  RECORD
    INT size, weight:
    BYTE colour:
    REAL64 frequency:
    [10]BYTE name:
:
```

Data types **FOO**, **BAR** and **WIPPY** have the same *structure* but are not *equivalent*.

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DATA TYPE BAR IS FOO:
```

```
DATA TYPE FOO
  RECORD
    INT size, weight:
    BYTE colour:
    REAL64 frequency:
    [10]BYTE name:
:
```

```
DATA TYPE WIPPY
  RECORD
    INT size, weight:
    BYTE colour:
    REAL64 frequency:
    [10]BYTE name:
:
```

FOO, **BAR** and **WIPPY** variables may not be directly *assigned* to each other – but their values may be *cast*.

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occam-π Data Types

Type Equivalence:

occam-π types are *equivalent* if and only if they have the same name.

```
FOO f:
WIPPY w:
SEQ
  ...  set up f
  w := f                -- illegal: will not compile
  ...  more stuff
  w := WIPPY f          -- legal
```

FOO, **BAR** and **WIPPY** variables may not be directly *assigned* to each other – but their values may be *cast*.

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occam-π Data Types

Type Equivalence:

occam-π types are *equivalent* if and only if they have the same name.

```
DATA TYPE MATRIX IS [20][30]REAL64:
```

```
MATRIX m:
[20][30]REAL64 x:
SEQ
  ...  set up x
  m := x              -- illegal: will not compile
  ...  more stuff
  m := MATRIX x       -- legal
```

MATRIX and **[20][30]REAL64** variables may not be directly *assigned* to each other – but their values may be *cast*.

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Type Equivalence:

occam-π types are *equivalent* if and only if they have the same name.

Array types are *anonymous* – but any particular array type has an implicit (hidden) name that is *the same* for all occurrences of that type.

So, **`[20][30]REAL64`** variables are always *assignable* to each other – wherever they happen to have been declared.

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occam-π Data Types

Operator Inheritance:

All arithmetic and logical operators on *primitive* types are *inherited* by types *renaming* them.

```
DATA TYPE COLOUR IS BYTE:
```

```
COLOUR red, green, yellow:
SEQ
  ...  set up red and green
  yellow := read /\ green
  ...  stuff
```

occam-π Data Types

Operator Inheritance:

All indexing and size operations on *array* types are *inherited* by types *renaming* them.

```
DATA TYPE MATRIX IS [20][30]REAL64:
```

```
MATRIX m:
SEQ
  SEQ i = 0 FOR SIZE m
    SEQ j = 0 FOR SIZE m[i]
      m[j][i] := some.real64
  ...  stuff
```


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occam-π Data Types

Operator Inheritance:

All field indexing operations on *record* types are *inherited* by types *renaming* them.

```
BAR b:
SEQ
  b[size] := 42
  b[weight] := 77
  b[colour] := yellow
  ...  stuff
```

```
DATA TYPE FOO
  RECORD
    INT size, weight:
    BYTE colour:
    REAL64 frequency:
    [10]BYTE name:
:
```

```
DATA TYPE BAR IS FOO:
```

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Array Slices

Let `a` be an array. Then, the expression:

```
[a FROM start FOR n]
```

represents the *slice* of the array `a` from element `a[start]` through `a[start + (n - 1)]` inclusive. Also:

```
[a FOR n]
```

represents the *slice* consisting of the first `n` elements. Also:

```
[a FROM start]
```

represents the *slice* from element `a[start]` to its end.

The defined *slices* must lie within the bounds of the array.

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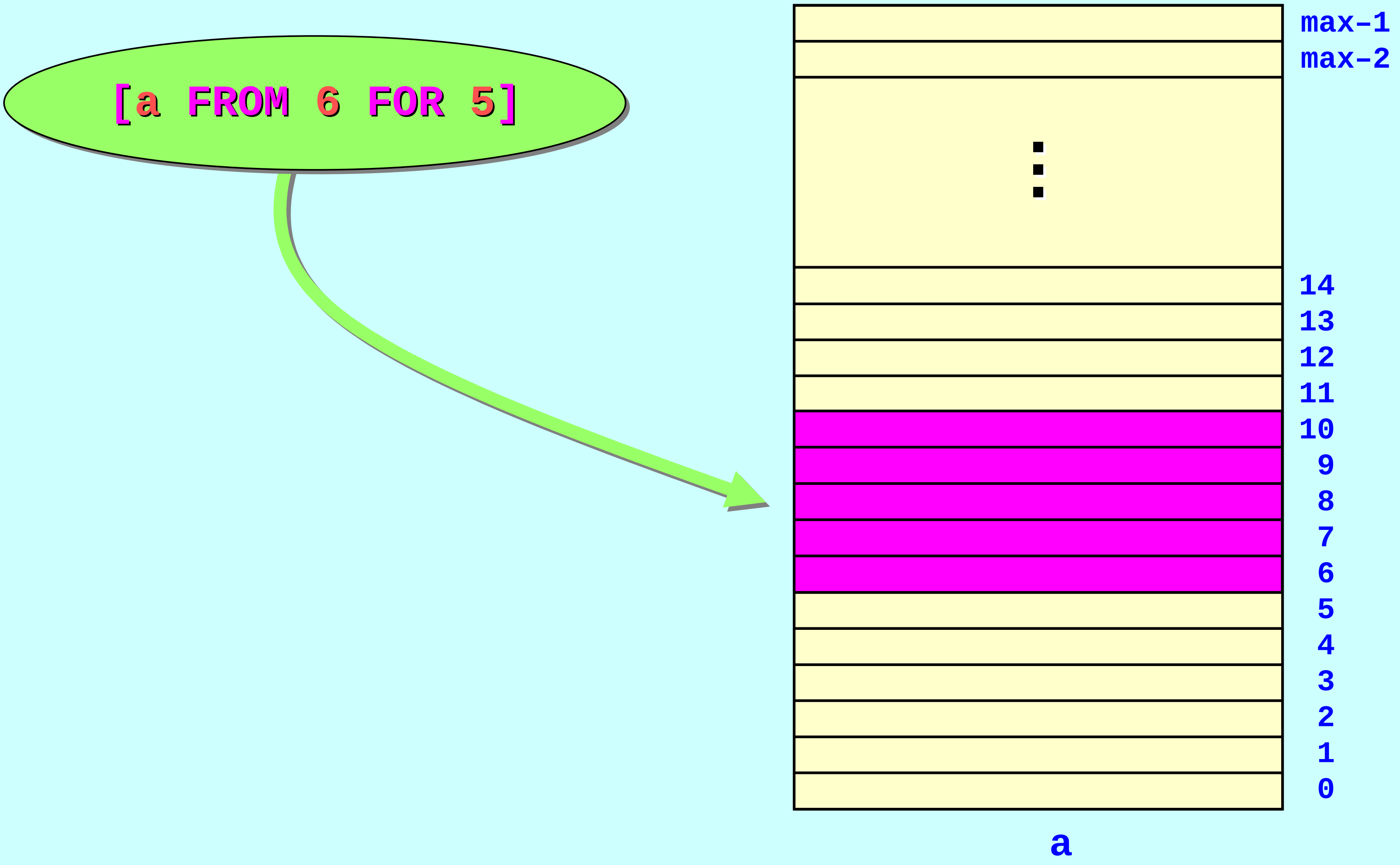
Array Slices



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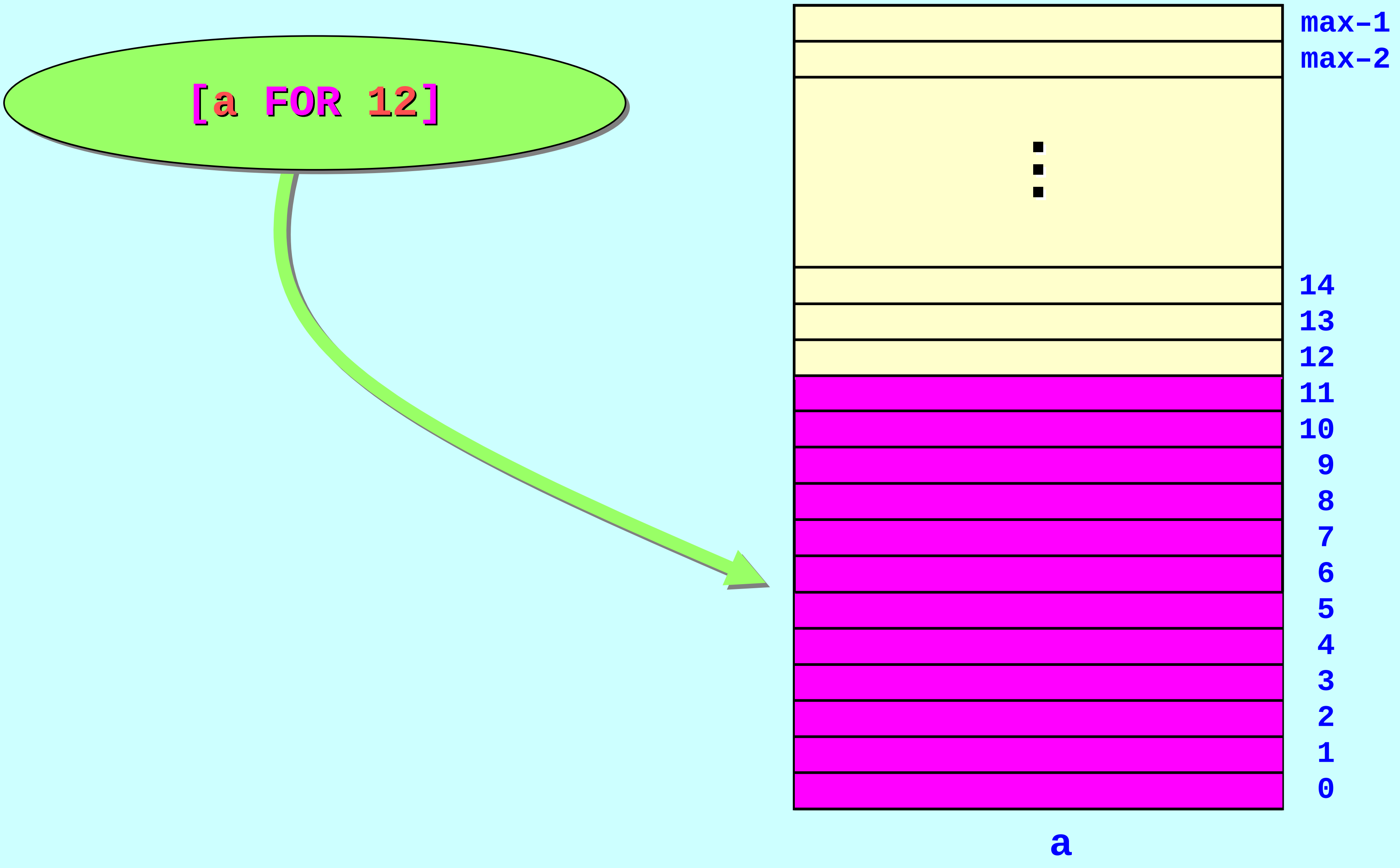

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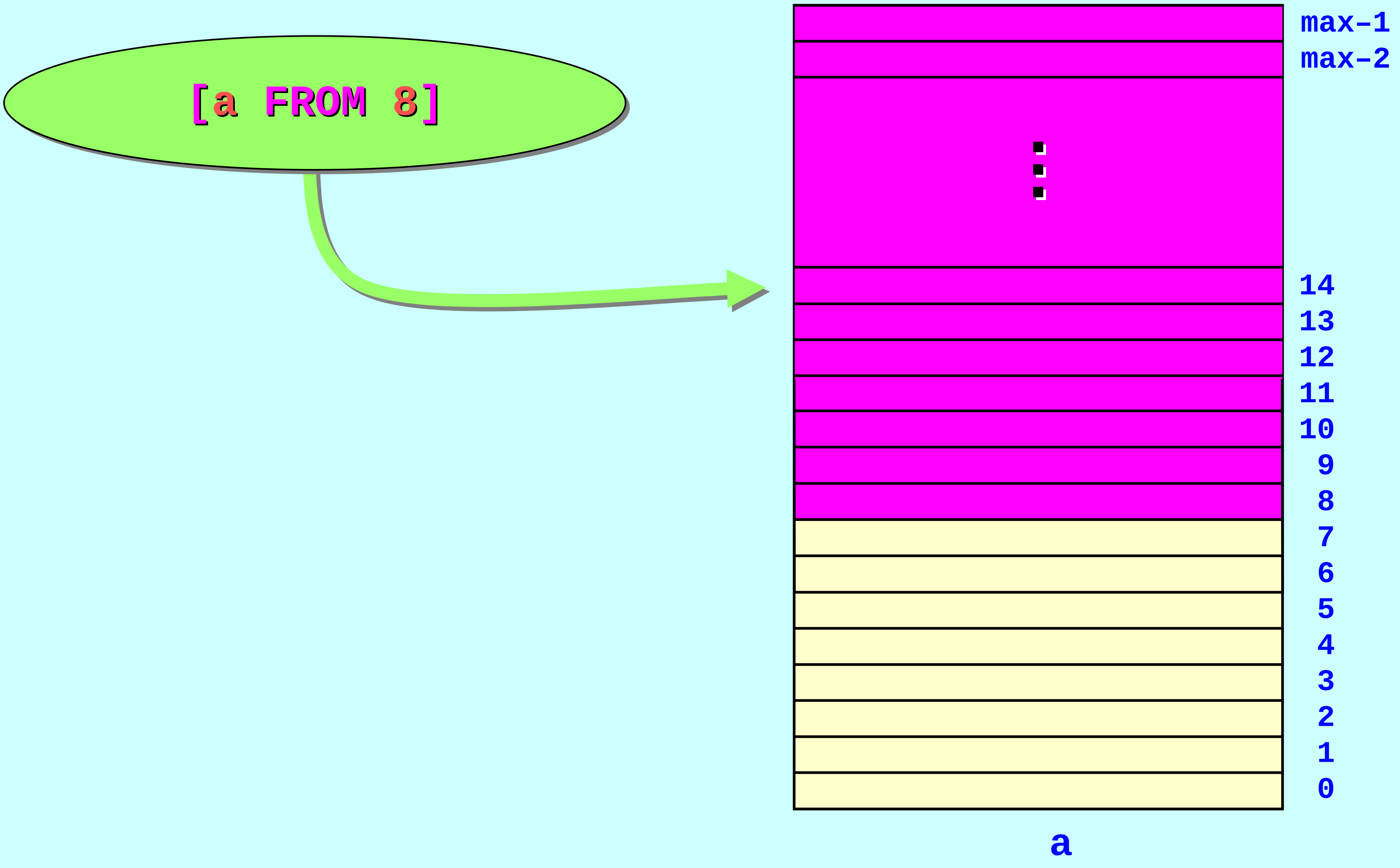

Array Slices

An array slice may be the source or target of assignment:

```
[a FROM i FOR n] := [b FROM j FOR n]
```

The slice *sizes* must *be the same*.

```
[a FROM i FOR n] := [a FROM j FOR n]
```

The slices must *not overlap*.

Array Slices

An array slice may be the source or target of communication:

```
out ! [b FROM j FOR n]
```

The channel must carry `[n]` arrays …

```
in ? [a FROM i FOR n]
```

… where `n` is a compiler known value.

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Array Slices

More flexible (and usual) would be a *counted array* protocol:

```
out ! n::[b FROM j]
```

Output **n** elements from **b[j]** …

```
in ? m::[a FROM i]
```

Input **m** elements starting at **a[i]** …

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